

Rare Event Sampling
using
Multicanonical Monte Carlo

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History of Dynamic Monte Carlo

1953: Metropolis algorithm

1950s~: thermal averages in physics
sampling from canonical distribution

1990s~: Bayesian data analysis
sampling from posterior distribution

Not the subject
of this talk

It is called “MCMC”: Markov Chain Monte Carlo
a must-study for business school students

Dynamic Monte Carlo is a general methodology.
There should be many other potential applications.

This Talk: Rare Event Sampling

sampling from tails from distributions
sampling “large deviations”

→ [quenched random averages in stat. phys.]

↔ conventional usage
(sampling from canonical distribution)
(thermal averages in physics)

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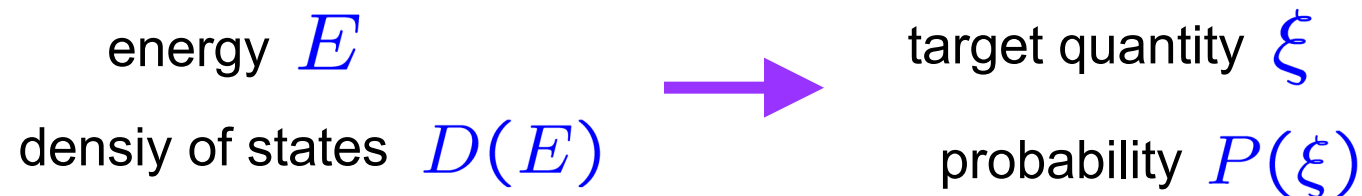
First, we explain an example:

“large dev. in the largest eigenvalue of random matrices”

A direct application of

multicanonical/ Wang-Landau algorithm

Berg(1991,1992), Wang and Landau(2001)



Second, we show a few other examples of

“rare event sampling” in physics.

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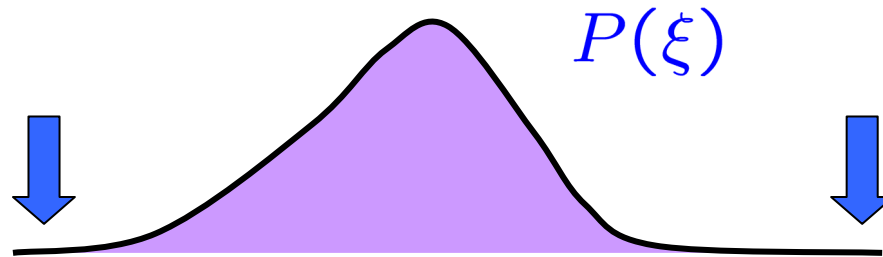
Rare Event Sampling

Generic

Assume that a variable x is sampled from $Q(x)$

Calculate the distribution $P(\xi)$ of a statistics $\xi(x)$

Tails of the distribution are difficult to estimate
by the naive sampling from $Q(x)$



Example.1

$$\xi = \lambda_{\max}$$

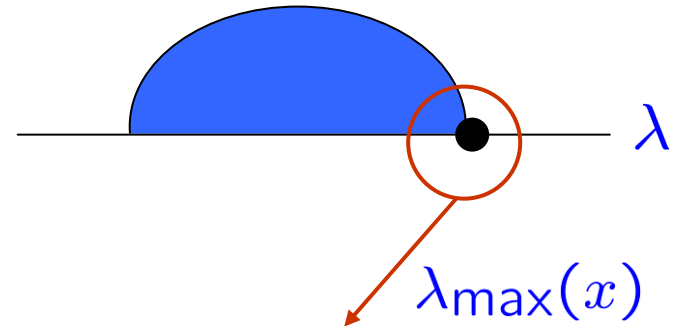
Rare Events in Random Matrices

Random Matrix x

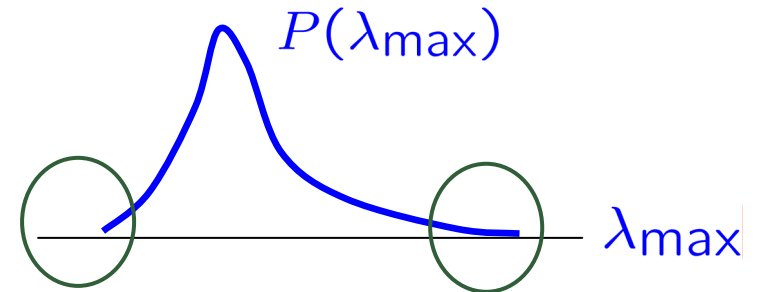
- i.i.d. Gaussian, symmetric
- sparse $Q(x)$
- zero-one (random graph)

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} & \cdots \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & \cdots \\ a_{13} & a_{23} & a_{33} & a_{34} & \cdots \\ a_{14} & a_{24} & a_{34} & a_{44} & \cdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \end{bmatrix}$$

← N →



many samples from $Q(x)$
 $P(\lambda_{\max})$



tails of distribution of max. eigenvalue

Large deviation / Rare event

- Naive Method : Sample directly from $Q(x)$
Inefficient in the extreme tail region

- Introduction of bias:
Sample from “fictitious” Gibbs distributions

$$W(x|\beta) \propto Q(x) \exp(-\beta \lambda_{\max}(x))$$

+ Parallel Tempering (Replica Exchange Monte Carlo)
can be a solution

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- Muticanonical / Wang-Landau Sampling

$$W(x) \propto Q(x) P(\lambda_{\max}(x))^{-1}$$

Multicanonical / WL Sampling

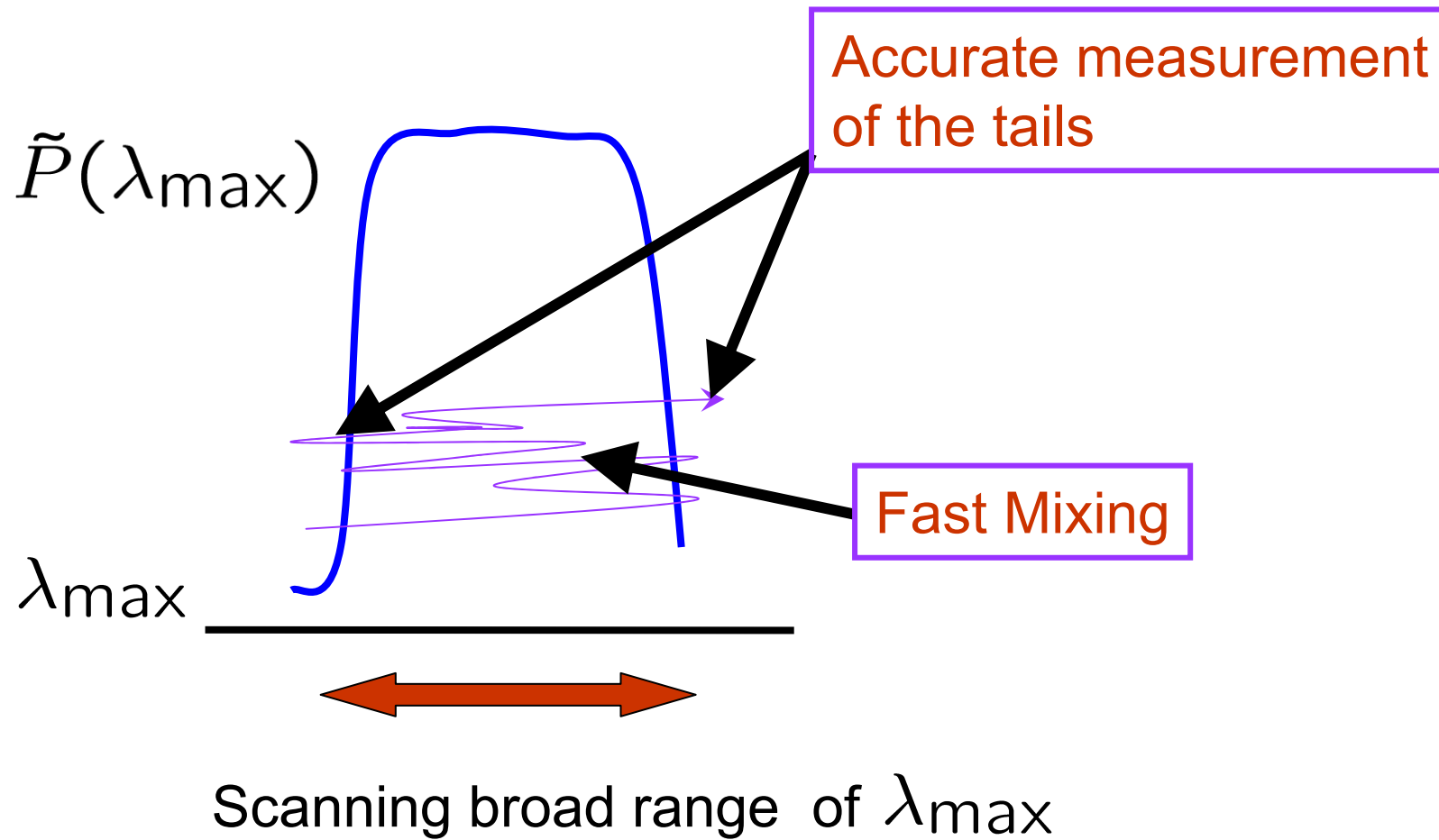
$$w(x) \propto \underbrace{P^*(\lambda_{\max}(x))^{-1}}_{\text{biasing factor}} \underbrace{Q(x)}_{\text{original}}$$

$$P^*(\lambda_{\max}) \simeq \text{const.} \times \underbrace{P(\lambda_{\max})}$$

the one which we want to calculate

\simeq holds in a range we are interested in.

(1) Flat Distribution of Target Quantity



Proof of Flatness

Naive $w_N(x) \propto Q(x) \quad \tilde{P}(\lambda_{\max}) = P(\lambda_{\max})$

Multicanonical $w(x) \propto \underline{P^*(\lambda_{\max}(x))}^{-1} Q(x)$

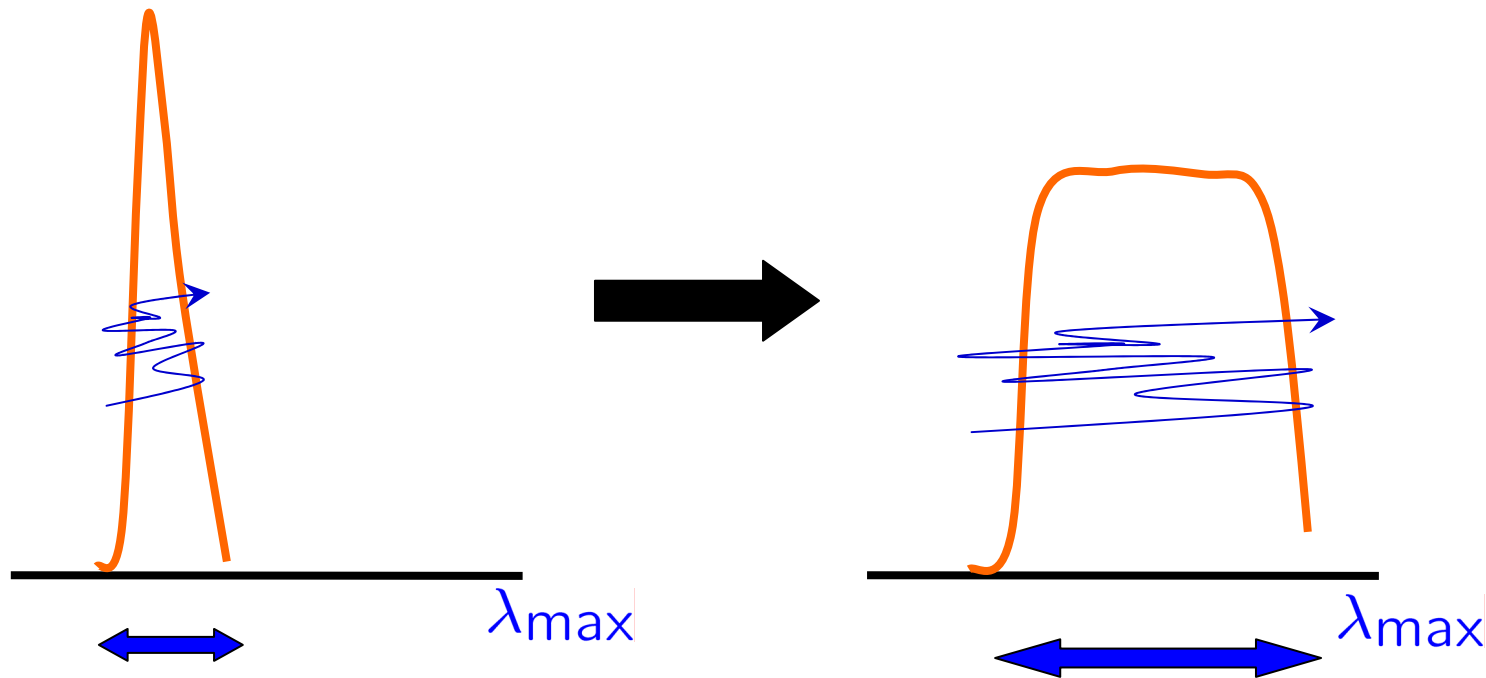
$\rightarrow \tilde{P}(\lambda_{\max}) = \underline{P^*(\lambda_{\max})}^{-1} P(\lambda_{\max})$

$P^*(\lambda_{\max}) \simeq cP(\lambda_{\max}) \rightarrow \tilde{P}(\lambda_{\max}) \simeq \text{const.}$

(2) Estimate $P^*(\lambda_{\max})$ by Iteration

$P^*(\lambda_{\max})$

Estimated by the iteration
of preliminary runs



Wang-Landau algorithm

$$\xi(x) \Leftrightarrow \lambda_{\max}(x)$$

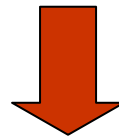
1. Initialize Weights $w(\xi)$: Set $C = 1/e$
2. Set/Reset Histogram $H(\xi) = 0$
3. Metropolis update with the weight $w(\xi(x))Q(x)$
4. If the current state is x
 - discount : $w(\xi(x)) \leftarrow w(\xi(x)) * C$
 - increment: $H(\xi(x)) \leftarrow H(\xi(x)) + 1$
5. If $H(\xi)$ becomes “sufficiently flat”
 - $C \leftarrow \sqrt{C}$ and Goto 2 else Goto 3.
6. If C become sufficiently small then quit.

(3) Reweighting

$\tilde{P}(\lambda_{\max})$ output of the simulation

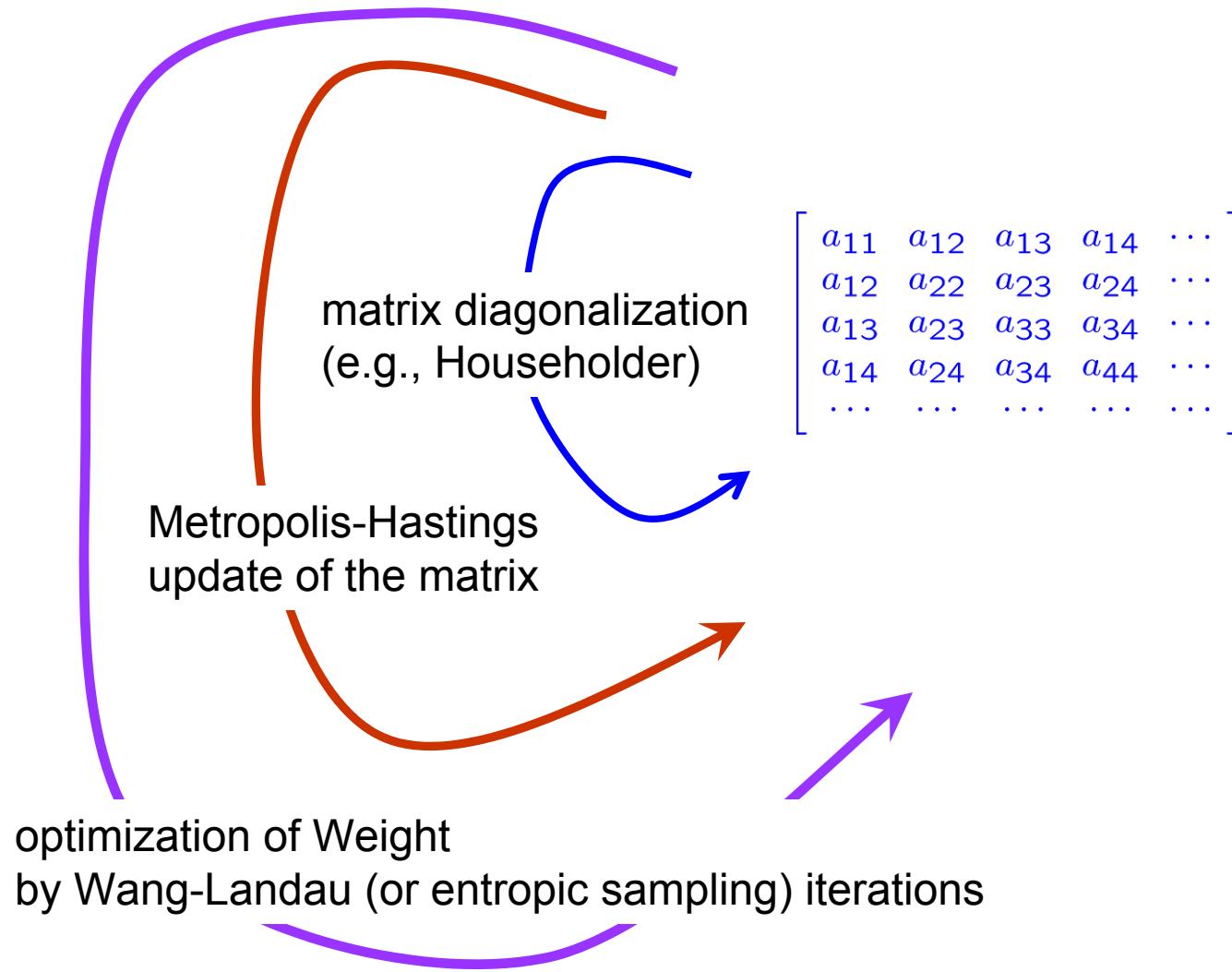
$Q(x) \underline{P^*(\lambda_{\max})^{-1}}$ weight

$$\tilde{P}(\lambda_{\max}) \propto P(\lambda_{\max}) \underline{P^*(\lambda_{\max})^{-1}}$$



$$P(\lambda_{\max}) \propto P^*(\lambda_{\max}) \tilde{P}(\lambda_{\max})$$

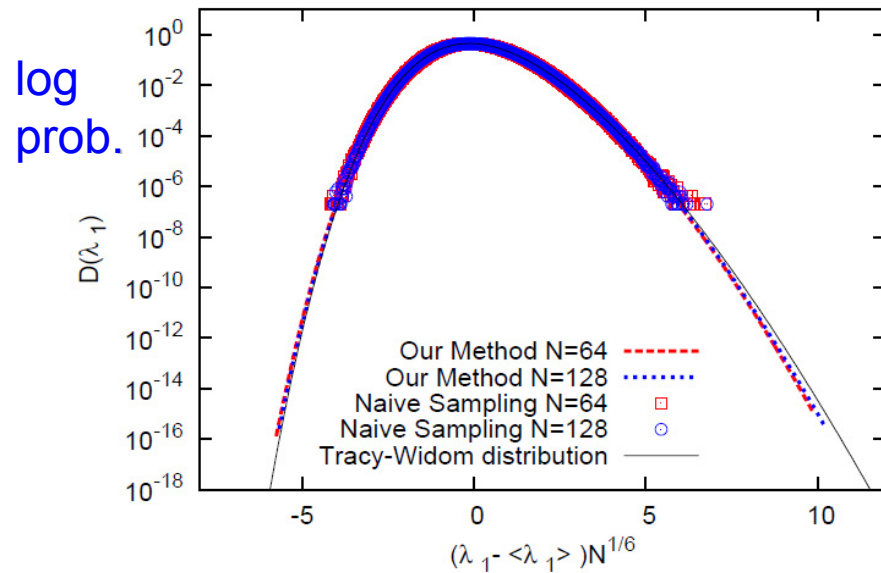
Random Matrices



Results (GOE)

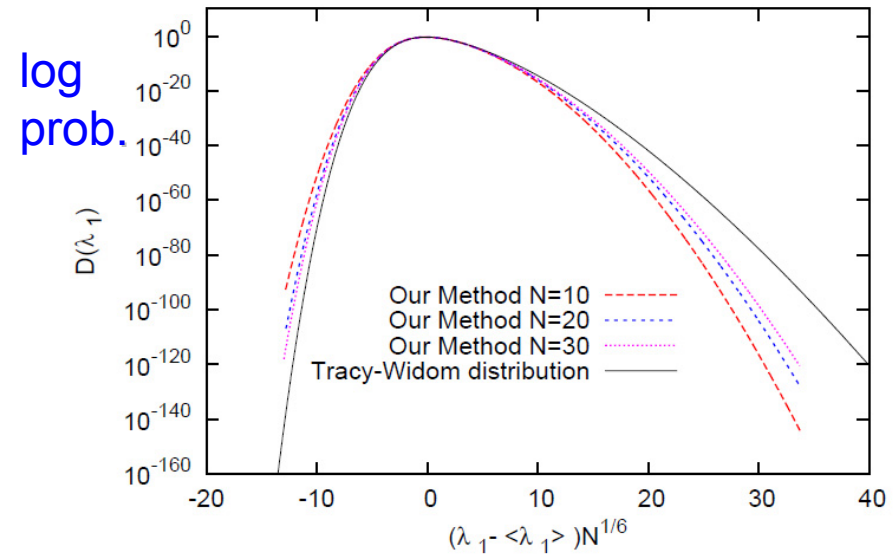
Prob. $\sim 10^{-16}$

$\sim 10^{-120}$



max eigenvalue (scaled)

N=64, 128



max eigenvalue (scaled)

N=10, 20, 30

Sparse Random Matrices

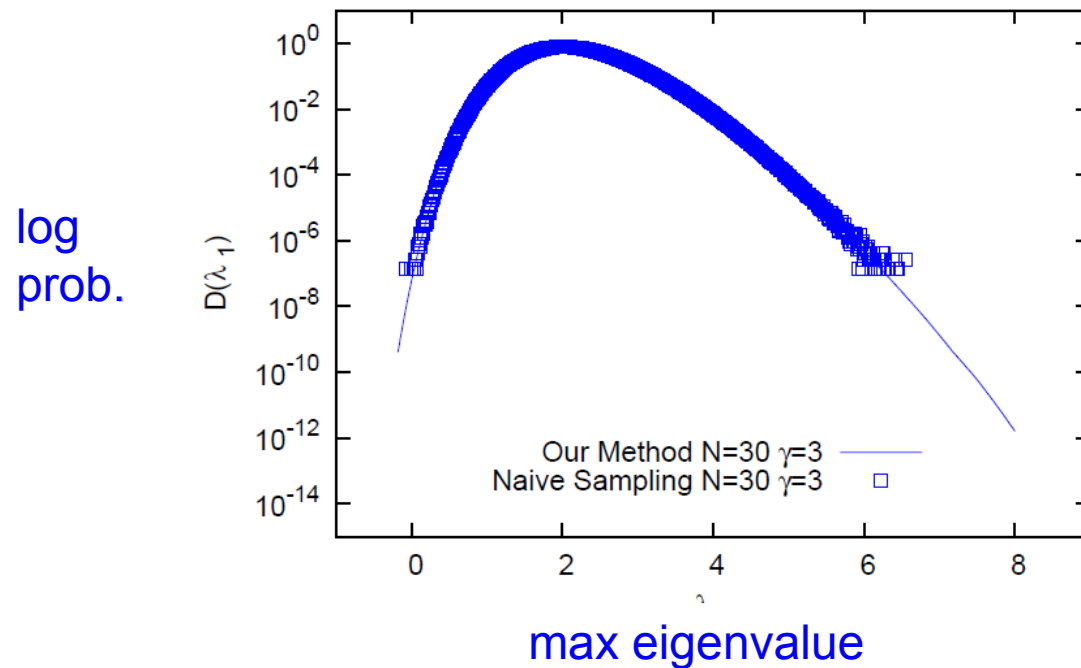
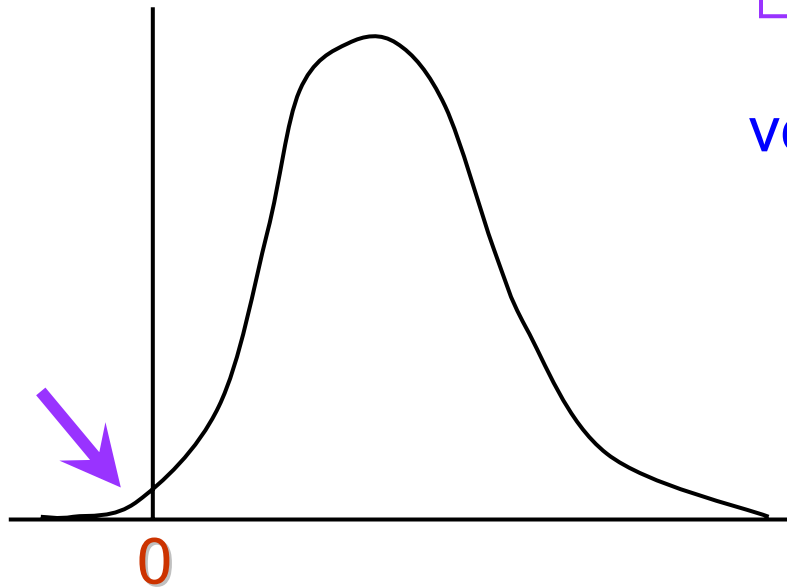


FIG. 5. Density $D(\lambda_1)$ in a case of sparse random matrices. The first definition is applied; results of the proposed method and the naive random sampling method are compared for $N = 30$ and $\gamma = 3$. The symbol \square appears only in the region where naive random sampling gives nonzero results.

$$\text{Prob}(\lambda_{\max}(x) < 0)$$

= Prob. that
all eigenvalues are negative

very small when N becomes large



important in
**cosmology, glass theory,
ecology, statistical testing**

...

GOE

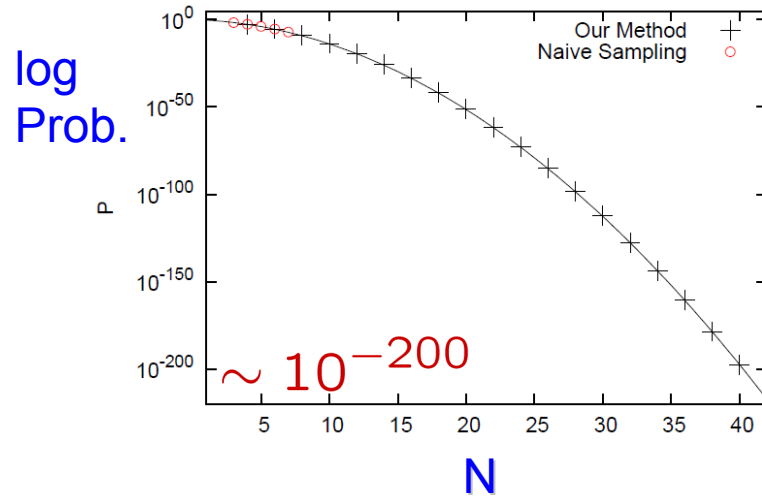


FIG. 3. Probability $P(\forall i, \lambda_i < 0)$ for GOE versus size N of the matrices. The results of the proposed method (+) and the naive random sampling method (o) are shown. The results of naive random sampling are available only in the region $N \leq 7$. The curve indicates a quadratic fit to the results with the Coulomb gas representation given in Dean and Majumdar[20].

UNIFORM

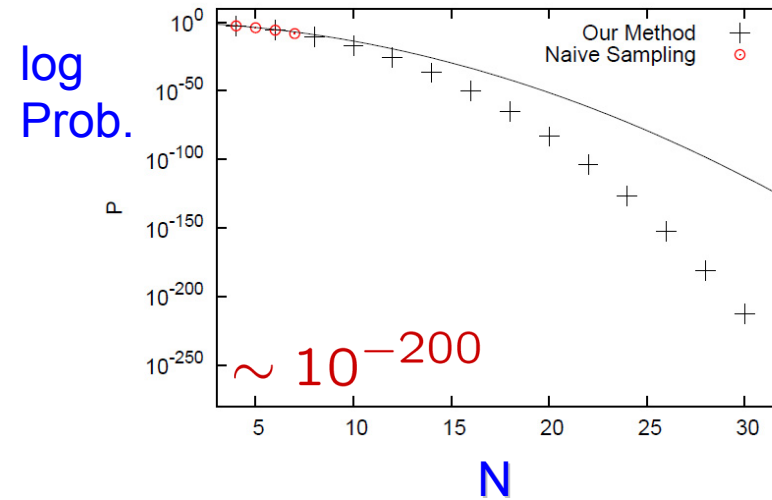


FIG. 4. Probability $P(\forall i, \lambda_i < 0)$ for an ensemble of matrices whose components are uniformly distributed. The horizontal axis corresponds to the size N of the matrices. The results of the proposed method (+) and the naive random sampling method (o) are shown. The results of naive random sampling are shown for $4 \leq N \leq 7$. The curve indicates the probability for the GOE with the same variance.

Curves: theoretical estimate (Coulomb gas) for GOE
Dean and Majumdar (2006, 2008)

Sparse

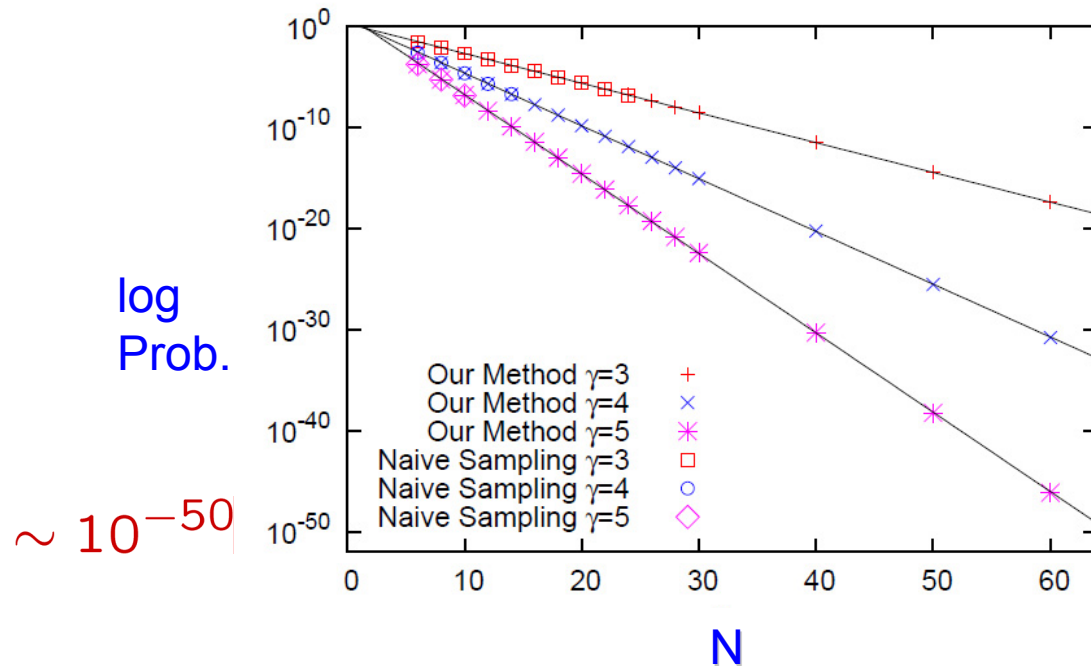


FIG. 6. Probabilities $P(\forall i, \lambda_i < 0)$ for an ensemble of sparse random matrices estimated by the proposed method. The first definition is applied; the results with $\gamma = 3, 4,$ and 5 versus size N of the matrices are shown. The lines show linear fits of the data.

Example.2

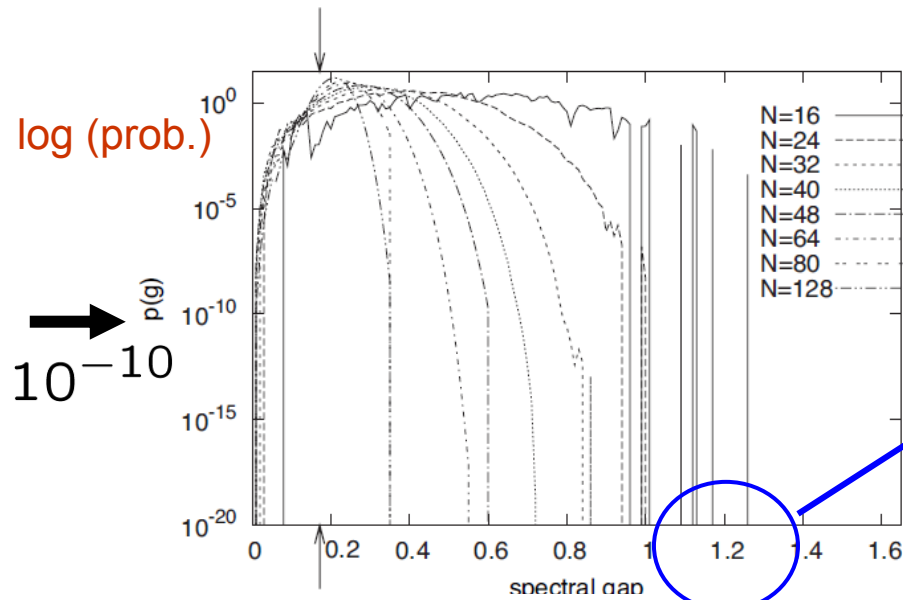
Random Graphs

$$\xi = \lambda_2$$

adjacency matrix A_{ij} .

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & i \text{ and } j \text{ are connected,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

→ The second largest eig. λ_2
Spectral Gap



Spectral Gap

Ramanujan Graphs

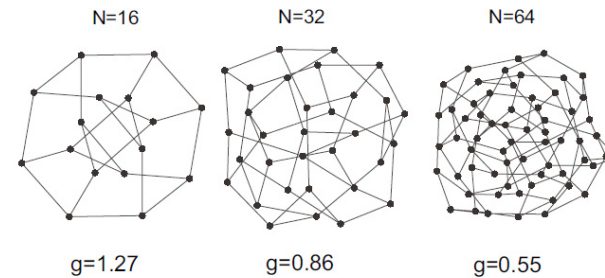


Figure 1: 3-regular graphs with the largest spectral gap found in the simulation.

[N Saito and Y Iba, arXiv:1003.1023 \(2010\)](#)
[optimization only] [Donetti et al. \(2005,2006\)](#)

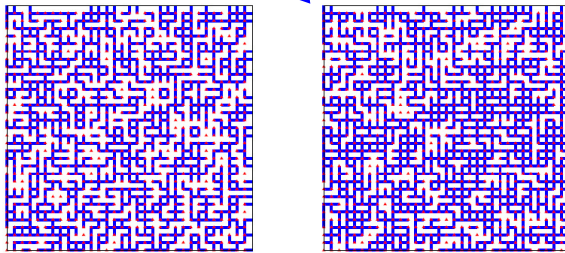
Example.3

$$\xi = \chi^{-1}$$

Griffiths Singularity in Random Magnets

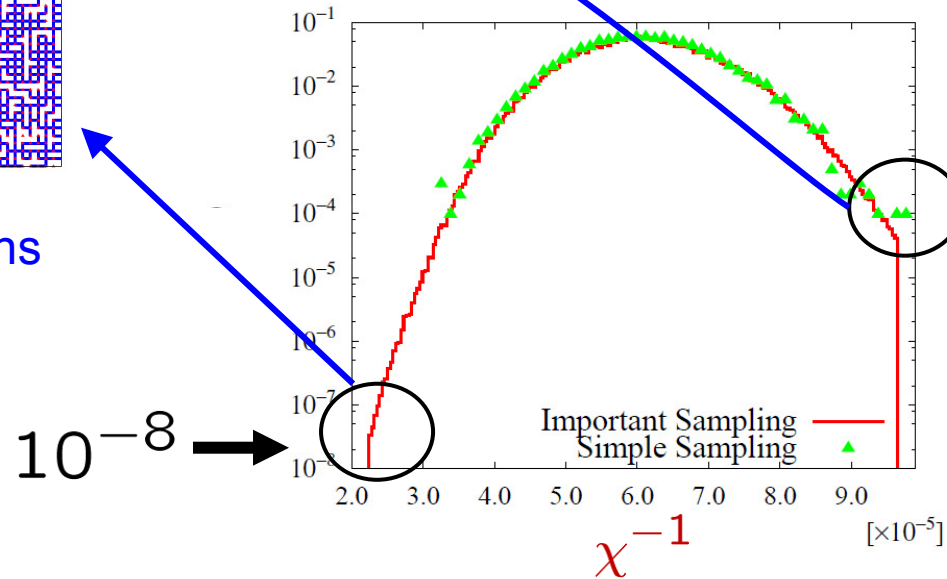
dynamic Monte Carlo sampling of quenched randomness

bond diluted Ising



sampling bond configurations

log (prob.)



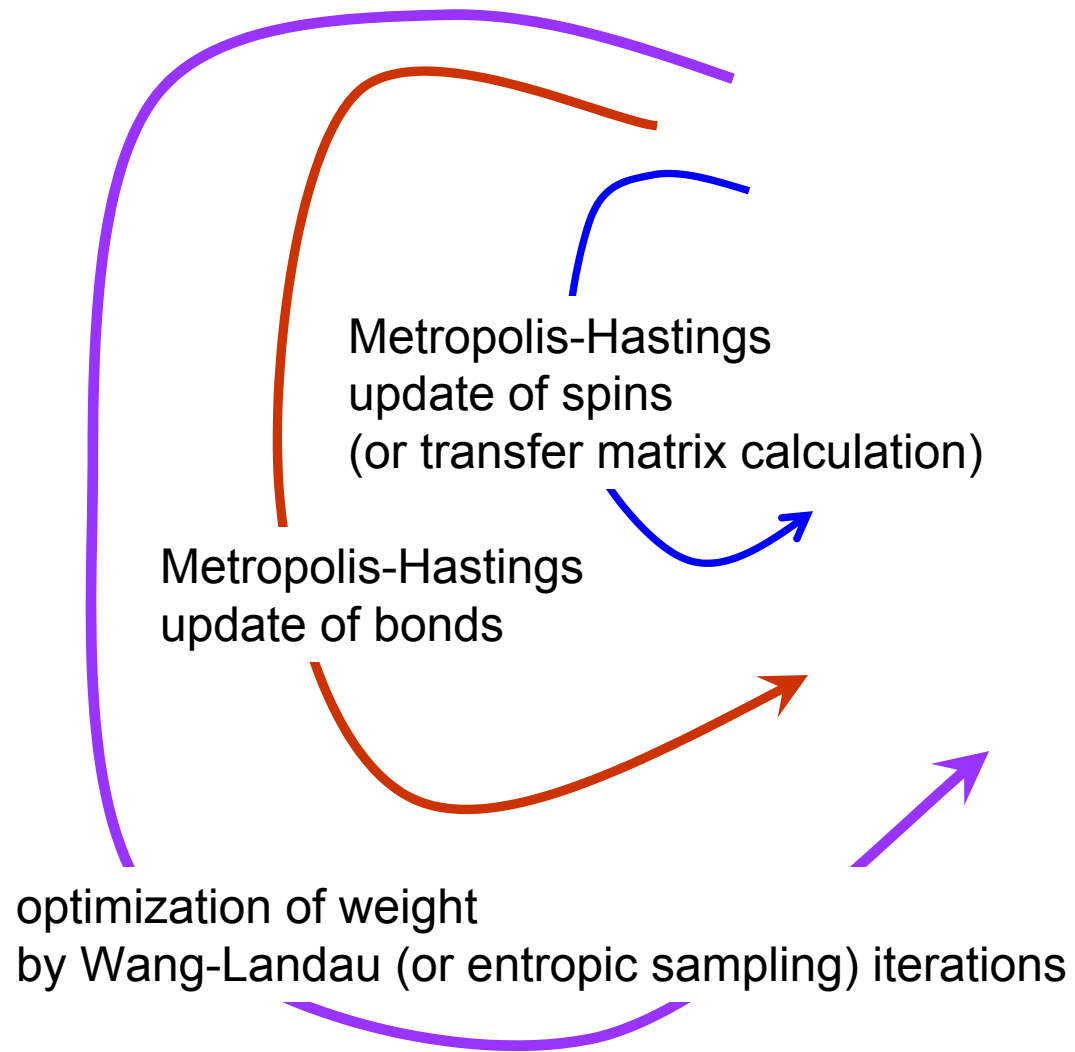
[bond diluted]

[K Hukushima and Y Iba](#)
[arXiv:0711.0870 \(2007\)](#)

[spin glass+LeeYang zero]
[Matsuda et al. \(2008\)](#)

Figure 5. Distribution of the inverse susceptibility of the two-dimensional bond-diluted Ising model with $p = 0.6$ for $L = 32$ and $T/J = 1.5$. The solid line represents $P(\chi^{-1})$ obtained by the importance-sampling MC, and the triangles are that by the simple sampling.

Griffiths Singularity in Random Magnets



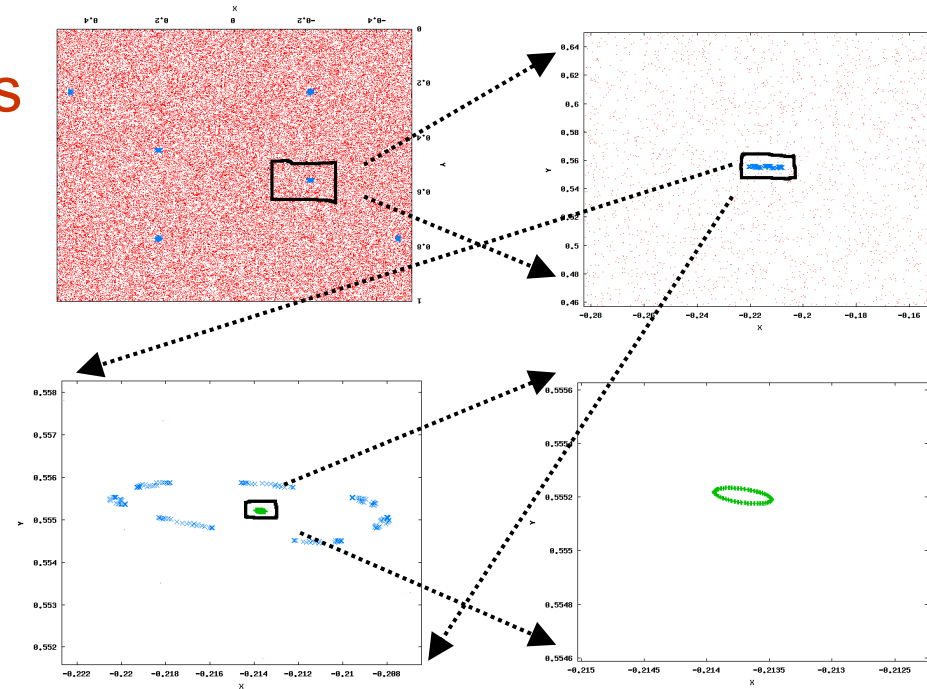
Example 4 $\xi = \text{"chaoticity"}$

Chaotic Dynamical Systems

Search for rare initial conditions that gives rare trajectories

e.g., Coupled Standard Map

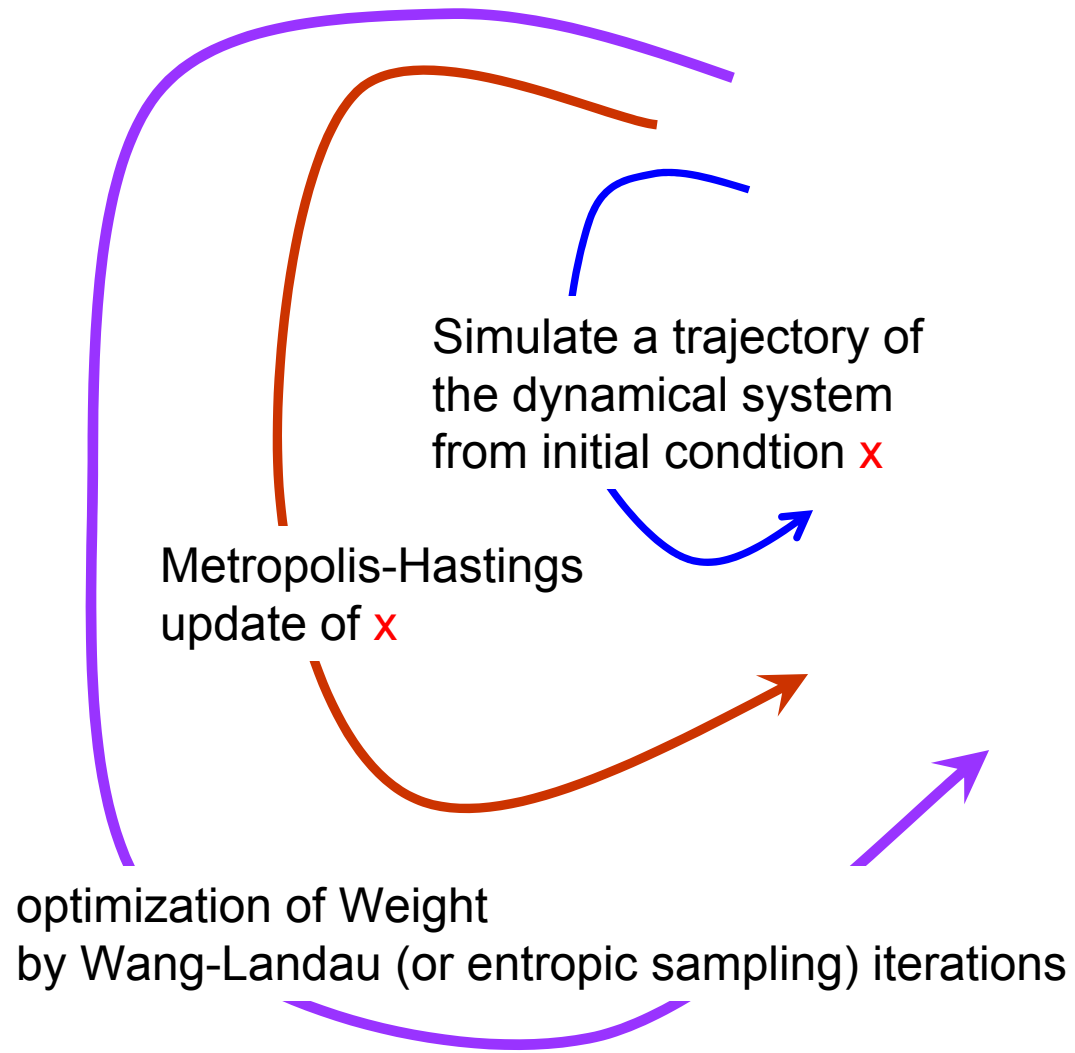
$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{n+1} &= u_n - \frac{K}{2\pi} \sin(2\pi v_n) + \frac{k}{2\pi} \sin(2\pi(v_n + y_n)) \\
 v_{n+1} &= v_n + u_{n+1} \\
 x_{n+1} &= x_n - \frac{K}{2\pi} \sin(2\pi y_n) + \frac{k}{2\pi} \sin(2\pi(v_n + y_n)) \\
 y_{n+1} &= y_n + x_{n+1}
 \end{aligned}$$



A Kitajima and Y Iba,
arXiv:1003.2013 (2010)

Probability of regular trajectory (fragments)
 embedded in chaotic sea

Dynamical System



related studies

*sampling quenched randomness (zero temperature)

canonical weight: [Hartmann \(2002\)](#)

other guiding function: [Koerner et al.\(2006\)](#) (and more)

*rare event sampling using multicanonical

optical communications: [Holzloehner and Menyuk \(2003\)](#)

“growth ratio” of matrices: [Driscoll and Maki \(2007\)](#)

*transition path sampling: [Chandler’s group \(around 1998~\)](#)

Summary & Conclusion

Multicanonical algorithm can be
a powerful tool for sampling rare events.

Applications to rare events in random matrices.
Dynamic sampling of quenched randomness.

Algorithms provide bridges of
different fields of science and engineering

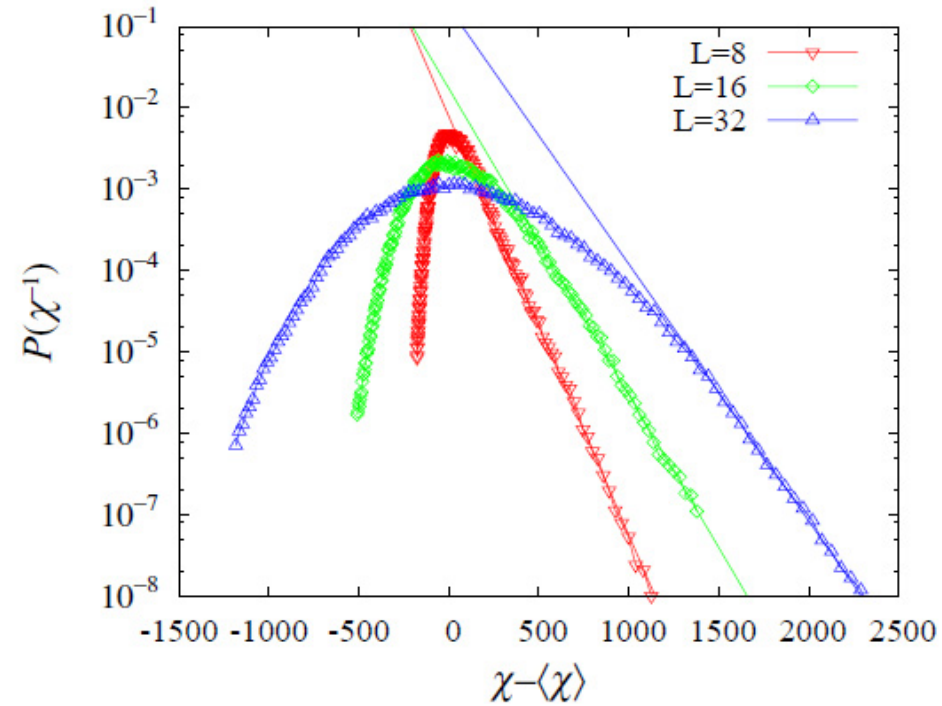


Figure 6. Distribution functions of the inverse susceptibility as a function of $1/\chi^{-1}$ of the two-dimensional bond-diluted Ising model with $p = 0.6$ and $T/J = 2.0$. The system sizes are $N = 8^2(\nabla)$, $16^2(\diamond)$ and $32^2(\triangle)$. The straight lines are the fitting result of the exponential function $p(\chi^{-1}) = B \exp(-C/\chi^{-1})$ with B and C being fitting parameters.

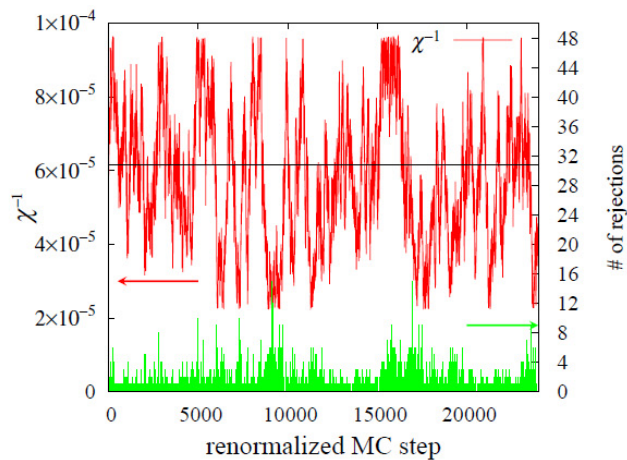


Figure 3. A Monte Carlo trajectory of the value of χ^{-1} of the two-dimensional bond-diluted Ising model for $L = 32$, $p = 0.6$ and $T/J = 1.5$. The horizontal axis means renormalized MC steps which are incremented by one when a new value of χ^{-1} is accepted. The value of χ^{-1} as a function of the MC step is represented by the straight line and the number of rejections at the MC step is given by bar chart.

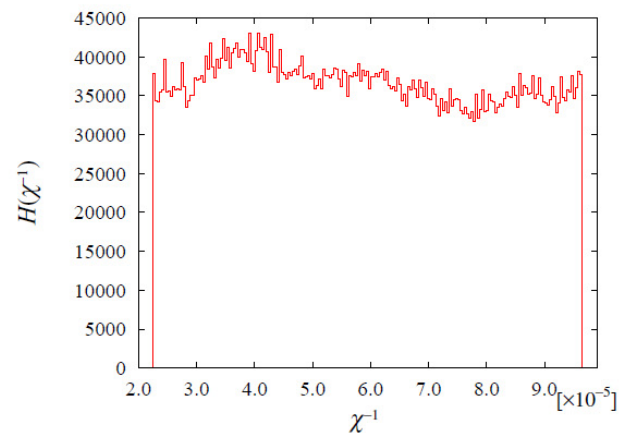


Figure 4. Histogram of the inverse susceptibility obtained by an importance sampling algorithm of the two-dimensional bond-diluted Ising model. The parameters used in the simulation is the same as those in figure 3.

Rare events in Dynamical Systems

Deterministic Chaos

Doll et al. (1994), Kurchan et al. (2005)

Sasa, Hayashi, Kawasaki .. (2005 ~)

Stagger and Step Method Sweet, Nusse, and Yorke (2001)

(Mostly) Stochastic Dynamics

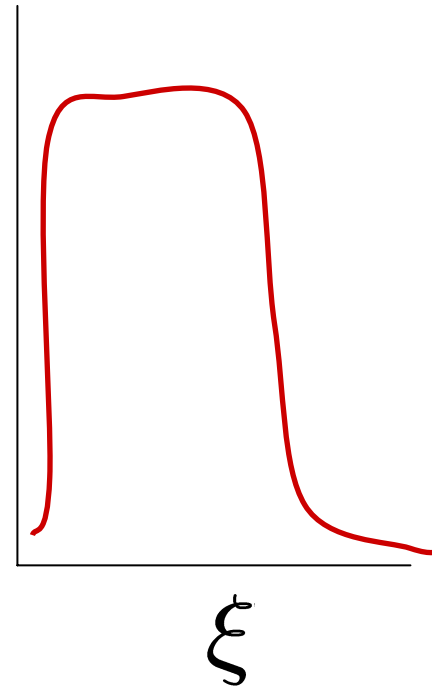
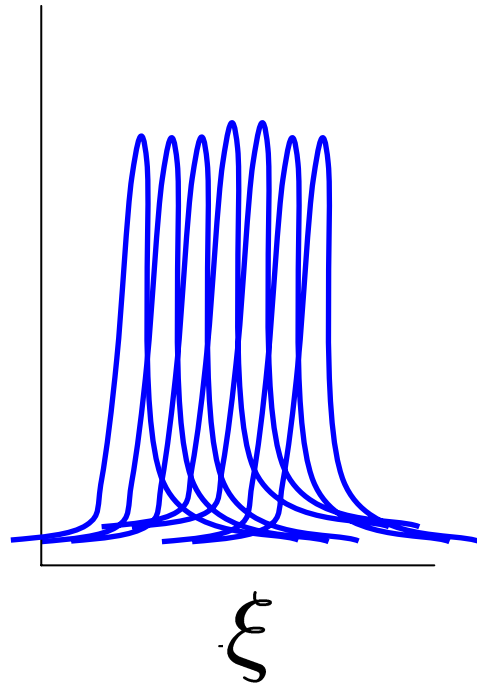
Chandler Group

Frenkel et al.

and more

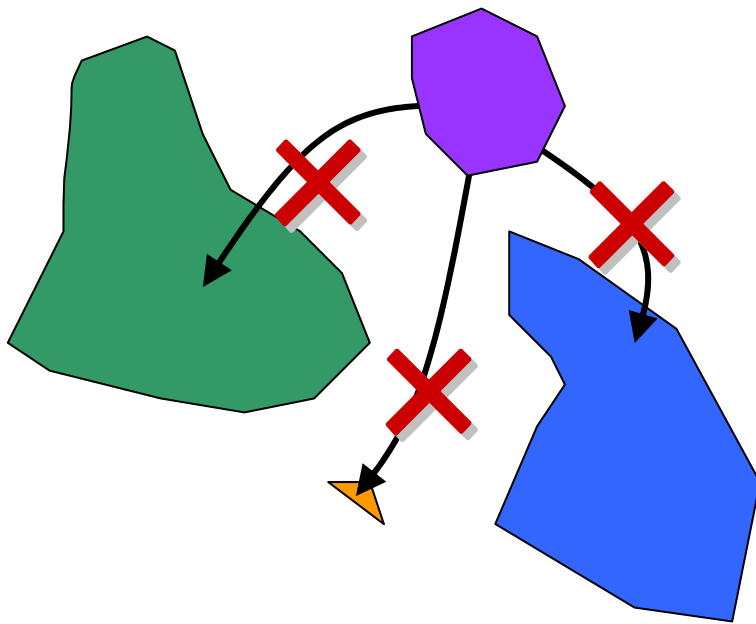
Transition Path Sampling

Exponential, Gibbs / Multicanonical

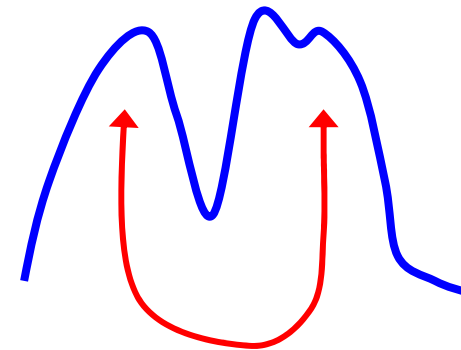


Slow mixing

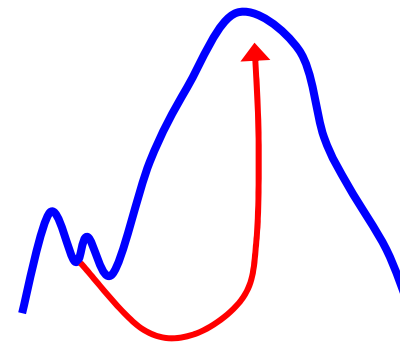
Multimodality Issues



Stick to a peak
→ wrong result

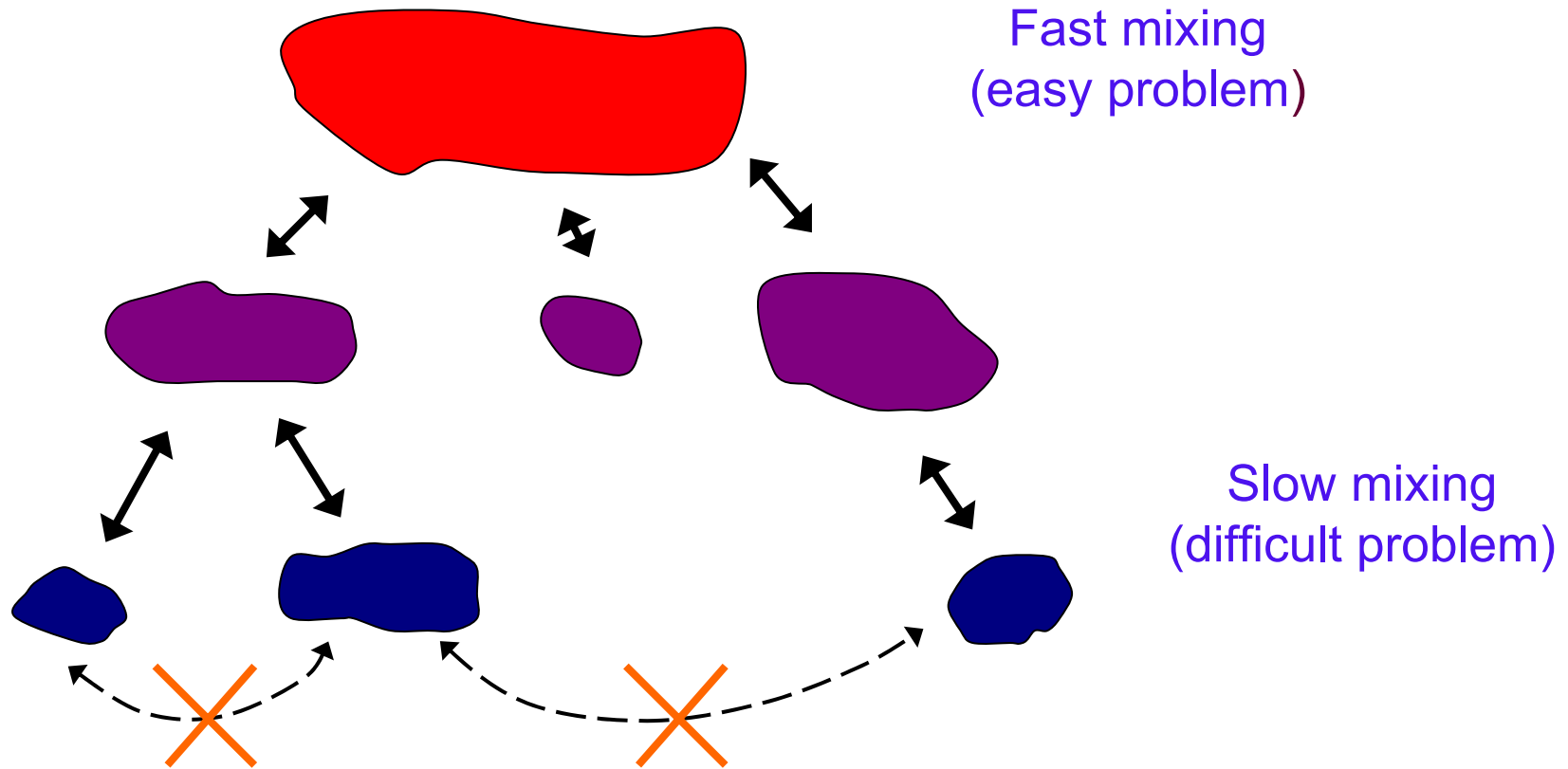


Burn in / Anneal NOT OK



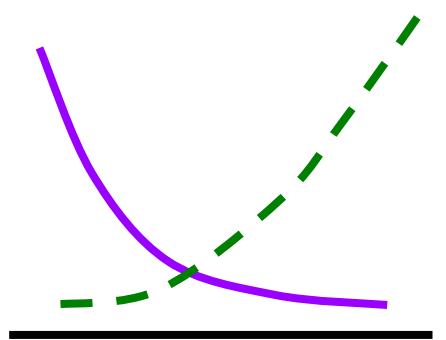
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Bridge

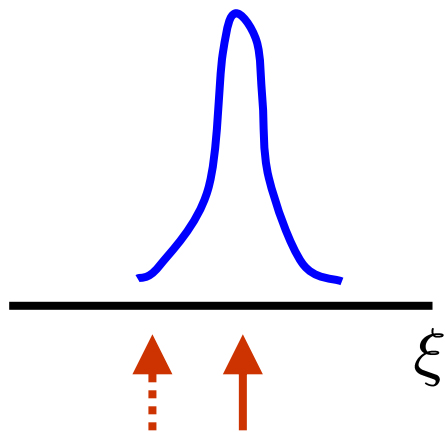


Gibbs/Exponential Multicanonical Random

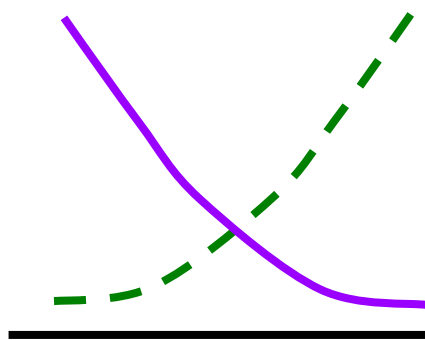
$\exp(-\beta\xi)$ $P(\xi)$



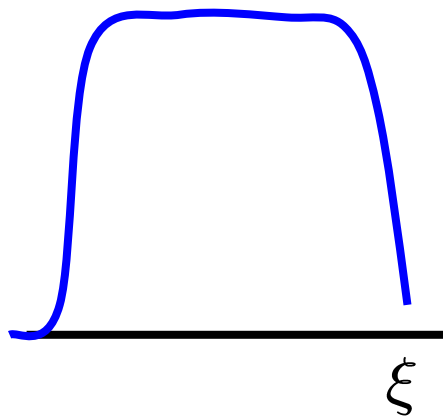
$\tilde{P}(\xi)$ ξ



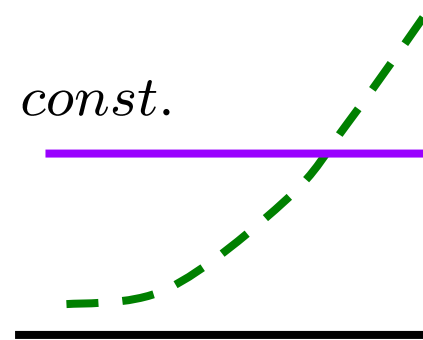
$1/P(\xi)$ $P(\xi)$



$\tilde{P}(\xi)$ ξ



$const.$ $P(\xi)$



$\tilde{P}(\xi)$ ξ

