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Critical Behavior of Lévy Spin Glasses JUAN CARLOS ANDRESEN,
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of Physics, Texas A&M University & ETH Zurich — Universality, one of the founda-
tions of the theory of critical phenomena, is well established for many problems
in statistical physics. However, there is still debate if changing the disorder be-
tween the spins-spin interactions in spin glasses can influence the universality class
of the system. This apparent violation of universal behavior can be attributed to
the numerical complexity of these systems which limits simulations to small sys-
tems sizes, typically paired with strong corrections to scaling. Although it is well
established that universality is not violated for nearest-neighbor spin glasses with
compact disorder distributions (e.g., Gaussian and bimodal), some studies suggest
that this might not be the case when the disorder distributions are broad, as in the
case of the Lévy distribution. Using large-scale Monte Carlo simulations that com-
bine parallel tempering with specialized cluster moves, as well as innovative scaling
techniques, we show that Lévy spin glasses do obey universality for the system sizes
studied. Furthermore, we probe recent analytical predictions made for the critical
temperature of Lévy spin glasses as a function of the disorder distribution width.

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