

## Nonlinear and spin-glass susceptibilities of three site-diluted systems

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The nonlinear magnetic  $\chi_3$  and spin-glass  $\chi_{SG}$  susceptibilities in zero applied field are obtained from tempered Monte Carlo simulations for three different spin glasses (SGs) of Ising spins with quenched site disorder. We find that the relation  $-T^3\chi_3 = \chi_{SG} - 2/3$  ( $T$  is the temperature), which holds for Edwards-Anderson SGs, is approximately fulfilled in canonical-like SGs. For nearest-neighbor antiferromagnetic interactions on a 0.4 fraction of all sites in face-centered cubic (fcc) lattices, as well as for spatially disordered Ising dipolar (DID) systems,  $-T^3\chi_3$  and  $\chi_{SG}$  appear to diverge in the same manner at the critical temperature  $T_{SG}$ . However,  $-T^3\chi_3$  is smaller than  $\chi_{SG}$  by over two orders of magnitude in the diluted fcc system. In DID systems,  $-T^3\chi_3/\chi_{SG}$  is very sensitive to the system's aspect ratio. Whereas, near  $T_{SG}$ ,  $\chi_{SG}$  varies by approximately a factor of 2 as system shape varies from cubic to long-thin-needle shapes,  $\chi_3$  sweeps over some four decades.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

The existence of an equilibrium phase transition into the spin glass (SG) phase has not yet been convincingly established for some spin glasses. The development of the *parallel tempered* Monte Carlo (TMC) algorithm<sup>1</sup> has enabled one to observe, bypassing anomalously long relaxation processes, SG models in *equilibrium* at low temperatures. Thus, correlation lengths  $\xi$  have been determined from the equilibrium behavior of  $\langle (s_i s_j)^2 \rangle_T$ , where  $s_i = \pm 1$  is for a spin at site  $i$ , and  $\langle \dots \rangle_T$  and  $\langle \dots \rangle_q$  stand for a thermal average and for an average over quenched randomness, respectively. There is evidence, from Monte Carlo simulations, that  $\xi$  grows as linear system size  $L$  in (i) the Edwards-Anderson (EA) model<sup>2,3</sup> at some nonzero temperature  $T_{SG}$  in three dimensions, in (ii) geometrically frustrated systems, such as strongly site-diluted Ising models, with nearest-neighbor antiferromagnetic (AF) bonds, on face-centered cubic (fcc) lattices,<sup>4,5</sup> and in (iii) strongly site-diluted Ising models with dipole-dipole interactions, such as in  $\text{LiHo}_x\text{Y}_{1-x}\text{F}_4$ .<sup>6</sup> We refer to the latter systems as disordered Ising dipolar (DID) systems.<sup>7,8</sup> At least for DID systems, some numerical evidence that is unfavorable for the existence of a phase transition also exists.<sup>9</sup> The divergence of  $\xi$  implies the divergence of the so-called spin-glass susceptibility  $\chi_{SG}$  at  $T_{SG}$ , where  $\chi_{SG} = N^{-1} \sum_{ij} \langle (s_i s_j)^2 \rangle_T$  and  $N$  is the number of spins.

Convincing experimental evidence for the existence of an equilibrium phase transition into the SG phase is harder to obtain. This is mainly because (i) very long relaxation processes make equilibrium observations difficult, and (ii) neither  $\xi$  nor  $\chi_{SG}$  can be directly observed. Instead, the SG transition is usually characterized by the nonlinear magnetic susceptibility  $\chi_3$ .<sup>10</sup> It is defined by

$$m = \chi_1 H + \chi_3 H^3 + \dots, \quad (1)$$

assuming  $m(-H) = -m(H)$ . Canella and Mydosh<sup>11</sup> were first able to measure (in gold-iron alloys) huge values of  $\chi_3$ :  $T_{SG}^2 \chi_3 / \chi_1 \sim 10^5$  (from here on, we let Boltzmann's constant and Bohr's magneton equal 1) near  $T = T_{SG}$ . Later,  $\chi_3$  was shown<sup>12</sup> to diverge in other canonical SGs as a power of  $T - T_{SG}$ . For the EA model,<sup>13</sup> originally inspired by the

discovery of Canella and Mydosh, Chalupa<sup>14</sup> showed long ago that

$$-\chi_3 = T^{-3}(\chi_{SG} - 2/3) \quad (2)$$

if no field is applied. Thus, the critical behavior of  $\chi_3$  and  $\chi_{SG}$ , which one observes in simulations, can, at least for the EA model, be clearly related to the critical behavior of  $\chi_3$ , which one observes experimentally.

The three models we study are governed by the Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} J_{ij} x_i s_i x_j s_j, \quad (3)$$

where the sum is over all  $i$  and  $j$  lattice sites,  $J_{ij}$  is model specific,  $x_i = \pm 1$  is a quenched random variable, and  $s_i$  is a ( $\pm 1$ ) Ising spin at site  $i$ . All sites are occupied with the same probability  $x = \langle x_i \rangle_q$ , where the  $q$  subscript stands for a quenched average over all site occupancy arrangements.

The aim of this paper is to find how  $-\chi_3$ , an experimentally measured quantity, and  $\chi_{SG}$ , a quantity that is often calculated, are related in site-diluted SGs. More specifically, numerical results from TMC are sought for (i) Ising spins, with Ruderman-Kittel-Kasuya-Yoshida (RKKY) interactions,<sup>15</sup> which are randomly located on a small fraction of all lattice sites, (ii) a geometrically frustrated Ising spin system, mainly, randomly located Ising spins, with nearest-neighbor AF interactions, on a 0.4 fraction of all sites of an fcc lattice, and (iii) DID systems on a small fraction of all lattice sites. The outcome of these calculations is unknown because Eq. (2) has not been derived for site-diluted SGs. On the other hand,  $\chi_3$  and  $\chi_{SG}$  can exhibit the same critical behavior in site-diluted SGs if they and the EA model belong to the same universality class. This has been predicted<sup>16</sup> to be so for the first of the above three models, but not so, as far as we know, for the other two models.<sup>17,18</sup>

An outline of the paper follows. Details about the procedure we follow in our calculations are given in Sec. II. For various sizes of each of these systems, we obtain  $\xi/L$ ,  $\chi_{SG}$ , and  $\chi_3$ . Data for  $\xi/L$  are used to establish the phase transition temperature  $T_{SG}$  between the paramagnetic and SG phases. We then compare how  $\chi_{SG}$  and  $\chi_3$  vary with system size and with temperature in the vicinity of  $T_{SG}$ . The results obtained for

TABLE I. Values for  $T_{SG}$  follow from crossing (or merging) points of  $\xi/L$  curves for various values of system linear size  $L$ . Values of  $\eta$  are assigned so that  $\chi_{SG}/L^{2-\eta}$  curves for various  $L$  values cross at  $T_{SG}$ . Errors in  $\eta$  follow from errors in  $T_{SG}$ . As explained in Ref. 8,  $T_{SG}$  can be obtained for DID systems [for all  $x \lesssim 0.5$  in sc lattices (Ref. 8) and  $x \lesssim 0.25$  in (Ref. 24)  $\text{LiHo}_x\text{Y}_{1-x}\text{F}_4$ ] from the  $T_{SG}$  value given below, making use of  $T_{SG} \propto x$ . Similarly, for RKKY interactions and all  $x \lesssim 0.1$ .

	RKKY	fcc	DIDs
$T_{sg}$	0.10(4) for $x = 0.1$	0.4(1) for $x = 0.4$	0.35(4) for $x = 0.35$
$\eta$	-0.5(4)	-0.5(2)	0.0(3)

each system are given in each of the sections of Sec. III. Very briefly, these results follow. We find that  $\chi_3$  approximately follows Eq. (1) in strongly diluted systems of Ising spins with RKKY interactions. On the other hand,  $-T^3\chi_3$  is a over a couple of orders of magnitude smaller than  $\chi_{SG}$  in a ( $x = 0.4$ ) site-diluted AF Ising model on an fcc lattice. Nevertheless, both  $\chi_3$  and  $\chi_{SG}$  appear to have the same critical behavior. Finally, in DID systems,  $-T^3\chi_3$  and  $\chi_{SG}$  seem to diverge similarly at  $T_{SG}$ . However,  $-T^3\chi_3/\chi_{SG}$  varies sharply with the systems' shape. Taking into account demagnetization effects, we estimate in Sec. IV how  $-T^3\chi_3$  varies with system shape for high aspect ratios. Near the transition temperature,  $-T^3\chi_3/\chi_{SG}$  increases from  $-T^3\chi_3/\chi_{SG} \sim 10^{-2}$  for cubic shape systems to  $-T^3\chi_3/\chi_{SG} \sim 10^2$  for very thin long prisms. Our conclusions are summarized in Sec. V.

As a by-product, we have obtained values for  $\eta$  and  $T_{SG}$  in these three systems. They are listed in Table I. From here on, in addition to  $k_B = 1$ ,  $\mu_B = 1$ , we let  $m = N^{-1} \sum_i \langle \langle s_i \rangle \rangle_T$ , and assume spins in all models point up or down along the  $z$  axis, sometimes referred to as the magnetization axis.

## II. PROCEDURE

To calculate  $\chi_3$ , we make use of

$$6\chi_3 = N^{-1}T^{-3}(\langle M^4 \rangle_T - 3\langle M^2 \rangle_T^2), \quad (4)$$

where  $M = Nm$ , which holds for  $H = 0$ . This equation follows from Eq. (1) by (i) repeated differentiation with respect to  $H$  of the canonical ensemble average expression for  $\langle m \rangle_T$ , and by (ii) letting  $\Delta = 0$ , where  $\Delta = -4\langle M^3 \rangle \langle M \rangle + 12\langle M^2 \rangle \langle M \rangle^2 - 6\langle M \rangle^4$ . This is justified for finite systems with up-down symmetry if averages are taken over infinite times since  $\langle M^n \rangle = 0$  then for all odd  $n$ . The order in which system sizes and averaging times are taken to infinity is irrelevant for the paramagnetic phase. Equations (2) and (4), as well as all the results below, are only claimed to hold for  $T \geq T_{SG}$ . Note that Eq. (4) is valid for each realization of quenched disorder. Chalupa derived Eq. (2) from Eq. (4) for the EA model by first averaging over all system samples and noting that (i) both  $\langle M^4 \rangle$  and  $\langle M^2 \rangle^2$  involve sums over four-spin terms, such as  $\sum_{ijkl} \langle \langle s_i s_j s_k s_l \rangle \rangle_T$  and  $\sum_{ijkl} \langle \langle s_i s_j \rangle \rangle_T \langle \langle s_k s_l \rangle \rangle_T$ , respectively, and (ii) any term in which one or more subindices is unpaired vanishes. To see this, assume the  $k$  index is unpaired in either of the two sums over  $ijkl$  indices. Now, consider all exchange bonds  $J_{km}$  between the  $k$ th and any other site. Let us assume the probabilities for  $J_{km}$  and  $-J_{km}$  for all  $m$ , while all other exchange constants remain unchanged, are equal. (This requires exchange bonds to be *independently* random.) It follows that the probabilities for  $s_k$  and  $-s_k$ , for any given

configuration of all the other spins, are equal. This is the gist of the proof. For further details, see Ref. 14. The proof fails for site-diluted systems because exchange bonds are not then *independently* random.

We simulate a set of identical systems at temperatures  $T_{\min}$ ,  $T_{\min} + \Delta T$ ,  $T_{\min} + 2\Delta T, \dots, T_{\max}$  following standard TMC rules.<sup>1</sup> We choose  $T_{\max} \simeq 2.5T_{SG}$ ,  $T_{\min} \sim 0.5T_{SG}$ , and all  $\Delta T$  such that at least 30% of all attempted exchanges between systems at  $T$  and  $T + \Delta T$  are successful for all  $T$ . We let each system equilibrate for a time  $\tau_s$  and take averages over an equally long subsequent time  $\tau_s$ . Time  $\tau_s$  satisfies two requirements: (i)  $\langle \langle M \rangle_T^2 \rangle_q \ll 0.1 \langle \langle M^2 \rangle_T \rangle_q$  obtains for all  $T \in [T_{\min}, T_{\max}]$ , and (ii) systems that start from either random configurations or from (assumed) equilibrium configurations come to the same condition, as specified in Ref. 19, after time  $\tau_s$ . Values of  $\tau_s$ , of the number of samples  $N_s$  with different quenched randomness over which averages were taken, and of the site occupancy rate  $x$ , are given in Table II. Periodic boundary conditions are used throughout. For DID systems, we make use of Ewald sums.<sup>20</sup>

For the correlation length  $\xi$ , we make use, as has become standard practice,<sup>2,8,19,21</sup> of the original definition<sup>22</sup>

$$\xi^2 = \frac{1}{4 \sin^2(k/2)} \left[ \frac{\chi_{SG}}{|\chi_{SG}(\mathbf{k})|} - 1 \right], \quad (5)$$

where  $\chi_{SG}(\mathbf{k}) = N^{-1} \sum_{ij} \langle \langle s_i s_j \rangle \rangle_T \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij})$ , and we let  $\mathbf{k} = (2\pi/L, 0, 0)$ . Note that  $\chi_{SG}(\mathbf{k} = 0) = \chi_{SG}$  and that, as  $L \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\xi/L$  vanishes in the paramagnetic phase, remains finite at  $T = T_{SG}$ , and either grows without bounds below  $T_{SG}$ , as in a conventional phase transition, or remains finite as in the  $XY$  model in two dimensions. The point where  $\xi/L$  curves for various system sizes meet as  $T$  decreases defines  $T_{SG}$  for us.

All systems we report on below have a common feature: fractional errors for  $\chi_3$  are an order of magnitude larger than those for  $\chi_{SG}$  and for  $\chi_1$ . Unless otherwise stated, error bars

TABLE II. The number of samples  $N_s$  and the number of Monte Carlo sweeps  $\tau_s$  that were taken both for equilibration and for the subsequent averaging times are given in thousands of Monte Carlo sweeps. There are  $L^3$  lattice sites in RKKY and fcc systems, but  $L \times L \times 2L$  lattice sites for DID systems.

	RKKY			fcc			DID			
$L$	6	8	12	4	6	8	12	4	6	8
$\tau_s$	10	40	400	10	10	40	40	10	100	3000
$N_s$	100	40	10	10	40	10	5.6	100	15	4
$x$	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.35	0.35	0.35

are given for  $\chi_3$  and related quantities, but not for  $\chi_{SG}$  or  $\chi_1$ , which are all smaller than icons for their data points.

### III. RESULTS

All results in this section follow from TMC simulations.

#### A. Spatially disordered Ising spins with RKKY interactions

The Hamiltonian is given by Eq. (3), with  $J_{ij} = \varepsilon_c(\cos kr_{ij})(a/r_{ij})^3$ , i.e., an RKKY (Ref. 15) interaction, as in a canonical spin glass. We let  $ka = 2\pi$ , where  $a$  is a nearest-neighbor distance, and  $\varepsilon_c$  is an energy in terms of which all temperatures are given in this section. We let each site be occupied with  $x = 0.1$  probability.

Plots of  $\xi/L$  versus  $T$  for various system sizes are shown in Fig. 1(a). Not all pairs of curves cross at the same point. Let  $T_{i,j}$  be the temperature where curves for lengths  $L_i$  and  $L_j$  cross, where  $L_1 = 6$ ,  $L_2 = 8$ , and  $L_3 = 12$ . Plots of  $T_{ij}$  (where  $T_{1,2} = 0.29$ ,  $T_{1,3} = 0.23$ , and  $T_{2,3} = 0.20$ ) versus  $1/L_i L_j$  fall onto a straight line, which extrapolates to  $T = 0.10$  as  $1/L_i L_j \rightarrow 0$ . We, thus, estimate  $T_{SG} = 0.10$  and therefore expect  $T/x = 1.0$  for  $x \lesssim 1$  values since the  $1/r^3$  dependence of the interaction implies<sup>8</sup>  $\xi(x, T) = \xi(T/x)$ .

In Fig. 1(b), we can see that  $\chi_{SG}$  seems to grow without bounds with system size at  $T = T_{SG}$ . Indeed, we note that  $\chi_{SG} \sim L^{2-\eta}$ , where  $\eta \simeq -0.5$  at  $T_{SG}$ . This  $\eta$  value at the boundary of the range  $-0.5 \lesssim \eta \lesssim -0.2$  of quoted<sup>3</sup> values, from Monte Carlo simulations, for the EA model. We note in passing that this model and the EA model have been predicted<sup>16</sup> to be in the same universality class.

How  $-T^3 \chi_3$  behaves near  $T_{SG}$  is shown in Fig. 2(a). It varies with  $T$  and with  $L$  much as  $\chi_{SG}$  does in Fig. 1(b). The plots shown in Fig. 2(b) are consistent with  $-T^3 \chi_3 \sim \chi_{SG}$ . [The value  $\eta = -0.5$  follows from the plots shown in Fig. 1(b), not from any fitting of  $\chi_3$  to any desired behavior.] More significantly,  $-T^3 \chi_3 / \chi_{SG}$  appears to approach a *smooth* function of temperature in the neighborhood of  $T = T_{SG}$  as  $L \rightarrow \infty$ . This is the basis for the main conclusion of this section, namely, that  $-T^3 \chi_3$  and  $\chi_{SG}$  have the same critical behavior.

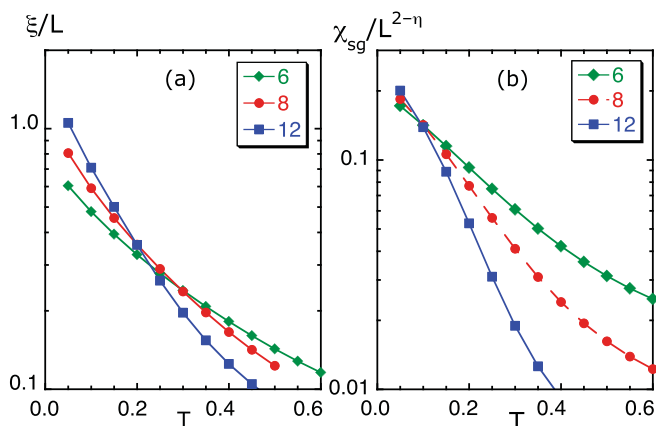


FIG. 1. (Color online) (a) Semilog plots of  $\xi/L$  vs  $T$  for  $(\pm 1)$  Ising spins with RKKY interactions, randomly located, on a 0.1 fraction of all  $L^3$  sites. The numbers in the box are  $L$  values. (b) Same as in (a) but for  $\chi_{SG}/L^{2-\eta}$  vs  $T$ , for  $\eta = -0.5$ .

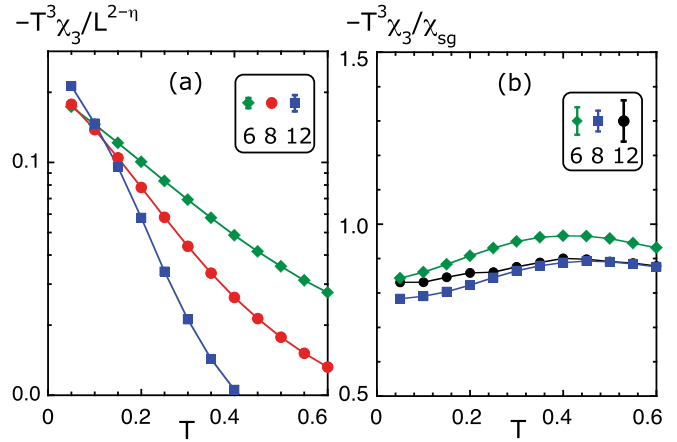


FIG. 2. (Color online) (a) Semilog plots of  $-T^3 \chi_3 / L^{2-\eta}$  vs  $T$ , for  $\eta = -0.5$ , for  $(\pm 1)$  Ising spins with RKKY interactions, randomly located, on a 0.1 fraction of  $L^3$  sites, for the values of  $L$ , which are shown in the box. (b) Same as in (a) but for  $-T^3 \chi_3 / \chi_{SG}$  vs  $T$ .

#### B. Site-diluted AF Ising model on a fcc lattice

Each site of a fcc lattice is occupied with a  $(\pm 1)$  Ising spin with a 0.4 probability. The Hamiltonian is given by Eq. (3), with  $J_{ij} = -J$  if  $i$  and  $j$  are nearest neighbors but  $J_{ij} = 0$  otherwise. A 0.4 occupancy rate is roughly midway between the lowest value  $x = 0.195$  for percolation<sup>23</sup> in fcc lattices and the transition point  $x \simeq 0.75$  between SG and AF phases.<sup>4</sup> All temperatures are given in terms of  $J$ .

Monte Carlo results for this model are shown in Figs. 3(a) and 3(b). We note in Fig. 3(a) that the crossing point between pairs of  $\xi/L$  curves drifts leftward as their  $L$  values increase. As for Fig. 1(a), let  $T_{i,j}$  be the temperature where curves for lengths  $L_i$  and  $L_j$  cross, where  $L_1 = 4$ ,  $L_2 = 6$ ,  $L_3 = 8$ , and  $L_4 = 12$ . A second-degree polynomial fit to a plot of  $T_{ij}$  (where  $T_{1,2} = 0.70$ ,  $T_{1,3} = 0.67$ ,  $T_{1,4} = 0.62$ ,  $T_{2,3} = 0.62$ ,  $T_{2,4} = 0.57$ , and  $T_{3,4} = 0.53$ ) versus  $1/L_i L_j$  gives  $T_{ij} \rightarrow 0.4$  as  $1/L_i L_j \rightarrow 0$ . We thus estimate  $T_{SG} = 0.4(1)$ , in agreement, within errors, with the values found for  $x = 0.4$  in Ref. 4. Plots of  $\chi_{SG}/L^{2-\eta}$  versus  $T$  are shown in Fig. 3(b) for  $\eta = -0.5$ .

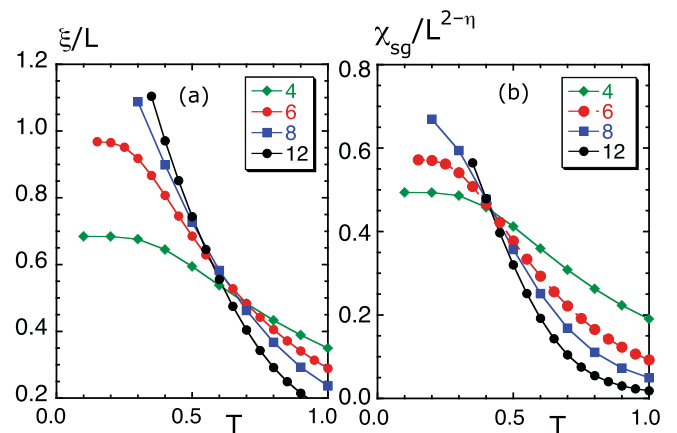


FIG. 3. (Color online) (a) Plots of  $\xi/L$  vs  $T$  for a  $(x = 0.4)$  site-diluted AF Ising model on an fcc lattice of  $L \times L \times L$  sites. The numbers in the box are  $L$  values. (b) Same as in (a) but for  $\chi_{SG}/L^{2-\eta}$  vs  $T$ , for  $\eta = -0.5$ .

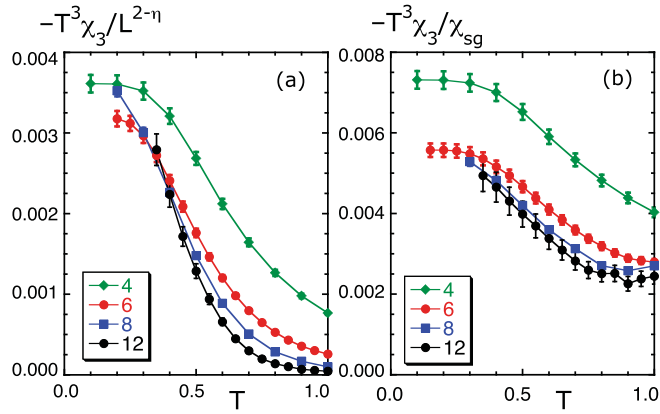


FIG. 4. (Color online) (a) Plots of  $-T^3 \chi_3 / L^{2-\eta}$  vs  $T$ , for  $\eta = -0.5$ , for a ( $x = 0.4$ ) site-diluted AF Ising model on an fcc lattice of  $L \times L \times L$  sites. The numbers in the box are  $L$  values. (b) Same as in (a) but for  $-T^3 \chi_3 / \chi_{SG}$  vs  $T$ .

This is the best value of  $\eta$  to have  $\chi_{SG} / L^{2-\eta}$  curves for various values of  $L$  cross at  $T_{SG}$ . This value of  $\eta$  is, within errors, in agreement with the value found for  $x = 0.4$  in Ref. 4.

Plots of  $-T^3 \chi_3 / L^{2-\eta}$  versus  $T$ , with  $\eta = -0.5$ , are shown in Fig. 4(a). The  $\eta = -0.5$  value is taken from the plots of  $\chi_{SG} / L^{2-\eta}$  versus  $T$ , not from any fitting of  $\chi_3$  to any desired behavior. The curves in Figs. 3(b) and 4(a) are somewhat different, but all curves for  $L = 6, 8$ , and  $12$  in both figures do cross, *within errors*, at the same temperature  $T_{SG} = 0.4$ .

In Fig. 4(b), we notice that  $-T \chi_3 \ll \chi_{SG}$ , which differs markedly from what might have been expected from the behavior of the EA model (and from the above results for SGs with RKKY interactions). More significantly, we observe  $-T \chi_3 / \chi_{SG}$  is, within errors, independent of  $L$  for the largest values of  $L$ , and appears to go into a smooth function of  $T$ , near  $T_{SG}$ , as  $L \rightarrow \infty$ . This suggests that, in the thermodynamic limit, both quantities have the same critical behavior.

### C. Spatially disordered ( $\pm 1$ ) Ising dipoles

Here, we consider disordered Ising dipolar (DID) systems in simple cubic (SC) lattices. We let each site be occupied, with a 0.35 probability, by a ( $\pm 1$ ) spin. All spins point up and down, along the  $z$  axis. The Hamiltonian is given by Eq. (3), with

$$J_{ij} = h_d \left( \frac{a}{r_{ij}^3} \right)^3 \left( 3 \frac{z_{ij}^2}{r_{ij}^2} - 1 \right), \quad (6)$$

where  $r_{ij}$  is the distance between  $i$  and  $j$  sites,  $z_{ij}$  is the  $z$  component of  $r_{ij}$ ,  $h_d$  is an energy, and  $a$  is the SC lattice constant.

Let us first recall that, despite some earlier numerical evidence to the contrary,<sup>9</sup> more recent calculations point to the existence of a phase transition between the paramagnetic and SG phases in diluted Ising dipolar systems<sup>7,8</sup> at  $T_{SG}/x \simeq 1$  for all  $x \lesssim 0.5$ . In addition,<sup>19</sup>  $\chi_{SG} \sim L^{2-\eta}$  at  $T = T_{SG}$ , where  $\eta \simeq 0$ .

We deal with the *magnetic* susceptibility here which, as is well known, depends on the shape of the system.<sup>25</sup> For this reason, we study numerically  $L \times L \times nL$  shaped prism

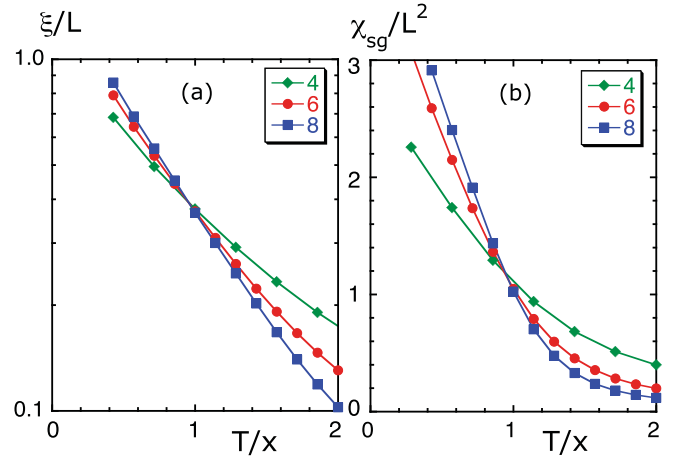


FIG. 5. (Color online) (a) Semilog plots of  $\xi/L$  vs  $T/x$  for DID systems on a 0.35 fraction of all  $L \times L \times L_z$  sites, where  $L_z = 2L$ . The numbers in the box are  $L$  values. (b) Same as in (a) but for  $\chi_{SG}/L^2$  vs  $T/x$ . Error bars are smaller than icons for all data points.

systems for various values of  $n$ , that is, square-base prisms with a  $1 : n$  aspect ratio.

Plots of  $\xi/L$  versus  $T/x$  are shown in Fig. 5(a) for  $n = 2$ . Curves for three different values of  $L$  are observed to cross at  $T/x \simeq 1.0$ . This transition temperature value is in agreement with the result found in Ref. 8 for  $n = 1$ , mainly, that  $T_{SG}/x \simeq 1.0$  for all  $x \lesssim 0.5$ . Plots of  $\chi_{SG}/L^2$  versus  $T/x$  are shown in Fig. 5(b). All curves are observed to cross at  $T/x = 0.95$ . This is approximately as in Ref. 8.

We now turn our attention to the *magnetic* susceptibility. Plots of  $-T^3 \chi_3 / L^2$  versus  $T/x$  are shown in Fig. 6(a) for systems of various sizes. These plots resemble those for  $\chi_{SG}$  in Fig. 5(b), but note that the crossing points are not quite at the same temperature in the two figures.

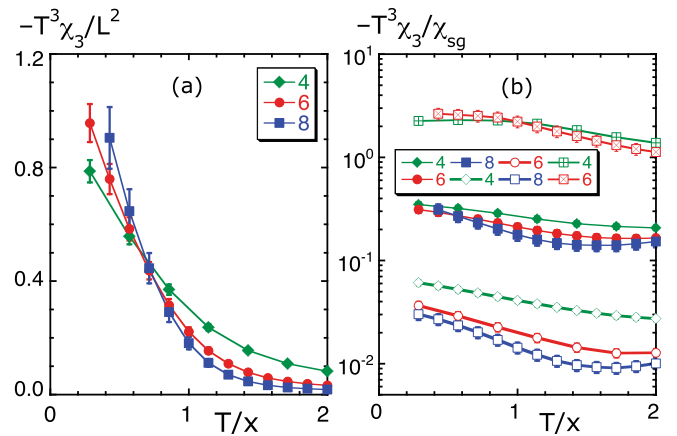


FIG. 6. (Color online) (a) Plots of  $-T^3 \chi_3 / L^2$  vs  $T/x$  for DID systems on a 0.35 fraction of all  $L \times L \times L_z$  sites, where  $L_z = 2L$ . (b) Plots of  $-T^3 \chi_3 / \chi_{SG}$  vs  $T/x$  for three  $1 : n$  aspect ratios,  $n = 4$  ( $\boxplus$  and  $\boxtimes$ ) for the two top curves,  $n = 2$  (full icons) for the three curves in the middle, and  $n = 1$  (empty icons) for the three lower curves. Error bars hardly protrude from icons. For both (a) and (b), the numbers in the box are the values of  $L$ .



In order to better compare  $-T^3\chi_3$  and  $\chi_{\text{SG}}$ , we plot in Fig. 6(b) the ratio  $-T^3\chi_3/\chi_{\text{SG}}$  versus  $T/x$  for systems of various sizes with 1 : 4, 1 : 2, and 1 : 1 aspect ratios. For a 1 : 4 aspect ratio, only data points for systems with  $4 \times 4 \times 16$  and  $6 \times 6 \times 24$  sites appear in Fig. 6(b). A larger system with the same aspect ratio would have taken a prohibitively long computer time to run. Let  $L_\star$  be a system length such that  $-T^3\chi_3/\chi_{\text{SG}}$  is approximately size independent if  $L \gtrsim L_\star$ . Clearly,  $L_\star \simeq 4$  and  $6$  for  $n = 4$  and  $2$ , respectively, in Fig. 6(b). For  $n = 1$ ,  $L_\star \simeq 8$  seems likely. This would be in accordance with the expectation that  $-T^3\chi_3$  and  $\chi_{\text{SG}}$  have the same critical behavior in DID systems, independently of aspect ratio.

Questions about the sharp variation of  $-T^3\chi_3/\chi_{\text{SG}}$  with respect to aspect ratio naturally arise. What is the asymptotic behavior of  $-T^3\chi_3/\chi_{\text{SG}}$ ? This is hard to foresee from the data plots shown in Fig. 6(b). To proceed much further numerically is impractical. The next section is devoted to this question.

#### IV. VARIATION OF $\chi_3$ WITH ASPECT RATIO IN DID SYSTEMS

In this section, we derive an approximate equation for the variation of  $\chi_3$  with shape in DID systems. Consider two systems of the same shape and size. In system  $f$ , all spin pairs interact. In the other system, system  $t$ , dipole-dipole interactions are truncated. In  $t$ , each spin interacts only with spins that lie within a long thin cylinder centered on it, the axis of which is parallel to the system's  $z$  axis. The radius of the cylinder need not be more than a couple of nearest-neighbor distances, but its length must be much longer than its radius. Let us furthermore assume that both systems are homogeneous, that is, all sites are occupied ( $x = 1$ ). Now, we know from Ref. 26 that if both systems are in thermal equilibrium, and external magnetic fields  $H_t$  and  $H_f$  are applied to systems  $t$  and  $f$ , respectively, such that  $m$  is the same in both systems, then

$$H_f = H_t - \lambda_n m, \quad (7)$$

where  $n$  comes from  $f$  system's 1 :  $n$  aspect ratio. Equation (7) holds because the only effect of the *untruncated* portion of all dipole-dipole interactions in  $f$  is to give the so-called *demagnetizing* field  $-\lambda_n m$ . For *dipolar* prisms of 1 :  $n$  aspect ratio, a scaling expression such as<sup>27</sup>  $m = t^{-\beta} f(Ht^{-\beta\delta})$  must therefore be replaced by

$$m = t^{-\beta} f[(H - \lambda_n m)t^{-\beta\delta}], \quad (8)$$

where  $H_f$  has been replaced by  $H$ .

Taking the derivative of Eq. (8) with respect to  $H$  [or, more simply, of Eq. (7) with respect to  $m$ ] gives

$$\frac{1}{\chi_1(n)} = \frac{1}{\chi_1(\infty)} + \lambda_n, \quad (9)$$

where  $\chi_1(n)$  is the linear susceptibility of a prism with a 1 :  $n$  aspect ratio, and, clearly,  $dm/dH_t = \chi_1(\infty)$ . This is the well-known equation<sup>25</sup> that experimentalists<sup>6,28</sup> often use in order to do away with demagnetization effects, and thus relate  $\chi_1(n)$ , the measured susceptibility, to  $\chi_1(\infty)$ .

Taking the  $d/dH_t$  derivative of Eq. (9) gives

$$\left(1 + \lambda_n \frac{dm}{dH_t}\right) \frac{1}{\chi_1^2(n)} \frac{d\chi_1(n)}{dH_n} = \frac{1}{\chi_1^2(\infty)} \frac{d\chi_1(\infty)}{dH_t}, \quad (10)$$

where we have used  $dH_n/dH_t = 1 + \lambda_n dm/dH_t$ , which follows from Eq. (7). We next (i) take the  $d/dH_t$  derivative of the above equation, (ii) let  $H_t = H_n = 0$ , and (iii) let  $d\chi_1(\infty)/dH_t = 0 = d\chi_1(n)/dH_n$  by up-down symmetry. The result is easily cast into

$$\chi_3(n) = \frac{\chi_3(\infty)}{[1 + \lambda_n \chi_1(\infty)]^4}, \quad (11)$$

which is the desired expression relating  $\chi_3(n)$  and  $\chi_3(\infty)$ .

Equations (9) and (11) enable us to calculate how  $\chi_3(n)$  varies with  $n$  if we know  $\chi_1$  and  $\chi_3$  for at least an aspect ratio each, as well as  $\lambda_n$ . A list of (easily computed)  $\lambda_n$  values for several values of  $n \in [0.5, 7]$ , as well as a functional relation for all  $n \geq 8$ , are given in Table III. Since the only effect of the long-range portion of all dipole-dipole interactions in  $f$  is to give the demagnetizing field<sup>26</sup>  $-\lambda_n m$ , we can calculate all  $\lambda_n$  assuming a fully occupied lattice in which all spins point up. Since only a single state comes into the calculation, no Monte Carlo simulation is necessary. This enables us to calculate  $\lambda_n$  for very large systems. The fact that only an  $x$  fraction of lattice sites is occupied in site-diluted SGs is *approximately* taken into account by letting  $\lambda_n \rightarrow x\lambda_n$  everywhere. Inhomogeneities in SGs are thus neglected.

Equation (9) gives the three dashed lines shown in Fig. 7(a) for  $\chi_1(\infty) = 7, 9$ , and  $11$ . With two of these values, we obtain from Eq. (11) the three curves for  $\chi_3(n)$  shown in Fig. 7(b) for values of  $\chi_3(\infty)$ . These curves do not fit the data points too well. On the other hand, a good fit for small system sizes should not be expected. We can nevertheless conclude with some confidence that  $\chi_3(n)$  does not diverge as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Indeed,  $\chi_3(\infty)$  is most likely within the (50, 120) range. Furthermore, observation of Fig. 7(b) indicates that  $\chi_3(n)/\chi_{\text{SG}}$  at  $T = T_{\text{SG}}$  varies over three or four orders of magnitude as system shape varies from cubic to infinitely thin needlelike.

It is perhaps worth pointing out that

$$\chi_3(n) = \frac{\chi_3(\infty)}{\chi_1^4(\infty)} \chi_1^4(n) \quad (12)$$

follows immediately from Eqs. (9) and (11) after Eq. (9) is cast into  $\chi_1(n) = \chi_1(\infty)/[1 + \lambda_n \chi_1(\infty)]$ . Equation (12) implies that  $\chi_3$  sweeps over four times as many decades as  $\chi_1$  does [compare Figs. 7(a) and 7(b)] as  $n$  varies.

Finally, note that the classical or quantum nature of DID systems does not play any role in this section. It does not matter

TABLE III.  $\lambda_n$  values, in terms of  $h_d$ , for some  $n$  in the [0.5, 7] range. For  $n \geq 8$ ,  $\lambda_n \simeq 8/n^2$ . For an  $x$  site occupancy rate,  $\lambda_n \rightarrow x\lambda_n$ .

$n$	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	4	5	6	7
$\lambda_n$	7.419	4.189	2.503	1.611	1.107	0.802	0.471	0.308	0.217	0.160

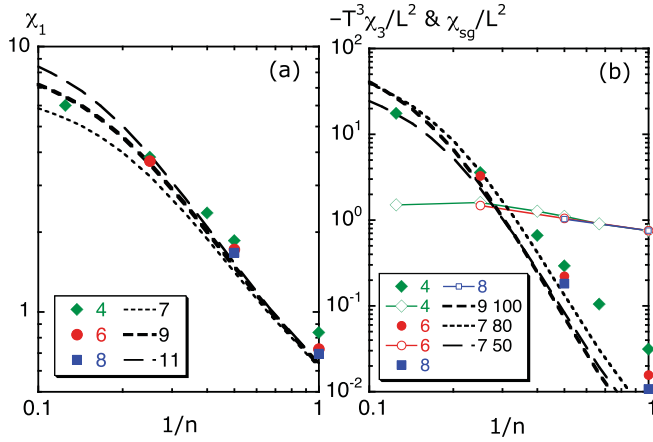


FIG. 7. (Color online) (a) Plots of  $\chi_1$  vs  $1/n$  for DID systems at  $T = T_{SG}$  on a 0.35 fraction of all  $L \times L \times nL$  sites. The shown numbers are  $L$  values for data points from Monte Carlo calculations. The dashed lines follow from Eq. (9), assuming the three values for  $\chi_1(\infty)$  that are shown in the box. (b) Same as in (a) but for (full icons)  $-T^3\chi_3/L^2$  and (open icons)  $\chi_{SG}/L^2$ . The dashed lines follow from Eqs. (9) and (11), and the shown pairs of values, such as 9 and 100, are for  $\chi_1(\infty)$  and  $\chi_3(\infty)$ , respectively.

either whether a transverse field is applied because it does not affect up-down symmetry. These equations can therefore be applied, as an illustration, to  $\text{Li}_{1-x}\text{Ho}_x\text{Y}_4$ , under a transverse field, as in Ref. 24, where  $T^2\chi_3/\chi_1 \sim 1$  was observed on a  $1.6 \times 16 \times 5 \text{ mm}^3$  sample. Values of  $\chi_1$  and  $\chi_3$  that would be some 3 and 100 times larger, respectively, for a long-thin-needlelike sample can be read off from Figs. 7(a) and 7(b).

## V. CONCLUSIONS

By the tempered Monte Carlo method,<sup>1</sup> we have tested whether the relation  $-T^3\chi_3 = \chi_{SG} - 2/3$ , which is known<sup>14</sup> to hold for the Edwards-Anderson model, also holds for several site-diluted spin glasses of  $(\pm 1)$  Ising spins, with (i) RKKY interactions, (ii) antiferromagnetic interactions between nearest-neighbor spins on fcc lattices, and (iii) dipole-

dipole interactions. As a by-product, we have obtained the values of  $\eta$  and  $T_{sg}$  that are listed in Table I.

We have found  $-T^3\chi_3 \sim \chi_{SG}$  to hold for Ising spins with RKKY interactions occupying a 0.1 fraction of all lattice sites. More significantly,  $-T^3\chi_3/\chi_{SG}$  appears to be (i) independent of linear system size, within errors, and (ii) a smooth function of temperature near  $T_{SG}$ . This suggests  $-T^3\chi_3$  and  $\chi_{SG}$  have the same critical behavior. Since the RKKY interaction decays as the inverse of the cube of the distance, these results must hold for lower values of  $x$  if the temperature is scaled with  $x$ .

We have found  $-T^3\chi_3$  to be over two orders of magnitude smaller than  $\chi_{SG}$  for Ising spins, with antiferromagnetic interactions, on a ( $x = 0.4$ ) site-diluted fcc lattice. Our results are, however, consistent with identical critical behavior of these two quantities.

In DID systems, the TMC data [see Fig. 6(b)] are consistent with  $\chi_3$  and  $\chi_{SG}$  diverging in the same manner as  $T \rightarrow T_{SG}$  from above. The sharp variation of  $-T^3\chi_3/\chi_{SG}$  with aspect ratio, which can be observed in Fig. 6(b), is noteworthy. How this comes about from demagnetization effects is explained in Sec. IV. In it, relations are derived, which together with data points coming from TMC simulations [see Fig. 7(b)] give rough estimates of  $-T^3\chi_3$  at or near  $T = T_{SG}$ . We find  $-T^3\chi_3/\chi_{SG}$  varies, as shown in Fig. 7(b), from  $-T^3\chi_3/\chi_{SG} \sim 10^{-2}$  for cubic shapes to  $-T^3\chi_3/\chi_{SG} \sim 10^2$  for long thin needles.

Our results for DID systems with an  $x = 0.35$  site occupancy rate can be generalized to smaller values of  $x$ . As discussed in Ref. 8, any physical quantity  $f$  satisfies  $f(x, T) = f(T/x)$  for  $x$  quite smaller than  $x_c$ , the critical concentration above which there is magnetic order at low temperature (e.g.,  $x_c \simeq 0.65$  for SC lattices<sup>8</sup> and  $x_c \simeq 0.25$  for  $\text{LiHo}_x\text{Y}_{1-x}\text{F}_4$ ).<sup>24</sup>

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