## Phase Transitions in Disordered Systems: The Example of the 4D Random–Field Ising Model

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- The failure of the PRG begs the question: Is there an intermediate dimension  $D_{\rm int} < D_{\rm u}$  such that the PRG is accurate for  $D > D_{\rm int}$ ?

## RG fixed-point

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  - $D_{\rm int} \approx 5.1$ .

#### Latest numerical results at D = 3

$$2\eta - \overline{\eta} = 0.0026(9)$$
;  $\chi^2 / \text{DOF} = 10.5/17$   
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<sup>1</sup>N.G. Fytas and V. Martín-Mayor, PRL **110**, 227201 (2013)

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- One check the validity of dimensional reduction.

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- We simulated lattice sizes from L = 4 to L = 60. For each pair (L,  $\sigma$ ) we computed ground states for  $10^7$  samples.

#### Observables

 $^2\text{N.G.}$  Fytas and V. Martín-Mayor, PRE 93, 063308 (2016)

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Higher-order corrections are necessary:  $X_L = X^* + a_1 L^{-\omega} + a_2 L^{-2\omega}$ 

# Universality in the 4D RFIM

Joint fit of  $\xi^{(\mathrm{con})}/L$  and  $\eta$ 

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## Universal ratio $\xi^{(dis)}/L$

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#### Critical fields

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{c,L} &= \sigma_c + b_1 L^{-(\omega + \frac{1}{\nu})} + b_2 L^{-(2\omega + \frac{1}{\nu})} \\ \sigma_c(G) &= 4.17749(4)(2) \; ; \; \chi^2 / \text{DOF} = 5.6/7 \\ \sigma_c(P) &= 3.62052(3)(8) \; ; \; \chi^2 / \text{DOF} = 8.85/11 \end{aligned}$$



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- Our *L* = 52,60 lattices were simulated in the *MareNostrum* and *Picasso* supercomputers. We thankfully acknowledge the computer resources and assistance provided by the staff at the *Red Española de Supercomputación*.
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## Work in progress: RFIM at D = 5

 $u^{(\text{5D RFIM})} = 0.626(15) \approx 0.629971(4) = \nu^{(\text{3D IM})} \Longrightarrow \mathbf{D}_{\text{int}} \approx \mathbf{5}$ 

