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# Giorgio's journey through Modern Theoretical Physics Complex Systems & Much More

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**A day with Giorgio Parisi - Roma - 2022**

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**Suggests first terms in a sequence...**

Quiz: three or four days next? arithmetic or geometric progression?



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A renaissance man with so many interests

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Particle physics – Statistical physics – Dynamical systems & turbulence...

Numerical methods – Mathematics

## Technical

Computer architecture – Observation methods & data analysis

## the beyond\*

Neural nets, immunological system, optimisation, active matter, climate science...

Roman students' nickname of \***Mézard, Parisi & Virasoso**, *Spin glass theory and beyond* (World Scientific 1987)

**and a school of thought: a way of doing physics**

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**it is not possible to cover all - let me tell you one story**

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# Academic career

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# Rome

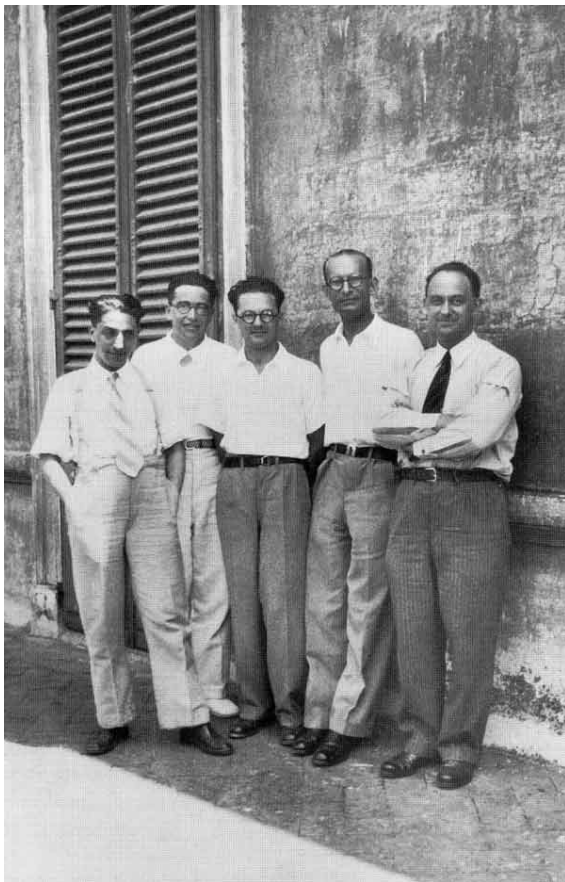
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Central to modern physics since at least the 30s

## I ragazzi di via Panisperna

1930, circa

Photo on the left from wikipedia



D'Agostino, Segrè, Amaldi, Rasetti & Fermi



Photo on the right, it's mine

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# Research debuts

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The early 70's: a great period for Theoretical Physics in Rome

Giorgio in Nicola Cabibbo's Theory Group

Quantum Field Theory (as opposed to S-Matrix) for **particle physics**

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6. Deep Inelastic Scattering and the Nature of Partons, with N. Cabibbo, M. Testa and A. Verganelakis, *Lettere al Nuovo Cimento* 4 (1970) 569.
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\* from Giorgio's webpage <https://chimera.roma1.infn.it/GIORGIO/papers.html>

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# Nicola Cabibbo

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Giorgio's supervisor laurea degree 1970

[Blitz quotidiano](#) > [Scienza](#) > Giorgio Parisi "vendica" il suo prof Nicola Cabibbo: "Il Nobel per la Fisica doveva vincerlo anche lui"

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Photo from Emilio Segrè's Visual Archives, Niels Bohr Library & Archives

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... Statistical Physics was already meddling in

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Not just by chance, 4 (or 5) of today's speakers come from Paris

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# Particle Physics

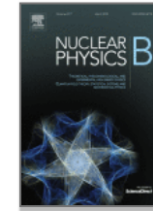
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in Paris



Nuclear Physics B

Volume 126, Issue 2, 8 August 1977, Pages 298-318



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## Asymptotic freedom in parton language

G. Altarelli <sup>☆</sup>

Laboratoire de Physique Théorique de l'Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, France

G. Parisi <sup>☆☆</sup>

Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques, Bures-sur-Yvette, France

Received 12 April 1977, Available online 26 October 2002.

Dokshitzer-Gribov-Lipatov-Altarelli-Parisi evolution equations describe the variation of the parton distribution functions with varying energy scales

Parton: Pre-QCD name for hadron (protons, neutrons) constituents (quarks, gluons)

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# Particle Physics

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## the Altarelli-Parisi paper



Altarelli

Yuri

Parisi

EPS High Energy and Particle Physics Prize *“for having developed the scheme of a probabilistic field theory for the dynamics of quarks and gluons, enabling a quantitative understanding of high-energy collisions between hadrons”*

"... Guido liked to remark that it is the most cited French paper in the field of high energy physics."

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# Random matrices

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## Planar diagrams - 1978

Commun. math. Phys. 59, 35—51 (1978)

Communications in  
**Mathematical  
Physics**

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### Planar Diagrams

E. Brézin, C. Itzykson, G. Parisi\*, and J. B. Zuber

Service de Physique Théorique, Centre d'Études Nucléaires de Saclay, F-91190 Gif-sur-Yvette, France

**Abstract.** We investigate the planar approximation to field theory through the limit of a large internal symmetry group. This yields an alternative and powerful method to count planar diagrams. Results are presented for cubic and quartic vertices, some of which appear to be new. Quantum mechanics treated in this approximation is shown to be equivalent to a free Fermi gas system.

Exploiting 't Hooft's ideas to constrain the types of Feynman diagrams in gauge field theories & matrix models, *e.g.*

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{Tr}(\partial_\mu M \partial_\mu M^\dagger) + \text{Tr}(MM^\dagger) + \frac{g}{2N} \text{Tr}(MM^\dagger MM^\dagger)$$

with  $M(\vec{x})$  an  $N \times N$  matrix, in the large  $N$  limit & thus

**count planar diagrams**

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# Transition

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Particle Physics  $\mapsto$  Statistical Physics

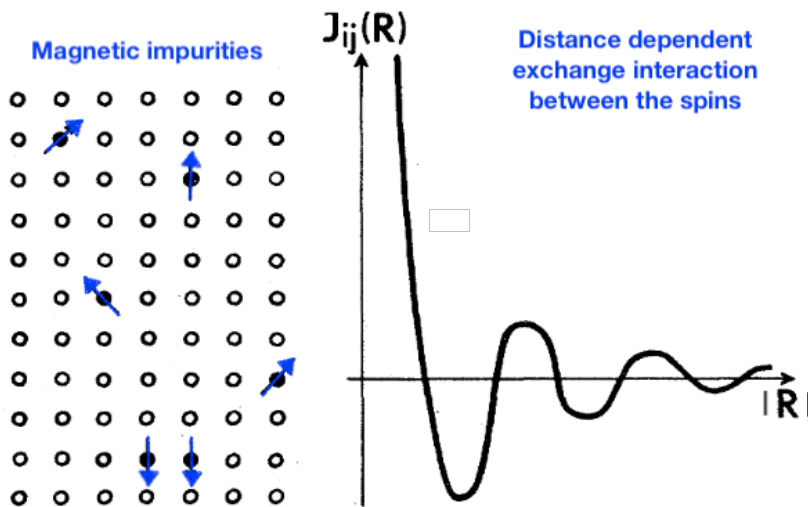
“At the beginning of the 80’s I became mostly interested in problems in statistical mechanics and my only residual activity in high energy physics was lattice QCD”

**G. Parisi**, *Historical and personal recollections of Guido Altarelli*,  
EPJ Web of Conferences 164, 02001 (2017)

# Disordered Systems

## What are they ? Dirty materials

e.g. a crystal with magnetic impurities placed at fixed random positions,  
a **spin-glass**



Finite  $d$  Heisenberg

$$\mathcal{H}_J = - \sum_{ij} J_{ij}(\mathbf{R}) \mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{s}_j$$

Fully connected Ising **SK**

$$\mathcal{H}_J = - \sum_{i \neq j} J_{ij} s_i s_j$$

Exchanges chosen from a pdf

$P(J_{ij})$  typically Gaussian

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# Disordered Systems

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## Self-averageness & the equilibrium Replica Method

Take a fully-connected spin  $\{s_i\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$  model with quenched random interactions  $J_{ij}$  drawn from a probability distribution  $P(J_{ij})$

$$\mathcal{H}_J[\{s_i\}] = - \sum_{i \neq j} J_{ij} s_i s_j$$

In the  $N \rightarrow \infty$  limit, disorder averaged & typical free-energy densities, coincide

$$f_J \underset{N \rightarrow \infty}{=} [f_J] = -k_B T N^{-1} [\ln \mathcal{Z}_J]$$

**self-averageness**

The disorder average can be evaluated with the help of the **replica trick** which

uses the identity  $x^n = \exp(n \ln x)$  Taylor expanded around  $n = 0$

$$x^n \underset{n \rightarrow 0}{=} 1 + n \ln x + \mathcal{O}(n^2) \quad \Rightarrow \quad [\ln \mathcal{Z}_J] \underset{n \rightarrow 0}{=} \frac{[\mathcal{Z}_J^n] - 1}{n}$$

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# Replica method

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## A sketch

$$-\beta[f_J] = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[\ln \mathcal{Z}_J]}{N} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{[\mathcal{Z}_J^n] - 1}{Nn}$$

$\mathcal{Z}_J^n$  is the partition function of  $n$  independent copies of the system: the **replicas**

Gaussian  $P(J_{ij})$  average over disorder  $\Rightarrow$  **replica coupling**

$$\sum_a \sum_{i \neq j} J_{ij} s_i^a s_j^a \Rightarrow \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_{ab} s_i^a s_j^a s_i^b s_j^b$$

Quadratic decoupling with the Hubbard-Stratonovich (Gaussian) trick

$$Q_{ab} \sum_i s_i^a s_i^b + \frac{1}{2} Q_{ab}^2$$

$Q_{ab}$  is a  $0 \times 0$  matrix but it admits an interpretation in terms of **overlaps**

The elements of  $Q_{ab}$  can be evaluated by saddle-point if one exchanges the limits

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \dots \mapsto \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \dots$$

# Disordered Systems

## Replica Symmetry Breaking

The structure of the matrix  $Q_{ab}$

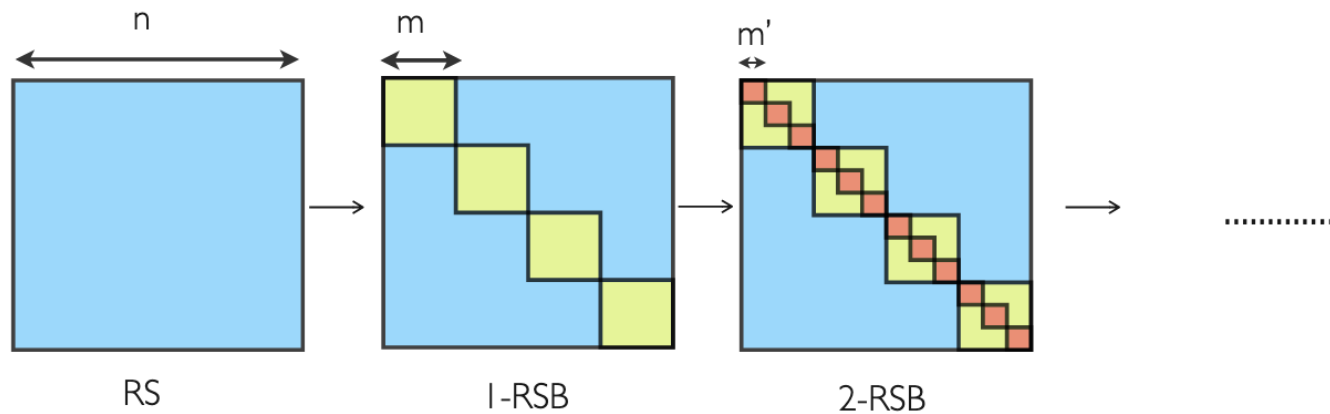


Fig. from **Morone, Caltagirone, Harrison & Parisi**, *Replica Theory and Spin Glasses*,  
Les Houches 2013

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# Disordered Systems

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## Replica Symmetry Breaking

VOLUME 43, NUMBER 23

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

3 DECEMBER 1979

### Infinite Number of Order Parameters for Spin-Glasses

G. Parisi

*Servizio Documentazione, Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare, Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati, Frascati, Italy*

(Received 22 June 1979)

This Letter shows that in the mean-field approximation spin-glasses must be described by an infinite number of order parameters in the framework of the replica theory.

J. Phys. A: Math. Gen. **13** (1980) L115–L121. Printed in Great Britain

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### A sequence of approximated solutions to the S–K model for spin glasses

G Parisi

Istituto Nazionale de Fisica Nucleare, Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati, Casella Postale 13,  
0004 Frascati, Roma, Italy

Received 4 January 1980

**Abstract.** In the framework of the new version of the replica theory, we compute a sequence of approximated solutions to the Sherrington–Kirkpatrick model of spin glasses.

# Disordered Systems

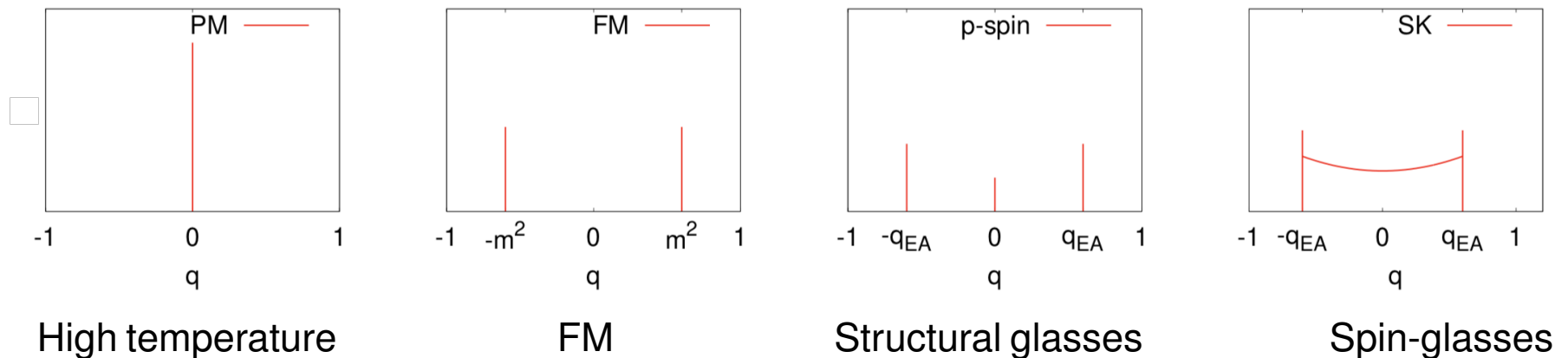
## Replica Symmetry Breaking consequences

The overlap between real replicas in equilibrium, with the same exchanges  $J_{ij}$ ,

$$q = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N s_i \sigma_i$$

is distributed according to  $P_J(q)$ . Once averaged over the exchanges becomes

**Parisi's 79-82**  $P(q) = [P_J(q)]$



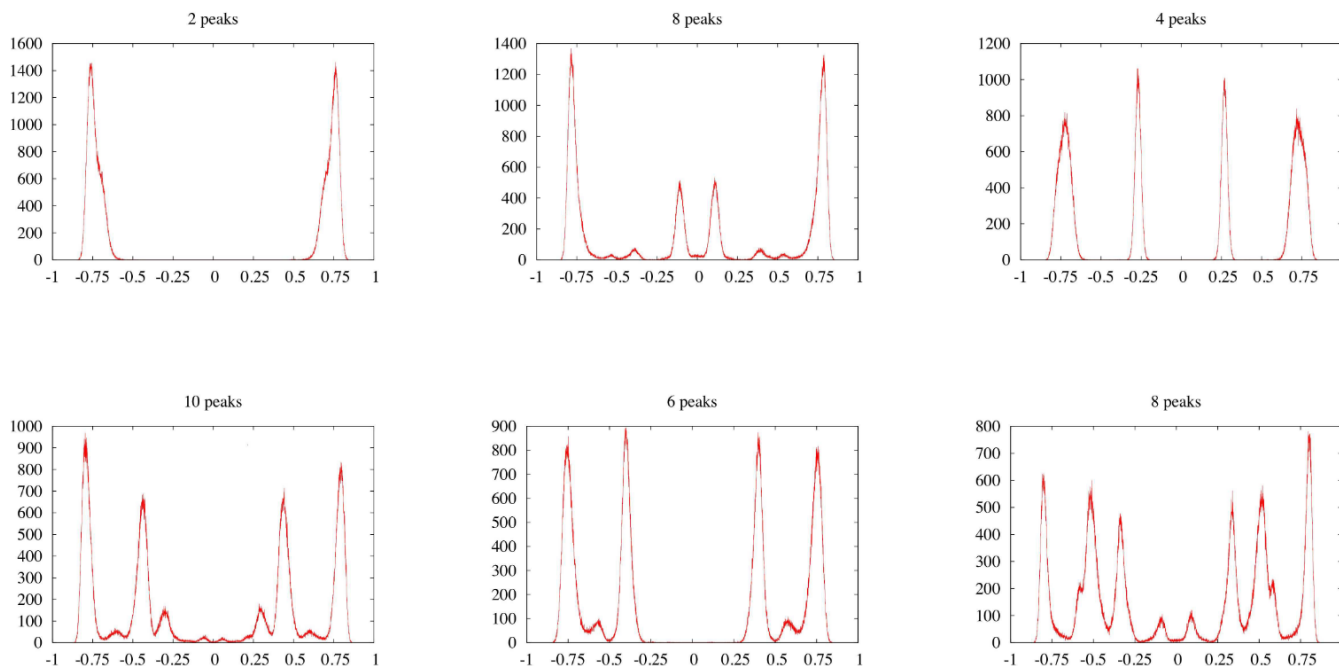
The predicted equilibrium free-energy density was confirmed by **Guerra & Talagrand 00-04** with independent mathematical-physics methods

# Disordered Systems

Putting the Replica Symmetry Breaking consequences to the test

Sherrington-Kirkpatrick model with  $N = 4096$  at  $T = 0.4 T_c$

$$\mathcal{H}_J[\{s_i\}] = - \sum_{i \neq j} J_{ij} s_i s_j \quad q = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i s_i \sigma_i \quad P_J(q)$$



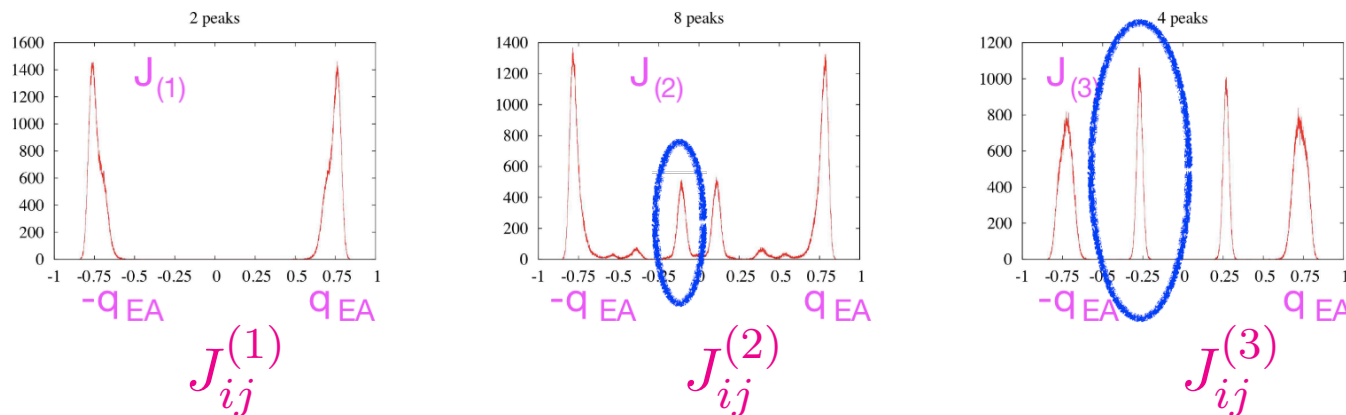
Aspelmeier, Billoire, Marinari & Moore, *Finite size corrections in the Sherrington-Kirkpatrick model*, J. Phys. A 41, 324008 (2008)

# Real replicas

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Data in each panel for a different realization of the random couplings

Most samples also have peaks at  $|q| < q_{EA}$  :

replicas  $\{s_i\}$  and  $\{\sigma_i\}$  falling in different states

**Much more**  
**Opened so many areas of research**  
**and more or less simultaneously !**

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# Stochastic resonance

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## Stochastic processes & climate science - 1981

*Tellus* (1982) 34, 10–16

### Stochastic resonance in climatic change

By ROBERTO BENZI, *Istituto di Fisica dell'Atmosfera, C.N.R., Piazza Luigi Sturzo 31, 00144, Roma, Italy,*

GIORGIO PARISI, *I.N.F.N., Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati, Frascati, Roma, Italy,*

ALFONSO SUTERA, *The Center for the Environment and Man, Hartford, Connecticut 06120, U.S.A.*

and ANGELO VULPIANI, *Istituto di Fisica "G. Marconi", Università di Roma, Italy*

(Manuscript received November 12, 1980; in final form March 13, 1981)

#### ABSTRACT

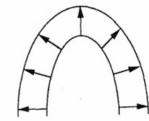
An amplification of random perturbations by the interaction of non-linearities internal to the climatic system with external, orbital forcing is found. This stochastic resonance is investigated in a highly simplified, zero-dimensional climate model. It is conceivable that this new type of resonance might play a role in explaining the  $10^5$  year peak in the power spectra of paleoclimatic records.

$$\frac{dT(t)}{dt} = \underbrace{[T(t)(a - T^2(t))]}_{\text{non-linear}} + \underbrace{A \cos \Omega t}_{\text{periodic}} + \underbrace{\xi(t)}_{\text{white noise}}$$

# Kardar-Parisi-Zhang

Surface growth - 1986

$$\underbrace{\partial_t h(\vec{x}, t) = \nu \nabla^2 h(\vec{x}, t)}_{\text{Edwards-Wilkinson}} + \underbrace{\lambda (\nabla h(\vec{x}, t))^2}_{\text{KPZ}} + \underbrace{\xi(\vec{x}, t)}_{\text{white noise}}$$

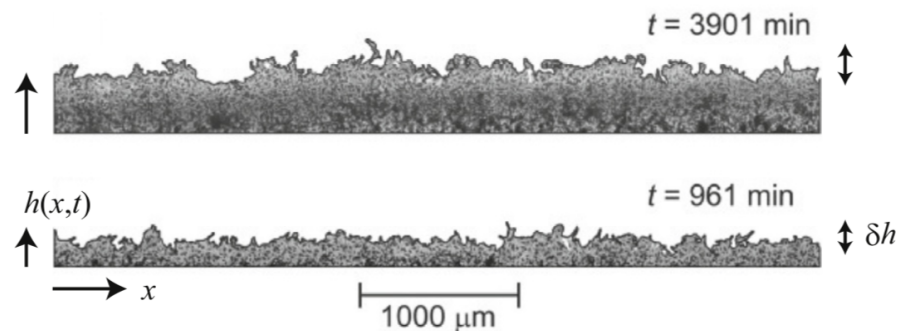


Kardar, Parisi & Zhang, *Dynamic Scaling of Growing Interfaces*, PRL 56, 889 (1986)

Square of the surface slope

non-linear equation

non-Gaussian statistics



(a) Proliferating cancer cells.

Mathematics

M. Hairer, Fields Medal 2014

Experiments Takeuchi, Physica A 504, 77 (2018)

IUPAP Young Scientist Award 2013

# Array processor with emulator

APE: a computer for lattice QCD – since 1984

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Università di Roma "La Sapienza"  
Dipartimento di Fisica  
Nota Interna n.839 del 13.12.1984

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The APE project: a computer for lattice QCD

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INFN - Sezione di Roma, Roma, Italy

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CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

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Abstract

We propose to build a special computer for studying lattice QCD. Although it can be used as a general purpose array processor controlled by the 3081/E, the hardware is optimized for lattice QCD. The theoretical speed is 1 Giga-Flop and the memory can be expanded up to 0.5 Giga-byte.

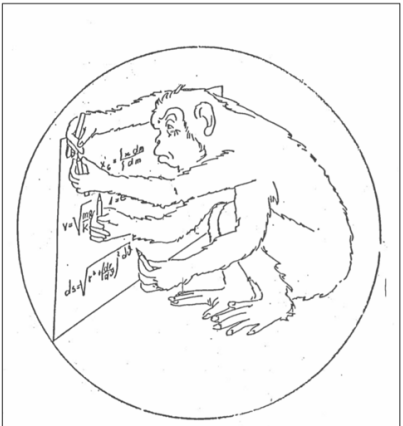


Fig. 0.0: A.P.E.: Schema Funzionale  
A.P.E.: Functional Diagram

Ape Proposal

APE images & photos courtesy of Gaetano Salina

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# Array processor with emulator

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APE: a computer for lattice QCD – since 1984



Enzo Marinari - Gaetano Salina - Nicola Cabibbo



Giorgio Parisi - G. Salina

APE images & photos courtesy of Gaetano Salina

More later on computer design: SUE-Janus collaboration for spin-glasses

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# Disordered Systems

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Late 80s - early 90s in Rome



Daniel Amit

Neural Nets

Roma I



Miguel Virasoro

Disordered Systems



Giorgio Parisi

Roma II

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# My Roman times

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1991 - 1994



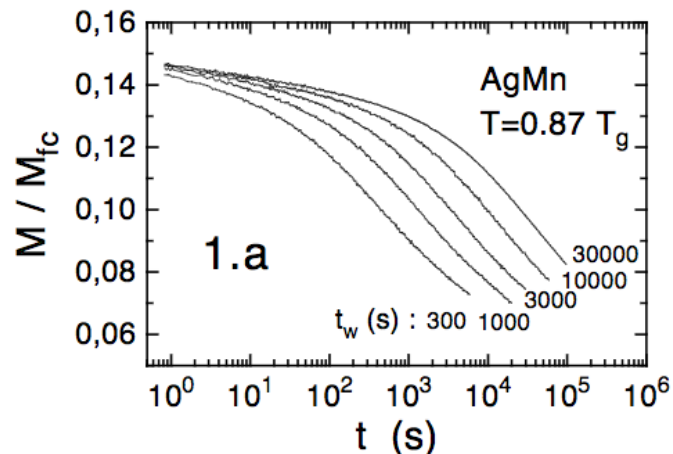
# My Roman times

## Out of equilibrium dynamics of spin glasses

$$\mathcal{H}_J[\{s_i\}] = - \sum_{i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_p} J_{i_1 \dots i_p} s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_p} \quad p\text{-psin spherical model}$$

random coupling exchanges drawn from  $P[J_{i_1 \dots i_p}]$

Langevin dynamics (coupling to a bath)  $\gamma \frac{ds_i}{dt} = - \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta s_i} + \xi_i$



**Analytic solution** vs.

Experiments @ Uppsala, Saclay, UCLA

out of equilibrium relaxation

Aging effects & violations of FDT

**LFC & Kurchan**, *Analytic Solution of the Off-Equilibrium Dynamics of a Long-Range Spin-Glass Model*, PRL 71, 173 (1993)

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# My Roman times

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## La Sapienza



# My Roman times

## Laurea at Tor Vergata

### Benzi & Parisi

*J. Phys. I France* 4 (1994) 1641–1656

NOVEMBER 1994, PAGE 1641

#### Off equilibrium dynamics and aging in unfrustrated systems

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INFN Sezione di Roma I, Roma, Italy

(Received 21 June 1994, accepted 18 July 1994)

**Abstract.** — We analyse the Langevin dynamics of the random walk, the scalar field, the X-Y model and the spinodal decomposition. We study the deviations from the equilibrium dynamics theorems (FDT and homogeneity), the asymptotic behaviour of the systems and the aging phenomena. We compare the results with the dynamical behaviour of (random) spin-glass mean-field models.

$$\text{e.g. } \mathcal{H} = \int d^d x \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 + \frac{r}{2} \phi^2 \right]$$

$$\text{with } \gamma \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = - \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \phi} + \xi$$



Photo on the left Rosa Zaldivia (mamma)

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# My Roman times

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## Post-docs & Junior Profs



+ N Brunel (Duke), S Fusi (Columbia), M Potters (CFM), D Lancaster (Plymouth), R Monasson (ENS)

# My Roman Times

## Social Life



Gae Salina's mom

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CI HANNO FATTO SOGNARE PER 60 MINUTI !

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Grande prestazione della squadra dei Post-Doc ! In 60 minuti controllano, addomesticano ed umiliano la pur volenterosa formazione dei Dottorandi di Roma I.

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Grande, Fantastico, Mitico, ma son pur sempre parole !  
 Quel che si e' visto venerdì sera non puo' essere descritto con delle parole. Si doveva essere li' sul campo ! Essere li' tra loro !  
 Vedere il sudore colare sui loro volti, vedere i loro liniamenti stravolti della fatica, e al fine dall'umiliazione. E' stata la loro una brutta, anzi, bruttissima esperienza. Parliamo, naturalmente, della formazione dei Dottorandi di Roma I. Essi non si aspettavano certo di trovarsi di fronte ad una formazione, quella dei Post-Doc, oseremmo dire invincibile. Loro, i post-Doc, hanno condotto la partita in maniera esemplare. Una volta capita la misera consistenza dell'avversario si sono limitati a controllarlo con classe, esperienza e grande preparazione atletica, senza umiliarlo troppo. E' stata per loro una partita di allenamento ma in cui hanno mostrato la loro grandezza. Perfetto il loro modulo tattico, perfetta la loro preparazione atletica, perfetta l'amalgama tra i tre stranieri e i due ricercatori italiani. Loro, i post-doc,:

Leticia: l'intelligenza di un falco argentino in area di rigore,  
 Remi : la classe e la raffinatezza di un francese,  
 Felix : l'irruenza di un toro di razza spagnola,  
 Gaetano: la potenza e la pazienza di un bue italiano ,  
 Sergio : l'astuzia e la velocita di una volpe.

Loro grandi, fantastici, mitici ! Loro: i post doc.  
 Agli altri, ai Dottorandi, diciamo solo: Rinunciate ad ogni velleitario desiderio di rivincita, di fronte alla perfezione cio' che e' imperfetto deve solo annullare se stesso ! In altre parole:

DATEVE ALL'IPPICA !!!

P.S. Per puro dovere di cronaca il risultato finale ,le formazioni e i marcatori:

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Sergio Cola		Andrea Baldassarri
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Gaetano Salina		Marco Ferrero
Felix Ritort		Arnaldo Maccarone
<b>Marcatori:</b>		
Leticia Cugliandolo (3)		Felix Ritor (1) (autogol)
Gaetano Salina (2)		Uno di loro (1)
Sergio Cola (1)		
Felix Ritort (1)		
Remi Monasson (1)		

*La plume de Gae Salina*

# My Roman Times

## Social Life



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CI HANNO FATTO SOGNARE PER 60 MINUTI !

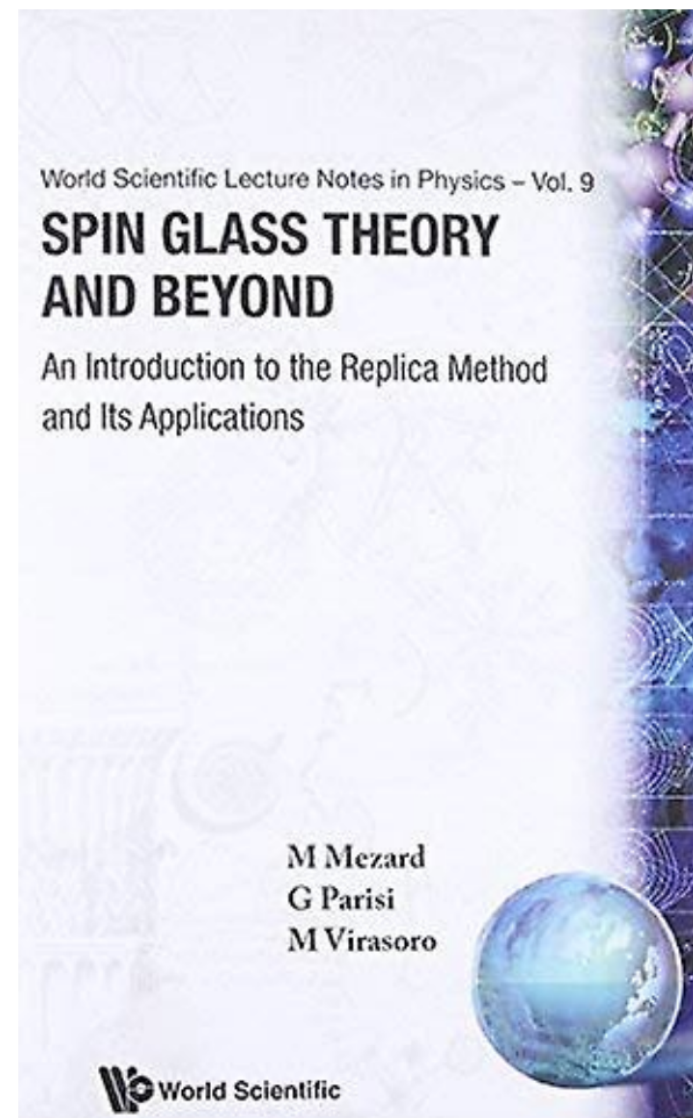
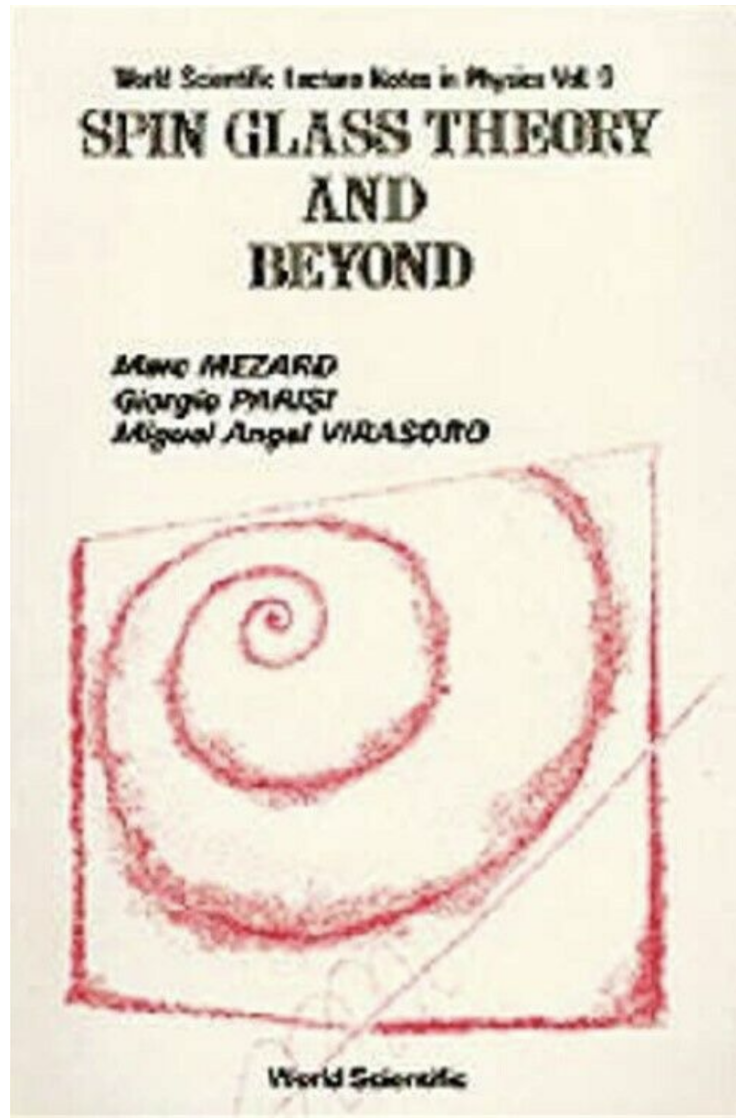
Grande prestazione della squadra dei Post-Doc ! In 60 minuti controllano, addomesticano ed umiliano la pur volenterosa formazione dei Dottorandi di Roma I.

Grande, Fantastico, Mitico, ma son pur sempre parole !  
Quel che si e' visto venerdi' sera non puo' essere descritto con delle parole. Si doveva essere li' sul campo ! Essere li tra loro !  
Vedere il sudore colare sui loro volti, vedere i loro liniamenti stravolti della fatica, e al fine dall'umiliazione. E' stata la loro una brutta, anzi, bruttissima esperienza. Parliamo, naturalmente, della formazione dei Dottorandi di Roma I. Essi non si aspettavano certo di trovarsi di fronte ad una formazione, quella dei Post-Doc, oseremmo dire invincibile. Loro, i post-doc, hanno condotto la partita in maniera esemplare. Una volta capita la misera consistenza dell'avversario si sono limitati a controllarlo con classe, esperienza e grande preparazione atletica, senza umiliarlo troppo. E' stata per loro una partita' di allenamento ma in cui hanno mostrato la loro grandezza. Perfetto il loro modulo tattico, perfetta la loro preparazione atletica, perfetta l'amalgama tra i tre stranieri

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# The beyond

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# Attractor Neural Networks

## Hopfield models

$$H = \sum_{i \neq j} J_{ij} s_i s_j \quad (\text{Hopfield 1982}) \quad \text{with} \quad J_{ij} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\mu=1}^M \xi_i^{(\mu)} \xi_j^{(\mu)} \quad (\text{Hebb 1949})$$

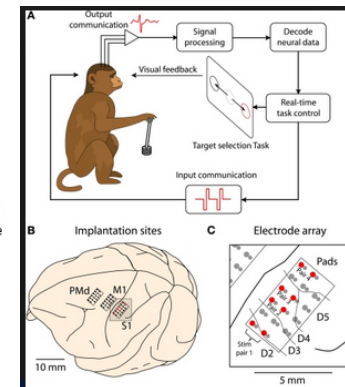
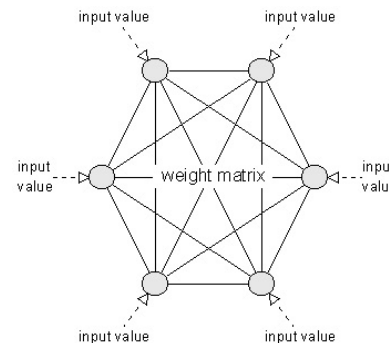
$N$  neurons  $s_i$  and  $M$  patterns  $\xi_i^{(\mu)}$  learnt

Neuron activity

$s_i = 1$  active  $s_i = -1$  inactive

Symmetric couplings

Fully connected network



Replica Method used to find the maximal (storage) capacity  $\alpha = M/N$   
of such neural networks **Amit, Gutfreund & Sompolinsky, PRL 55, 1530 (1985)**

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# Physics & biology

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42 Physics World September 1993

Physics began with the study of simple models that became more complicated as they became more realistic. Biology has followed the opposite path but the two disciplines are now converging in the study of complex systems

## Statistical physics and biology

The relationship between biology and physics has often been close and, at times, uneasy. During this century many physicists have moved to work in biology. Amongst the most famous are Francis Crick (the joint discoverer of the structure of DNA)

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have a satisfactory formulation of the laws.

However, a knowledge of the laws that govern the behaviour of the constituent elements of the system does not necessarily imply an understanding of the small behaviour. For example, the laws of thermodynamics do not imply an understanding of the behaviour of a single molecule.

# Random optimisation problems

e.g., Random K-sat

Optimisation problems,

e.g. **random K-SAT**

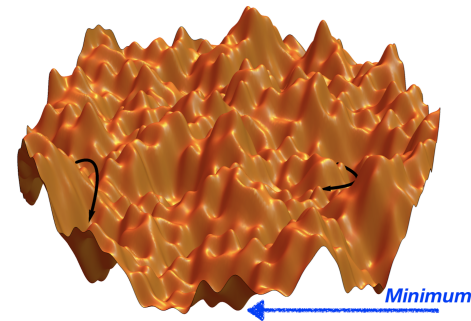
$$\text{Formula} = \bigwedge_{k=1}^M \text{Clause}_k(\{B_i\})$$

Boolean  $B_i = 1, 0$  with  $i = 1, \dots, N$

**Spin-glass on a random graph**

Complex (free)energy - cost function

**landscape**



Disordered systems techniques (replicas, cavity methods) characterise these landscapes in great detail  $\Rightarrow$  guidelines to develop

**smart algorithms** to solve  $F$  (**find minimum**) in hard phases ( $M/N$  control)

**Mézard, Parisi & Zecchina**, *Analytic and Algorithmic Solution of Random Satisfiability Problems*, Science 297, 812 (2002)

**Onsager prize 2016**

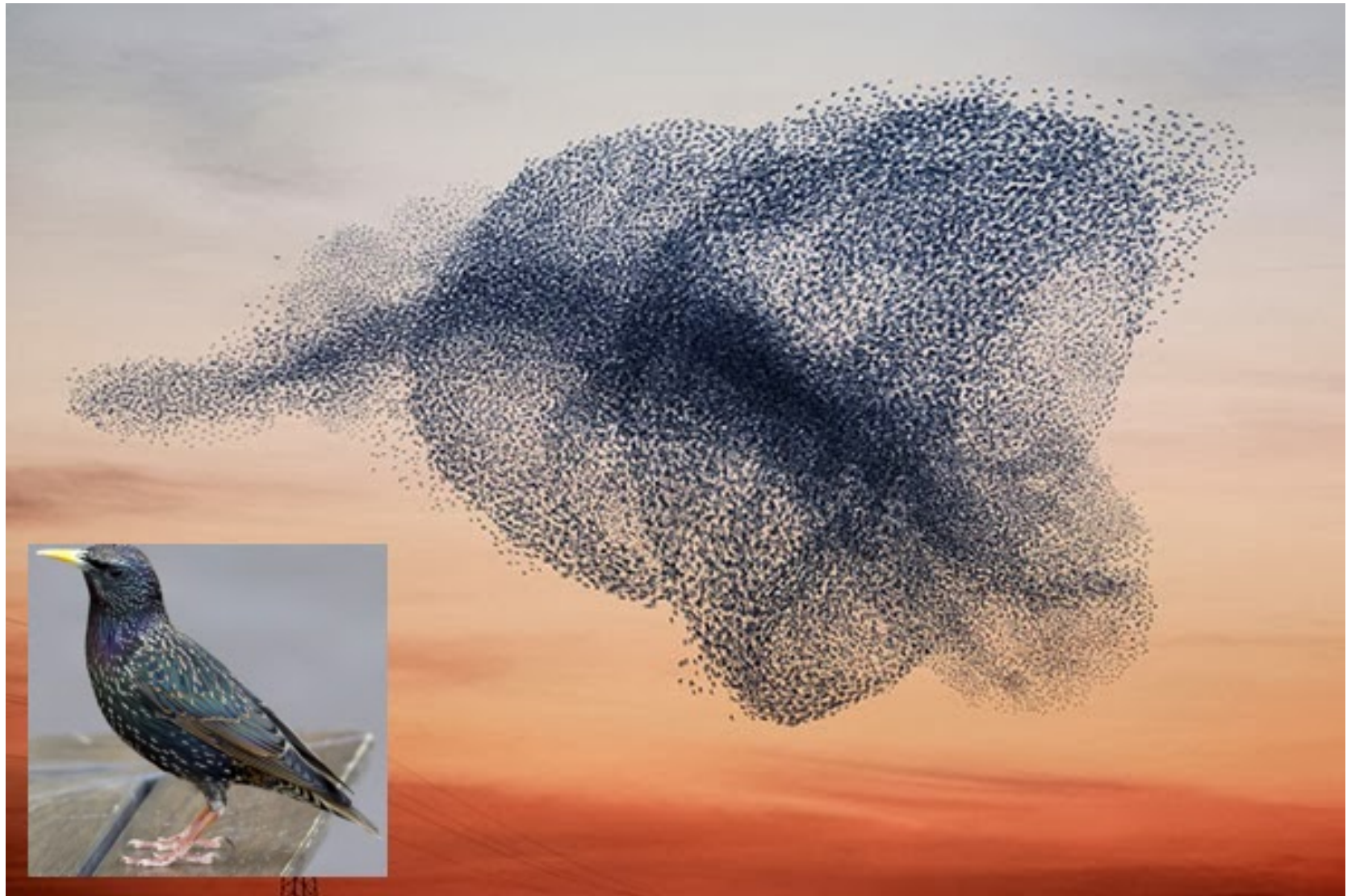
**M. Mézard talks**

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# Animal behaviour

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## Collective motion of starlings



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# Animal behaviour

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## Observation and data collection in Rome

**Reconstruction of the 3d positions** of individual birds in airborne flocks of a few thousand members

Opened the way to unprecedented data analysis

e.g., proof that the **interaction depends on the topological distance**

**Six-to-seven neighbour** range

Importance for **cohesive reaction** against predators

**Ballerini, Cabibbo, Candelier, Cavagna, Cisbani, Giardina, Lecomte, Orlandi, Parisi, Procaccini, Viale & Zdravkovic**, *Interaction ruling animal collective behavior depends on topological rather than metric distance: Evidence from a field study*, PNAS 105, 1232 (2008)

# The SUE & Janus collaborations

Special Purpose Computers for spin glass simulations - 2000

Roma - Ferrara (Italia) Badajoz - Madrid - Zaragoza (España)

**Discrete spins** & couplings

( $\text{Fe}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{0.5}\text{TiO}_3$ )

Field Programmable Gate Arrays

$\sim 5 \times 10^5$  PCs

**Monte Carlo Simulations**

**3d Edwards-Anderson Model**

Equilibration of  $\sim 10^3 - 10^4$  samples

$L = 32$  down to  $T \sim 0.65 T_c$

Out of equilibrium  $\sim 10^2$  samples

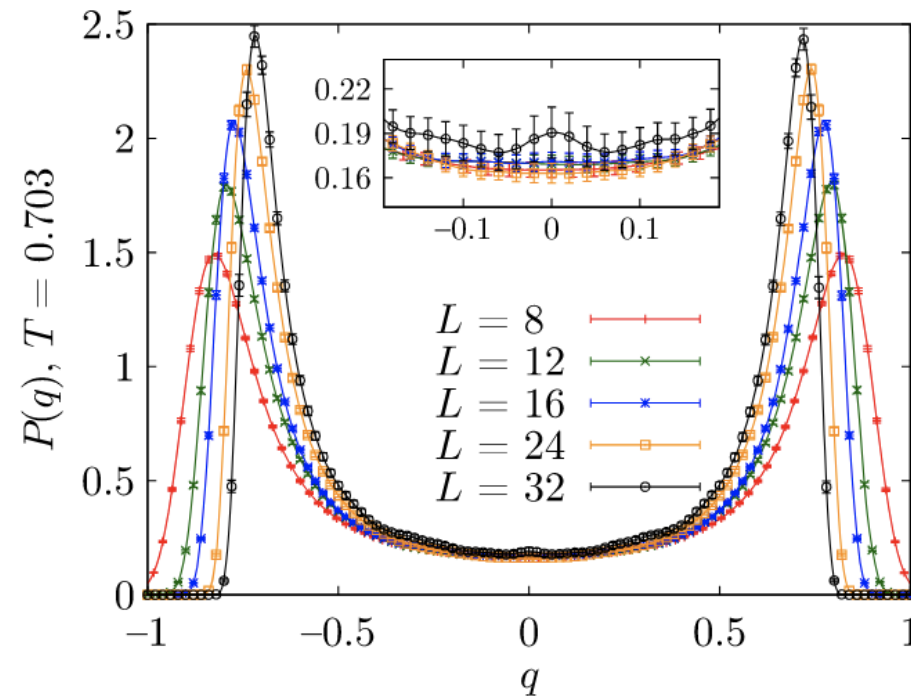
$L = 80$ ,  $10^{12}$  MCs  $\sim 1s$

**time-scales comparable to  
experimental ones**



# The SUE & Janus collaborations

## Three dimensional Edwards-Anderson model



**Álvarez Baños et al**, *Nature of the spin-glass phase at experimental length scales*

J. Stat. Mech. P06026 (2010)

**V. Martín-Mayor's talk**

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# & so much more

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just in Statistical Physics

Stochastic Quantisation (with **Y-S Wu**)

Langevin equations & Supersymmetric Quantum Mechanics (with **N Surlas**)

Multifractality (with **R Benzi, G Paladin & A Vulpiani**)

Random matrices for glasses (with **LFC, J Kurchan & F Ritort**)

Effective potential for random first order phase transitions (with **S Franz**)

**S. Franz's talk**

Large  $d$  theory for glasses (with **J Kurchan, P-F Urbani, F Zamponi**)

*etc*

# The school

Map of co-authors ~ 300



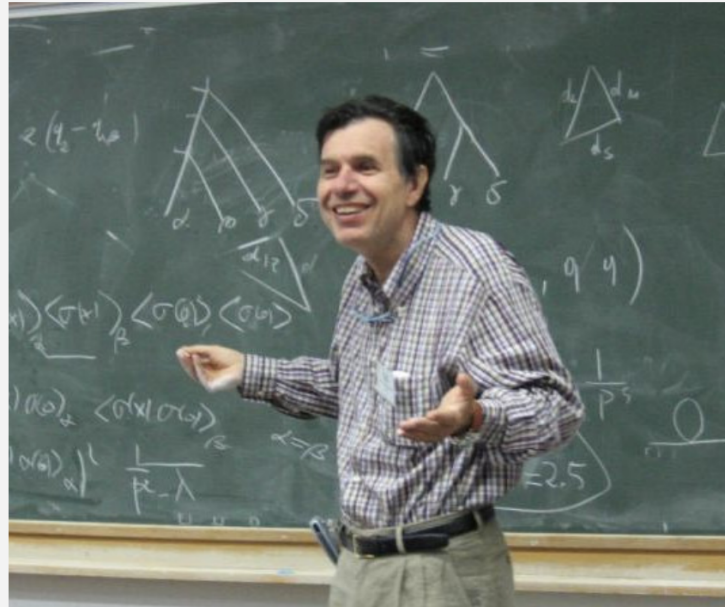


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# Responsibilities

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Lecturer & scientific advisor\* at Les Houches



**NOBEL LAUREATE GIORGIO PARISI**

Oct. 2021

Congratulations to Giorgio Parisi, the [2021 Physics Nobel Laureate](#) who was a member of the board of Ecole de Physique and was in les Houches in 2013, 2020 and will be one of the speakers in May 2022 for the celebration of the 71th anniversary of the School of Physics.



**Congratulations !**

