

# Loop calculus in statistical physics and information theory

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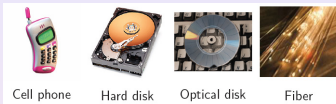
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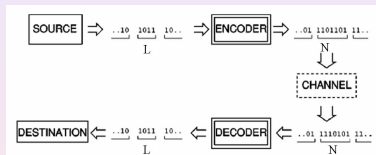
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# Error Correction



Scheme:



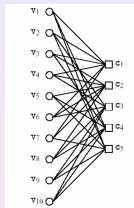
Example of Additive White Gaussian Channel:

$$P(\mathbf{x}_{out}|\mathbf{x}_{in}) = \prod_{i=\text{bits}} p(x_{out;i}|\mathbf{x}_{in};i)$$

$$p(x|y) \sim \exp(-s^2(x-y)^2/2)$$

- **Channel**  
is noisy "black box" with only statistical information available
- **Encoding:**  
use redundancy to redistribute damaging effect of the noise
- **Decoding:**  
reconstruct most probable codeword by noisy (polluted) channel

# Low Density Parity Check Codes



- $N$  bits,  $M$  checks,  $L = N - M$  information bits  
example:  $N = 10$ ,  $M = 5$ ,  $L = 5$
- $2^L$  codewords of  $2^N$  possible patterns
- Parity check:  $\hat{H}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$   
example:

$$\hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

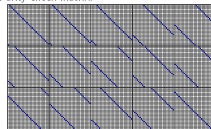
- LDPC = graph (parity check matrix) is sparse



## Tanner's (155,64,20) code

Hamming distance  
informational bits  
length of encoded message

Parity check matrix:



R.M. Tanner, D. Sridhar, T. Figs, in Proc. of the 4th Int. Symp. on Computers, Theory and Applications, Amsterdam, UK, July 11-15, 1981, p. 305.

$2^{64} \approx 2 \times 10^{19}$

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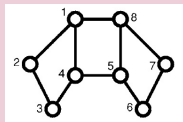
## Graphical models of Statistical Inference

## Factorization

(Forney '01, Loeliger '01)

$$P\{\sigma\} = Z^{-1} \prod_{a \in X} f_a(\sigma_a)$$

$$Z = \sum_{\{\sigma\}} P\{\sigma\}$$

 $X = \text{edges}$ 


$$f_a \geq 0$$

$$\sigma_{ab} = \sigma_{ba} = \pm 1$$

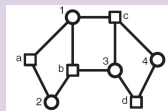
$$\sigma_1 = (\sigma_{12}, \sigma_{14}, \sigma_{18})$$

$$\sigma_2 = (\sigma_{12}, \sigma_{13})$$

## Error-Correction (bipartite)

$$f_i(\sigma_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & \sigma_{i\alpha} = \sigma_{i\beta} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_\alpha(\sigma_\alpha) = \delta \left( \prod_{i \in \alpha} \sigma_i, +1 \right) \exp \left( \sum_{i \in \alpha} \sigma_i h_i / q_i \right)$$


 $h_i$  - log-likelihoods  
 $q_i$  - connectivity degrees

## Bethe free energy: variational approach

(Yedidia, Freeman, Weiss '01 -

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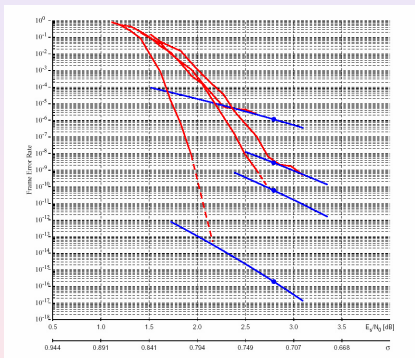
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## Error-Floor



T. Richardson, Allerton '03

- BER vs SNR = measure of performance
- Waterfall  $\leftrightarrow$  Error-floor
- Suboptimal decoding causes error-floor: at  $E_s/N_0 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  
 $FER_{ML} \sim \exp(-d_{ML} E_s/N_0)$  vs  
 $FER_{sub} \sim \exp(-d_{sub} E_s/N_0)$  where  
 $d_{ML} > d_{sub}$
- Monte-Carlo is useless at  
 $BER \lesssim 10^{-8}$

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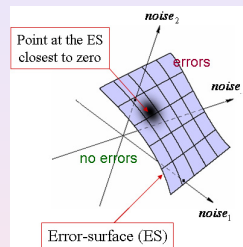
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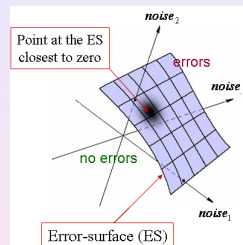
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(Chertkov, Chernyak '06)

Exact expression (for partition function, etc)  
in terms of BP

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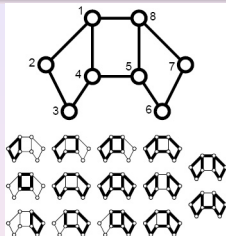
$$r(C) = \frac{\prod_{a \in C} \mu_a}{\prod_{(ab) \in C} (1 - m_{ab}^2)}$$

$C \in$  **Generalized Loops** = Loops without loose ends

$$m_{ab} = \int d\sigma_a b_a^{(bp)}(\sigma_a) \sigma_{ab}$$

$$\mu_a = \int d\sigma_a b_a^{(bp)}(\sigma_a) \prod_{b \in a, C} (\sigma_{ab} - m_{ab})$$

▶ Derivation Sketch



- The **Loop Series** is finite
- $b_{ab}^{(bp)}$ ,  $b_a^{(bp)}$ ,  $Z_0$  and all terms in the series are calculated **within BP**
- BP is exact on a tree
- BP is a **Gauge fixing** condition. Other choices of Gauges would lead to different representation.

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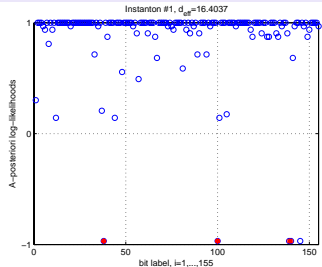
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► Bigger Set



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## Results

- **Loop Calculus**  
= Generic Tool for calculating marginal probabilities in terms of loops on underlying graphical structure
- **Pseudo-Codeword-Search Algorithm**  
= Efficient way of describing pseudo-codeword spectrum for LP-decoding
- **Pseudo-Codewords** are all associated with respective **Critical Loops**
- **Effective Free Energy Approach**  
= Variational Principle improving BP with a Critical Loop information
- **Loop-corrected BP and Loop-erasure**  
= Algorithms improving BP/LP with a Critical Loop information

## Future Efforts

- Improve and continue testing the simple LP-erasure algorithm.
- The major improvement required is in automatization of the critical loop identification scheme. (Towards Monte Carlo test.)
- Testing other (longer) codes.
- Testing other (e.g. correlated) channels.
- All of the above for improving Loop-corrected BP.
- Stat Mech & Inf. Theory (inter-symbol interference, network capacity) on a  $d$ -dimensional lattice/graph with/without disorder.

## Other complementary developments, e.g. on

- Improving BP [Survey Propagation = Mezard et.al '02; Generalized BP = Yedidia et.al '01]
- Correcting for Loops in BP [Montanarri, Rizzo '05; Parisi, Slanina '05]
- Accelerating convergence of bare BP [Stepanov, Chertkov '06]
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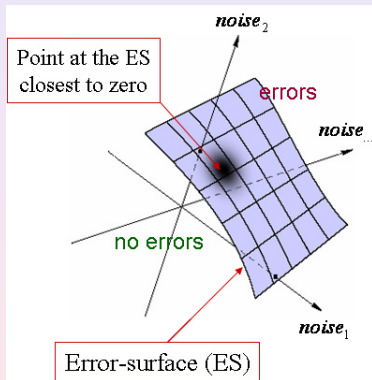
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# Optimal Fluctuation

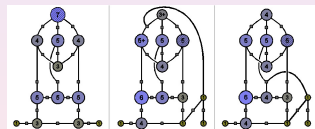
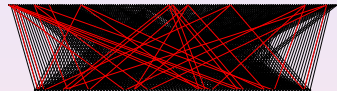
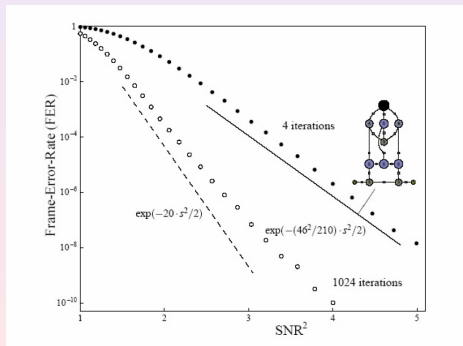
- Laplace method = Large deviation = Steepest descent = instanton = optimal fluctuation method
- $\text{BER} = \int d\text{noise} \text{Weight}(\text{noise})$
- $\text{BER} \sim \text{Weight} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{optimal configuration} \\ \text{of the noise} \end{array} \right)$
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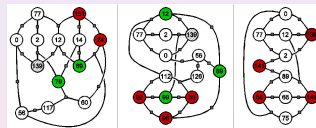
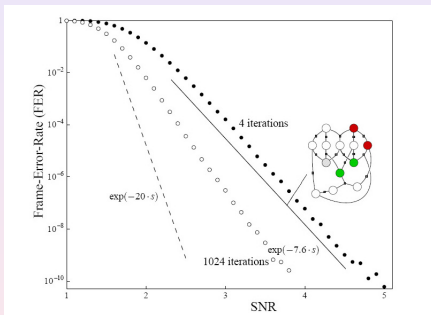
- Instanton-amoeba (numerical minimization) implemented for 4-iterations of iterative BP



$$l_{\text{eff}}^2 = \frac{46^2}{210} \quad l_{\text{eff}}^2 = \frac{806}{79} \quad l_{\text{eff}}^2 = \frac{44^2}{188}$$

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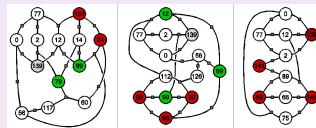
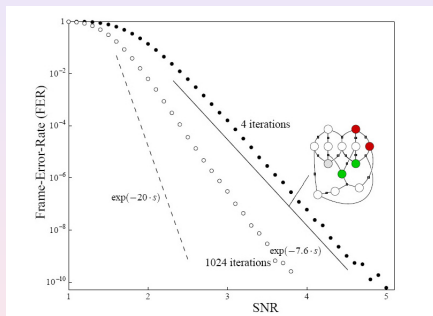
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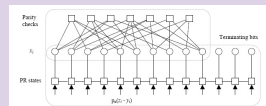
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## Example: Inter-Symbol interference (Partial Response) channel

### Di-code formulation

- output  $y_i = \sum_j J_{ij} \sigma_j + \xi_i$   
 $\langle \xi_i \rangle = 0$ ,  $\langle \xi_i \xi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} / s^2$
- $\sigma$  is encoded by an LDPC code
- di-code = Inter-Symbol Interference + LDPC code
- Decoding of the di-code = solving inference problem on an extended Tanner graph



### Our approach

- Formulate di-BP = minimum of the joint (di-) Bethe free energy
- Test iterative version of the di-BP against Monte-Carlo simulations
- Apply instanton (and instanton-LP) approach to analysis of di-BP (di-code) error-floor
- Develop loop-improved di-BP/LP



## Dilute Gas of Loops

If  $d$  (dimensionality) is large for a lattice problem or  
If  $N$  is large for a random graph of size  $N$ :

$$Z = Z_0 \left( 1 + \sum_C r_C \right) \approx Z_0 \prod_{C_{SC}} (1 + r_{SC})$$

$C_{SC}$  are single connected loops.

- The approximation allows an easy multi-scale re-summation.

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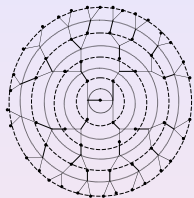
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## Paramagnetic (high-temperature) State at $\mathbf{h} = 0$

- The only solution of the BP equations is the trivial one:  $\eta = 0$
- The **Loop Series** reduces to the **High-Temperature Expansion**



$$Z(\mathbf{h}) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \prod_{\alpha=1}^M \delta \left( \prod_{i \in \alpha} \sigma_i, 1 \right) \exp \left( \sum_{i=1}^N h_i \sigma_i \right)$$

$h_i$  is a log-likelihood at a bit (outcome of the channel)

$$Z_{j\alpha}^{\pm}(\mathbf{h}^{\triangleright}) \equiv \sum_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\triangleright}} \prod_{\beta^{\triangleright}} \delta \left( \prod_{i \in \beta} \sigma_i, 1 \right) \exp \left( \sum_{i^{\triangleright}} h_i \sigma_i \right)$$

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Gibbs measure:  $P(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\exp(-E(\mathbf{x}))}{Z}$ ,  $Z \equiv \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \exp(-E(\mathbf{x}))$

## Exact Variational Principle

$$F\{b(\mathbf{x})\} = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} b(\mathbf{x})E(\mathbf{x}) - \sum_{\mathbf{x}} b(\mathbf{x}) \ln b(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\left. \frac{\delta F}{\delta b(\mathbf{x})} \right|_{b(\mathbf{x})=p(\mathbf{x})} = 0 \quad \text{under} \quad \sum_{\mathbf{x}} b(\mathbf{x}) = 1$$

Factorized form of  $E(\mathbf{x})$  or other considerations may suggest an approximate variational ansatz (mean-field,  $b(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_i b_i(x_i)$ , is the famous example)

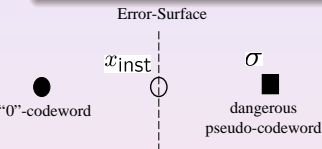
◀ Bethe Free Energy



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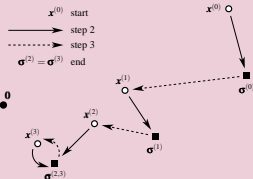
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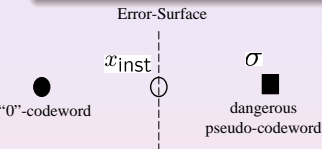
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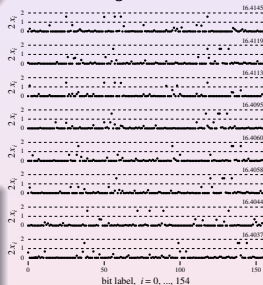
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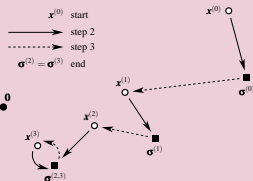
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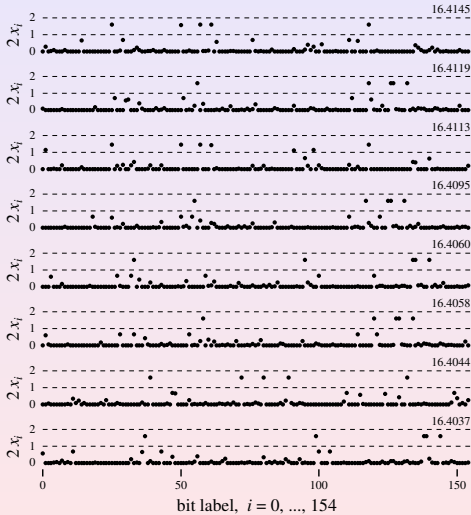
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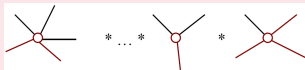
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**BP equations**

$$\sum_{\sigma_a} \left( \tanh(\eta_{ab}^{(bp)}) + \eta_{ba}^{(bp)} \right) - \sigma_{ab} P_a(\sigma_a) = 0 \Rightarrow \eta_{j\alpha}^{bp} = h_j + \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha}^{j \in \beta} \tanh^{-1} \left( \prod_{i \neq j}^{i \in \beta} \tanh \eta_{i\beta}^{bp} \right)$$

Geometrical Principle: no loose ends

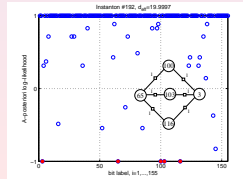
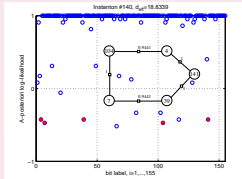
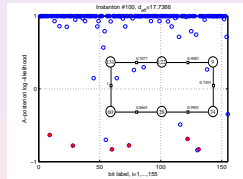
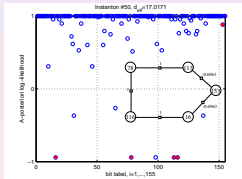
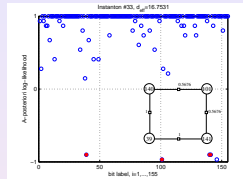
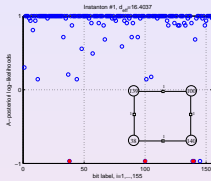
$$\prod_{(bc)} V_{bc} = 1 + \sum_{\text{colored edges}} * \dots * \dots * \dots$$



Variational Principle:

$$\prod_{(bc)} V_{bc} \rightarrow 1, \quad Z \rightarrow Z_0, \quad \left. \frac{\delta Z_0}{\delta \eta_{ab}} \right|_{\eta^{(bp)}} = 0$$

$$Z_0 = \left( \prod_{bc} 2 \cosh(\eta_{bc} + \eta_{cb}) \right)^{-1} \sum_{\sigma} \prod_a P_a(\sigma_a)$$



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