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Abstract

For about a century since Ising model, one of the most important microscopic models of physics, was proposed, it is agreed that there is no phase-transition with temperature in the one-dimensional based on no global spontaneous-magnetization. On the contrary, our exact calculation of all-size spontaneous-magnetization and computer simulations of spin orientation states show that the low temperature state of one-dimensional Ising model (1D-IM) is a ferromagnetic phase of multi-domains, and it is concluded that the transition process from high temperature paramagnetic to low temperature ferromagnetic phase is a diffuse phase-transition by comparing with the corresponding phenomena. Moreover, based on the previous outcome that 1D-IM is always at paramagnetic state in whole temperature range, the corresponding one-dimensional materials cannot be used in storage and memory in principle. However, our results of the low temperature ferromagnetic state in 1D-IM indicate that the relevant materials have potential applications in storage devices.

INTRODUCTION

In the nearly 100 years since Ising model (IM)^{1,2}, one of the most important microscopic models of physics¹, especially in the field of phase-transition^{1,3-8}, was proposed in 1920, it is agreed that there is no temperature dependent phase-transition in the one-dimensional. This is because the calculated global spontaneous-magnetization of the model system is zero in whole temperature range^{2,3}.

It should be pointed out that the absence of global spontaneous-magnetization does not deny the possible existence of spontaneous-magnetization regions of finite-sizes, such as multi-domain ferromagnetic state^{9,10}, in 1D-IM. In order to solve this problem, we need to get the all-size spontaneous-magnetization of this model, but to the best of the authors' knowledge, there has been no research on it so far.

Moreover, 1D-IM has a diffuse heat-capacity (specific-heat) peak around a certain temperature^{2,3}. As an analogy, there is also a diffuse heat-capacity peak with temperature in the heterogeneous systems, and this peak reflects the diffuse phase-transition¹¹⁻¹³. Corresponding to this transition, the order-parameter¹⁴⁻¹⁷ is also spatially inhomogeneous^{18,19}, i.e. it can mainly be described by the finite-size part of all-size order-parameter²⁰.

In this paper, the all-size spontaneous-magnetization, i.e. spontaneous magnetization in all sizes (Eq.3), with temperature in 1D-IM is calculated accurately, and the results show that the low temperature state of this model is a ferromagnetic phase of multi-domains^{9,10,21-23}. Our computer simulation of spin orientation states^{24,25} also confirm this conclusion intuitively. Moreover, it is concluded that the transition process from high temperature paramagnetic to low temperature ferromagnetic phase is a diffuse phase-transition by comparing with the corresponding phenomena^{14-19,26-29}.

RESULTS

The Hamiltonian (H_{1D-IM}) of 1D-IM^{2,3} is,

$$H_{1D-IM} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[-J \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \right] \quad (1)$$

in which σ_i is the i th spin and $\sigma_i = \pm 1$, J the interaction energy constant between the nearest-neighbor spins, and N the total number of spins in the model system.

In the model, the magnetic-moment (s_l^r) including arbitrary l nearest-neighbor spins or spin segment with length l spins is,

$$s_l^r \equiv \mu \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} \sigma_{r+i} \quad (2)$$

where μ is the magnetic moment of a spin, and r expresses an arbitrary reference site.

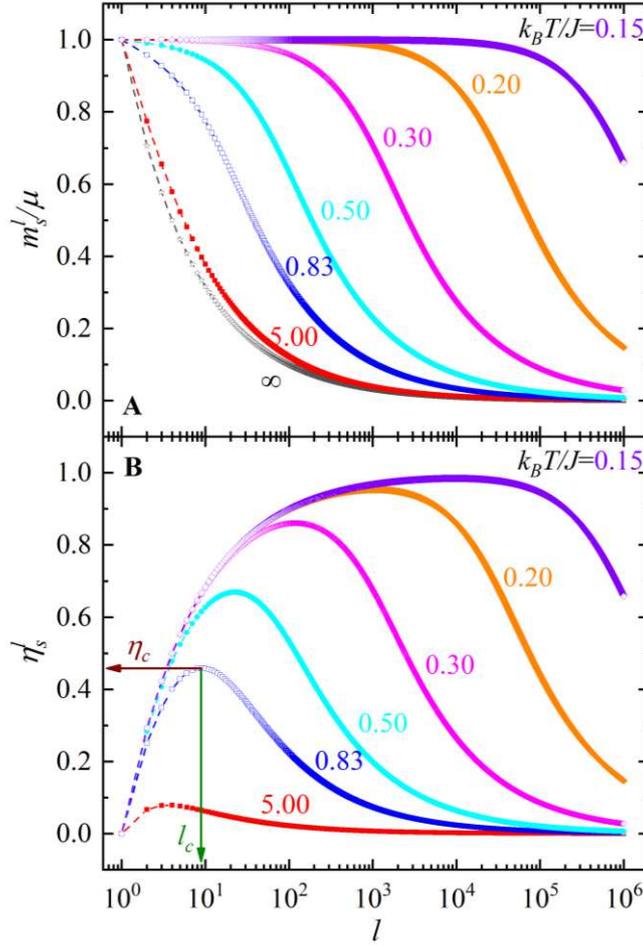


Fig. 1 For series temperature (T), (A) all-size spontaneous-magnetization (m_s^l) and (B) all-size order-parameter (η_s^l) vs the spin number (l) of spin segments in one-dimensional Ising model.

To describe the temperature dependence of the amplitude of s_l^r (excluding the orientations corresponding to its signs) in this paper, the all-size spontaneous-magnetization (m_s^l) of 1D-IM is defined as (see METHODS),

$$m_s^l \equiv \frac{1}{l} \sqrt{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{Z_N} \sum_{\sigma_i = \pm 1, \dots, \sigma_n = \pm 1} (s_l^r)^2 \exp \left[\frac{J}{k_B T} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \right]} \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{\mu}{l} \sqrt{2 \left[\frac{l - \gamma^l}{1 - \gamma} - \frac{\gamma(1 - \gamma^{l-1})}{(1 - \gamma)^2} \right] - l}$$

here k_B is Boltzmann constant, T the temperature of the heat bath in which the one-dimensional spin chain is located, Z_N the partition function of the spin orientation ensemble of 1D-IM, and $\gamma \equiv \tanh\left(\frac{J}{k_B T}\right)$.

Obviously, m_s^∞ is the global spontaneous-magnetization when $l \rightarrow \infty$. From Eq. 3, we can get that $m_s^\infty = 0$ except $T \rightarrow 0$, which is consistent with the past result^{2,3}.

Fig. 1A shows m_s^l vs l for series T , and it can be seen that: (i) At high temperature (e.g. $T = 5.00J/k_B$), m_s^l decreases rapidly with increasing l , which indicates that the spatial scale of spontaneous-magnetization is small; and (ii) At low temperature (e.g. $T = 0.15J/k_B$), $m_s^l \rightarrow \mu$ in a large range of l , which states clearly that the spontaneous-magnetization regions not only have a large size, but also almost all the spins in the regions point along the same orientation.

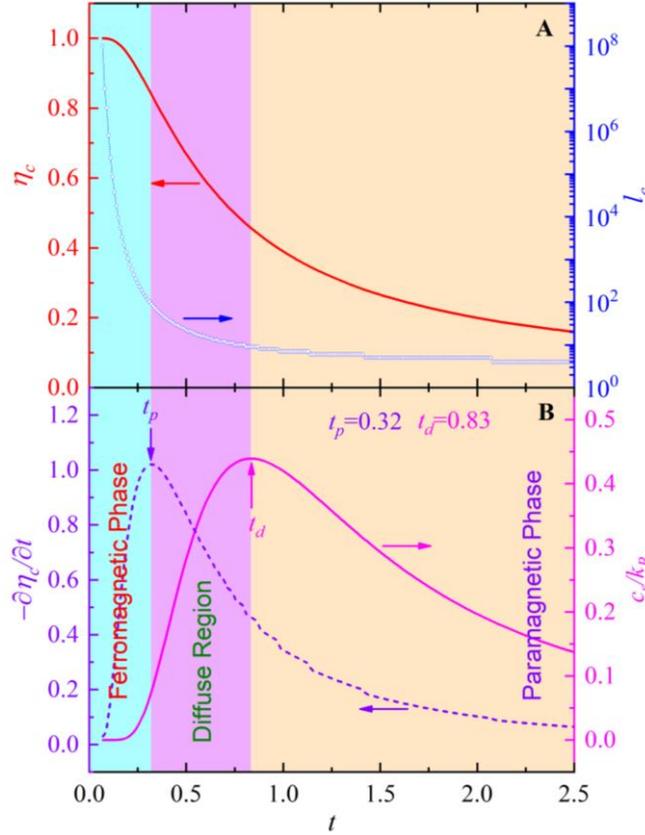


Fig. 2 (A) characteristic spontaneous-magnetization (η_c) and its characteristic-size (l_c), as well as (B) $-\partial \eta_c / \partial t$ and heat capacity per spin (c_s) in 1D-IM vs reduced temperature ($t \equiv k_B T / J$).

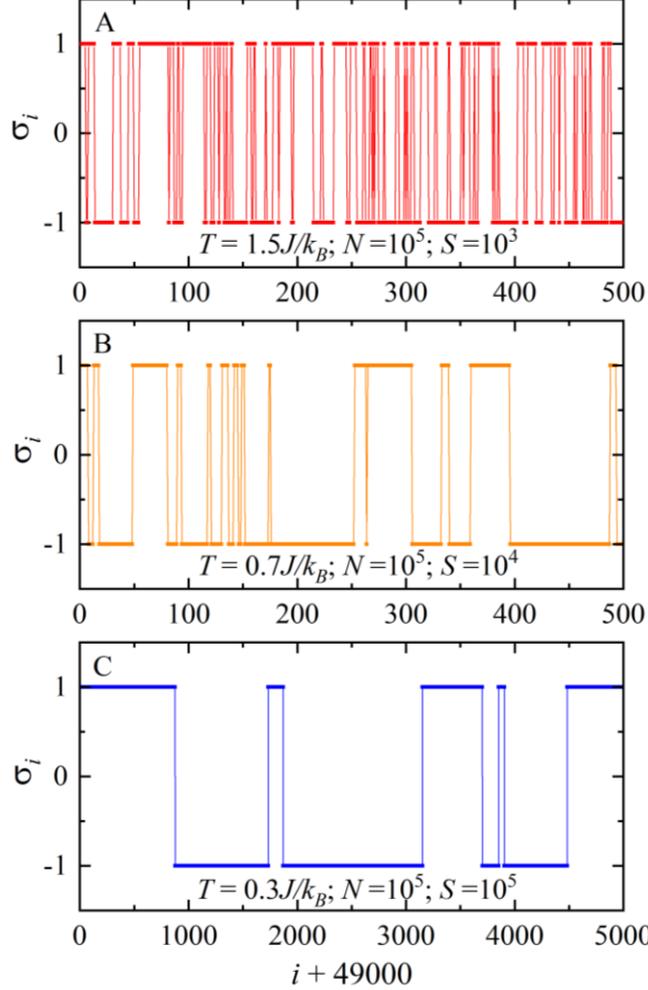
DISCUSSION

According to Landau theory³⁰, the order-parameter is the key of phase-transition, which characterizes the relative change of low to high temperature phase. It should be noted that the

80 order-parameter of Landau theory is essentially global order-parameter, which is defined on
 81 the size of micro-infinitely-great and macro-infinitely-small. Here, all-size order-parameter (η_s^l)
 82 is introduced, that is the relative variation of m_s^l to its high temperature limit value
 83 [$m_s^l(T \rightarrow \infty)$],

$$84 \quad \eta_s^l \equiv \frac{m_s^l - m_s^l(T \rightarrow \infty)}{\mu} \quad (4)$$

85 In fact, $m_s^l(T \rightarrow \infty)$ represents the autocorrelation (σ_i^2) of a spin (Eq. 3 and M5 in
 86 METHODS), and of course has nothing to do with the phase-transition process.



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 88 **Fig. 3** For $T = 1.5 J/k_B$ (A), $0.7 J/k_B$ (B), and $0.3 J/k_B$ (C), spin orientation states (σ_i) vs their sites (i) in
 89 the segments [500 (A), 500 (B), and 5000 (C)] from the reference position (49000) of one-dimensional
 90 Ising model with chain length ($N = 10^5$) at thermal equilibrium after certain Monte Carlo steps (S).

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 92 At series T , η_s^l vs l is shown in Fig. 1B, which indicates that for all T , η_s^l has a single
 93 diffuse peak as a function of l . In this paper, the maximum value of η_s^l is expressed as η_c , and
 94 the corresponding value of l as l_c . Obviously, η_c and l_c can be used as the characteristic
 95 parameters to describe the intensity and size of all-size spontaneous-magnetization, so here η_c
 96 is called the characteristic-order-parameter and l_c the characteristic-size of η_c in 1D-IM.
 97 Moreover, the dispersion of the η_s^l peak shows that both the size of the spontaneous-
 98 magnetization regions and its internal magnetization have obvious distribution.

99 η_c and l_c vs T (Fig. 2A) show that, with decreasing T : (a) η_c first increases slowly, then
100 rapidly, and slowly again; and (b) l_c first increases slowly and then rapidly. As an analogy, the
101 simulated spin orientation states (σ_i) vs their sites (i) in the segments from the reference
102 position of a spin chain at thermal equilibrium for different T is plotted in Fig. 3 (see
103 Methods)^{24,25}, which shows that: (a) When T is high, the regions with the same σ_i value is
104 small (Fig. 3A for $T = 1.5J/k_B$); (b) With decreasing T , the average scale of such regions
105 increases rapidly (Fig. 3B for $T = 0.7J/k_B$); and (c) For $T = 0.3J/k_B$, the average size has
106 reached $\sim 10^3$ spins (Fig. 3C), and it can be imagined that the size will be larger if T is lower.

107 The low temperature state of 1D-IM is first discussed here. For $T = 0.07J/k_B$, $\eta_c =$
108 0.9999 and $l_c = 10^8$. If the lattice parameter of 1D-IM is assumed to be 0.3nm , the
109 characteristic-size of the spontaneous-magnetization regions will reach macroscopic 3cm .
110 When $T < 0.07J/k_B$, η_c and l_c will become larger, as shown in Fig. 2A. The computer
111 simulation results also intuitively confirm this conclusion (Fig. 3C). Such macroscopic scale
112 regions of almost completely spontaneous-magnetization show that 1D-IM has ferromagnetic-
113 regions or domains^{9,10,21-23} of macroscopic scale at non-zero low temperature. In addition, $\eta_s^l \rightarrow$
114 0 when $l \rightarrow \infty$, i.e. $\eta_s^\infty \rightarrow 0$ (Fig. 1B and Eqs. 3-4), indicating that 1D-IM is at the
115 ferromagnetic multi-domain state^{9,10,21-23} at low temperature.

116 According to the definition of ferromagnetic phase^{9,10}, i.e. there is non-zero or measurable
117 uniform spontaneous-magnetization in a size much larger than the lattice constant, and by
118 comparing with corresponding experimental results^{18,19,21-23}, it can be concluded that the state
119 of 1D-IM at non-zero low temperature is a ferromagnetic phase.

120 By analogy: (a) The domain size in the ferromagnetic and ferroelectric phases of
121 traditional ferromagnetic and ferroelectric single crystals at room temperature is about μm to
122 mm^{21-23} , such as $\sim 2 \times 10^{-2}\text{mm}$, $\sim 1\text{mm}$ and $\sim 2\text{mm}$ for Si-Fe²¹, TGS²² and LiNbO₃²³, respectively;
123 and (b) The domain size in the ferroelectric phase of the relaxor-ferroelectric single crystal at
124 room temperature is about $1\mu\text{m}^{18,19}$, for example, $\sim 1\mu\text{m}$ for both PbMgNbO₃ and
125 Sr_{0.61}Ba_{0.31}NbO₆¹⁹.

126 Since 1D-IM must be of paramagnetic phase when T is high enough, some transition
127 process from paramagnetic to ferromagnetic phase must occur during cooling, and the process
128 is diffuse with temperature (Fig. 2A).

129 It is worth noting that, traditionally, the phase-transition classification of Ehrenfest³¹ is
130 based on the specific singularities of the thermodynamic potential, although this cannot be
131 directly verified experimentally. The exact solutions of the heat-capacity and global
132 spontaneous-magnetization of 2D-Ising model³ given by Onsager³² and Yang³³, respectively,
133 do confirm this classification theoretically. However, it is gradually found that there is diffuse
134 phase-transition without the singularities of the thermodynamic potential in the component-
135 heterogeneous^{14-17,26,27} and finite-size^{28,29} systems with time.

136 By comparing the order-parameters^{14-17,26}, heat-capacity¹¹⁻¹³, and domain structure
137 evolution^{18,19} of existing diffuse phase-transition with the diffuse variation of η_c (Fig. 2A), the
138 diffuse peak^{2,3} of heat-capacity (c_s) per spin (Fig. 2B), and the diffuse transition between the
139 nanoscale regions and macroscopic domains of spontaneous-magnetization^{9,10,21-23} as a
140 function of T (Fig. 1B and 2A), it can be concluded that a diffuse phase-transition between
141 paramagnetic and ferromagnetic phases with temperature occurs in 1D-IM. Moreover, the
142 diffuse heat-capacity peak^{2,3} with temperature is just a sign of the diffuse phase-transition in
143 this model.

144 Moreover, several one-dimensional Ising and Heisenberg models with decorated
145 structures, have shown pseudo-transitions with temperature³⁴⁻³⁶. Specifically, the first

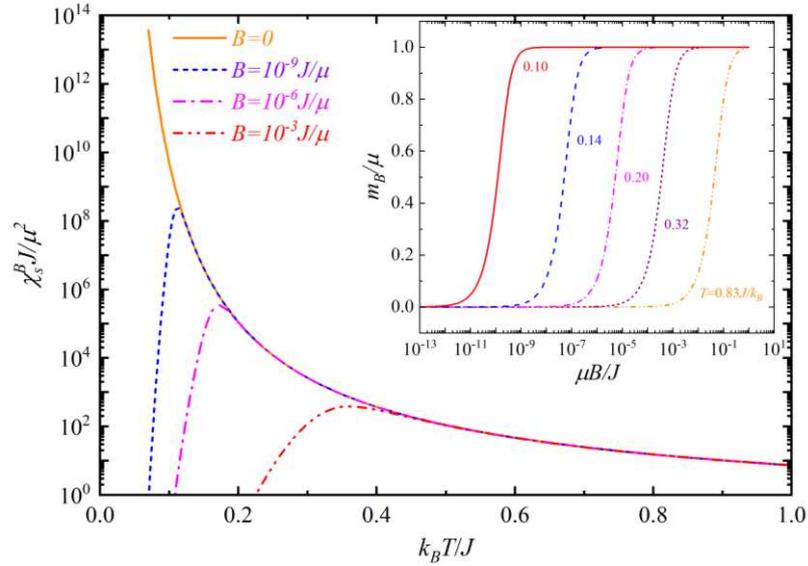
146 derivatives of the thermodynamic potential, such as entropy, internal energy, and spontaneous-
 147 magnetization, show a significant jump as a function of temperature, maintaining a close
 148 similarity with 1st-order phase-transition. Similarly, the 2nd-order derivatives of potential
 149 thermodynamics, such as specific heat and magnetic susceptibility, resemble a typical 2nd-order
 150 phase-transition at finite temperature. The authors think that this may be due to the size increase
 151 of the original short-size order-parameter in such one-dimensional models under the influence
 152 of the decorated structures.

153 According to the method of Ref.²⁰, the temperature corresponding to the maximum of
 154 $-\frac{\partial \eta_c}{\partial T}$ is defined as the characteristic temperature (T_p) of diffuse phase-transition in 1D-IM, and
 155 it is obtained $T_p = 0.32J/k_B$ (Fig. 2B).

156 It should be pointed out that T_p is lower than the peak temperature ($T_d = 0.83J/k_B$) of c_s
 157 (Fig. 2B). For 2nd-order or continuous phase-transition, the peak temperatures of heat-capacity
 158 and the negative of the derivative of order-parameter to T are equal to each other^{30,32,33}, thus
 159 the authors think that the difference between T_p and T_d just reflects the dispersion of the diffuse
 160 phase-transition. To describe this dispersion, the diffuse-degree (φ) of the transition is defined
 161 as,

$$162 \quad \varphi \equiv \frac{T_d - T_p}{T_d + T_p} = 0.44 \quad (5)$$

163 It is worth noting that the static susceptibility (χ_s) per spin in 1D-IM (Fig. 4) always
 164 increases rapidly with decreasing T ^{2,3}, instead of the λ -type peak of 2nd-order phase-transition³⁰,
 165 which is thought to be one of the key evidences that no phase-transition with temperature exist
 166 in this model.



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 168 **Fig. 4** Static susceptibility (χ_s^B) per spin vs t for a series of external magnetic fields (B) in one-
 169 dimensional Ising model. The inset shows the magnetization (m_B) per spin vs B at series
 170 temperature (T).

171
 172 In order to further explore the micro-mechanism of the above characteristic of χ_s , the
 173 static susceptibility (χ_s^B) per spin of 1D-IM in a fixed external magnetic field (B) is calculated
 174 according to Ref.³, i.e. the magnetization (m_B) per spin is,

$$m_B = \frac{\mu \sinh\left(\frac{\mu B}{k_B T}\right)}{\left[\sinh^2\left(\frac{\mu B}{k_B T}\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{4J}{k_B T}\right)\right]^{1/2}} \quad (6)$$

and χ_s^B is,

$$\chi_s^B \equiv \frac{\partial m_B}{\partial B} = \frac{\mu^2}{J} \frac{1}{t} \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{b}{t}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{4}{t}\right)}{\left[\sinh^2\left(\frac{b}{t}\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{4}{t}\right)\right]^{3/2}} \quad (7)$$

here $b \equiv \mu B/J$ is reduced magnetic field.

As shown in Fig. 4, for finite small B , there is a single diffuse peak of χ_s^B with T , and the peak temperature moves to high temperature with the increase of B . This is due to that a very small B can saturate the magnetization of 1D-IM at low temperature, e.g. the saturation $B \sim 10^{-9} J/\mu$ for $T = 0.10 J/k_B$ (inset of Fig. 4), while the saturated magnetization leads to a smaller value of χ_s^B . Because the saturation magnetization corresponds to the single domain state of the model, the increase of χ_s at low temperature is caused by the movement of domain walls³⁷⁻⁴⁰.

In particular, because the measurement magnetic field used in experiments is always finite, the susceptibility peak (Fig. 4) will appear in 1D-IM as long as the experimental measurement is carried out. In other words, the continuously increasing characteristic of the theoretically predicted χ_s ($\chi_s^{B=0}$) with decreasing T cannot be measured directly, which is only ideal value.

It should be noted that, when there is no external B , the magnetization of IM in thermal equilibrium must be zero at all temperature^{3,33}. Therefore, the traditional method for calculating spontaneous-magnetization of this model is to first add a non-zero B to IM and then calculate the magnetization of the model system. The magnetization obtained for $B \rightarrow 0$ is the spontaneous-magnetization of IM³, such as Yang's calculation of 2D-IM³³. This means that the low temperature ferromagnetic phase of 2D-IM is a multi-domain state, and its coercive magnetic field tends to zero^{9,10}. In other words, the above traditional method is not applicable to the model systems in which the coercivity field is not zero. As shown in the inset of Fig. 4, 1D-IM belongs to this class, and specifically, its coercive field is very small but does not tend to zero at low temperature except $T \rightarrow 0$. Obviously, the method for calculating all-size spontaneous-magnetization proposed in this paper does not have this problem, and the size of the magnetization regions can be obtained.

Moreover, according to the above traditional method, the calculated spontaneous-magnetization of finite-size 2D-IM is also zero in the whole temperature region, i.e. there is no phase-transition³, although a diffuse heat-capacity peak with temperature appears in this model^{41,42}. On the contrary, it is generally believed that this model has phase-transition based on the computer simulation results^{24,43,44}. The authors think that a feasible way to solve this dispute is to calculate the all-size spontaneous-magnetization of the model, which needs further researches.

Although diffuse phase-transition is common in component-heterogeneous^{14-17,26,27,45-47} and small-size^{28,29,48} systems, there is no accurate calculation of the corresponding theoretical models so far²⁰. Therefore, the exact results of the all-size order-parameter (Eq.4) in this paper may give some clues to the studies of this kind of phase-transition.

Traditionally, the description to 1st and 2nd-order phase-transitions is based on global order-parameter (such as global spontaneous-magnetization and polarization etc.)^{2,3,9,10,30}, but it cannot describe the spatially heterogeneous behavior of the order-parameter corresponding to the diffuse phase-transition in component-heterogeneous^{14-17,26,27,45-47} and small-size^{28,29,48}

217 systems. Obviously, for the all-size order-parameter proposed in Ref.²⁰ and this paper contains
 218 the global order-parameter, it can provide a unified description of 1st and 2nd-order as well as
 219 diffuse phase-transitions.

220 Based on the previous conclusion that 1D-IM is always at paramagnetic state in whole
 221 temperature range^{2,3}, the corresponding one-dimensional materials cannot be used in storage
 222 and memory in principle. However, our results of the low temperature ferromagnetic state in
 223 1D-IM (Fig. 2A) indicates that the relevant materials have potential applications in storage
 224 devices^{49,50}. Therefore, this is also a problem worthy of in-depth study.

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226 METHODS

227 Calculation of all-size spontaneous-magnetization

228 The method to calculate the all-size spontaneous-magnetization (m_s^l) in 1D-IM is as the
 229 follows.

230 The partition function (Z_N) of the spin orientation ensemble corresponding to H_{1D-IM}
 231 (Eq. 1) is,

$$232 \quad Z_N \equiv \sum_{\sigma_1=\pm 1, \dots, \sigma_N=\pm 1} \exp \left[v \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sigma_i^1 \sigma_{i+1}^1 \right] = 2^N \cosh^{N-1}(v) \quad (M1)$$

233 where $v \equiv \frac{J}{k_B T}$.

234 Let,

$$235 \quad X_l \equiv \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{Z_N} \sum_{\sigma_1=\pm 1, \dots, \sigma_N=\pm 1} (s_l^r)^2 \exp \left[v \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \right] \quad (M2)$$

236 and according to,

$$237 \quad (s_l^r)^2 = \mu^2 \left\{ l + 2 \left[\sum_{i=1}^{l-1} \sigma_{r+i-1}^1 \sigma_{r+i}^1 + \sum_{i=2}^{l-1} \sigma_{r+i-2}^1 \sigma_{r+i}^1 + \dots + \sum_{i=l-1}^{l-1} \sigma_r^1 \sigma_{r+l-1}^1 \right] \right\} \quad (M3)$$

238 we obtain,

$$239 \quad X_l = \mu^2 \left[l + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{l-1} (l-k) \zeta_k \right] \quad (M4)$$

240 where ζ_k is the correlation function between σ_r and σ_{r+k} , i.e.

$$241 \quad \zeta_k \equiv \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{Z_N} \sum_{\sigma_1=\pm 1, \dots, \sigma_N=\pm 1} \sigma_r \sigma_{r+k} \exp \left[v \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \right] \quad (M5)$$

$$= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^N} \sum_{\sigma_1=\pm 1, \dots, \sigma_N=\pm 1} \prod_{i=1}^{N-1} (1 + \gamma \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}) \sigma_r \sigma_{r+k}$$

242 Based on,

$$243 \quad I_0 \equiv \sum_{\sigma_r=\pm 1} (1 + \gamma \sigma_{r-1} \sigma_r) (1 + \gamma \sigma_r \sigma_{r+1}) \sigma_r \quad (M6)$$

$$= 2\gamma (\sigma_{r-1} + \sigma_{r+1})$$

$$244 \quad I_1 \equiv \sum_{\sigma_{r+1}=\pm 1} I_0 (1 + \gamma \sigma_{r+1} \sigma_{r+2}) \quad (M7)$$

$$= 2^2 \gamma (\sigma_{r-1} + \gamma \sigma_{r+2})$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
I_k &\equiv \sum_{\sigma_{r+k}=\pm 1} I_{k-1} (1 + \gamma \sigma_{r+k} \sigma_{r+k+1}) \sigma_{r+k} \\
&= 2^{k+1} \gamma (\gamma^{k-1} + \gamma \sigma_{r-1} \sigma_{r+k+1})
\end{aligned} \tag{M8}$$

we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
\zeta_k &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^N} \sum_{\substack{\sigma_1=\pm 1, \dots, \sigma_{r-1}=\pm 1 \\ \sigma_{r+k+1}=\pm 1, \dots, \sigma_N=\pm 1}} I_k \prod_{i=1}^{r-2} (1 + \gamma \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}) \prod_{i=r+k+1}^{N-1} (1 + \gamma \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}) \\
&= \gamma^k
\end{aligned} \tag{M9}$$

From Eq. M4 and M9, we obtain,

$$X_l = \mu^2 \left[l + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{l-1} (l-k) \gamma^k \right] \tag{M10}$$

Here, $\sum_{k=1}^{l-1} (l-k) \gamma^k$ is the well-known arithmetic-geometric series, and

$$X_l = \mu^2 \left\{ 2 \left[\frac{l - \gamma^l}{1 - \gamma} - \frac{\gamma(1 - \gamma^{l-1})}{(1 - \gamma)^2} \right] - l \right\} \tag{M11}$$

Therefore,

$$m_s^l = \frac{\mu}{l} \sqrt{2 \left[\frac{l - \gamma^l}{1 - \gamma} - \frac{\gamma(1 - \gamma^{l-1})}{(1 - \gamma)^2} \right] - l} \tag{M12}$$

and obviously,

$$m_s^l(T \rightarrow \infty) = \frac{\mu}{l^{1/2}} \tag{M13}$$

Simulation of spin orientation states in 1D-IM

The method to simulate the spin orientation states in 1D-IM by a computer is as the follows²⁴.

1. Simulate a spin chain of length N with its σ_i ($i = 1, \dots, N$) initial state being completely disordered. The disorder initial state is constructed by generating a random number r_d , and if $r_d < 0.5$, $\sigma_i = 1$, otherwise $\sigma_i = -1$. Obviously, this corresponds to the case of $T \rightarrow \infty$ of the spin chain.
2. The evolution of the spin chain from the initial state to thermal equilibrium one of a certain T is determined by Glauber dynamics²⁵, i.e. the transition probability from σ_i to $-\sigma_i$ is,

$$p_i = \frac{\exp \left[-\frac{J \sigma_i (\sigma_{i-1} + \sigma_{i+1})}{k_B T} \right]}{\exp \left[\frac{J \sigma_i (\sigma_{i-1} + \sigma_{i+1})}{k_B T} \right] + \exp \left[-\frac{J \sigma_i (\sigma_{i-1} + \sigma_{i+1})}{k_B T} \right]} \tag{M14}$$

where $i = 1, \dots, n$, and $\sigma_0 = \sigma_{n+1} = 0$.

The specific simulation process is as follows: (a) Generate a random number r_d^i for any i value, and if $r_d^i < p_i$, $\sigma_i = -\sigma_i$, otherwise σ_i remains unchanged; (b) The above operation is performed once for each spin in the spin chain, which is called a Monte Carlo step; and (c) The Monte Carlo step is repeated S times until the spin chain reaches thermal equilibrium.

3. The criterion parameter of thermal equilibrium selected in this paper is the average nearest-neighbor anti-bond number (d) in the spin chain,

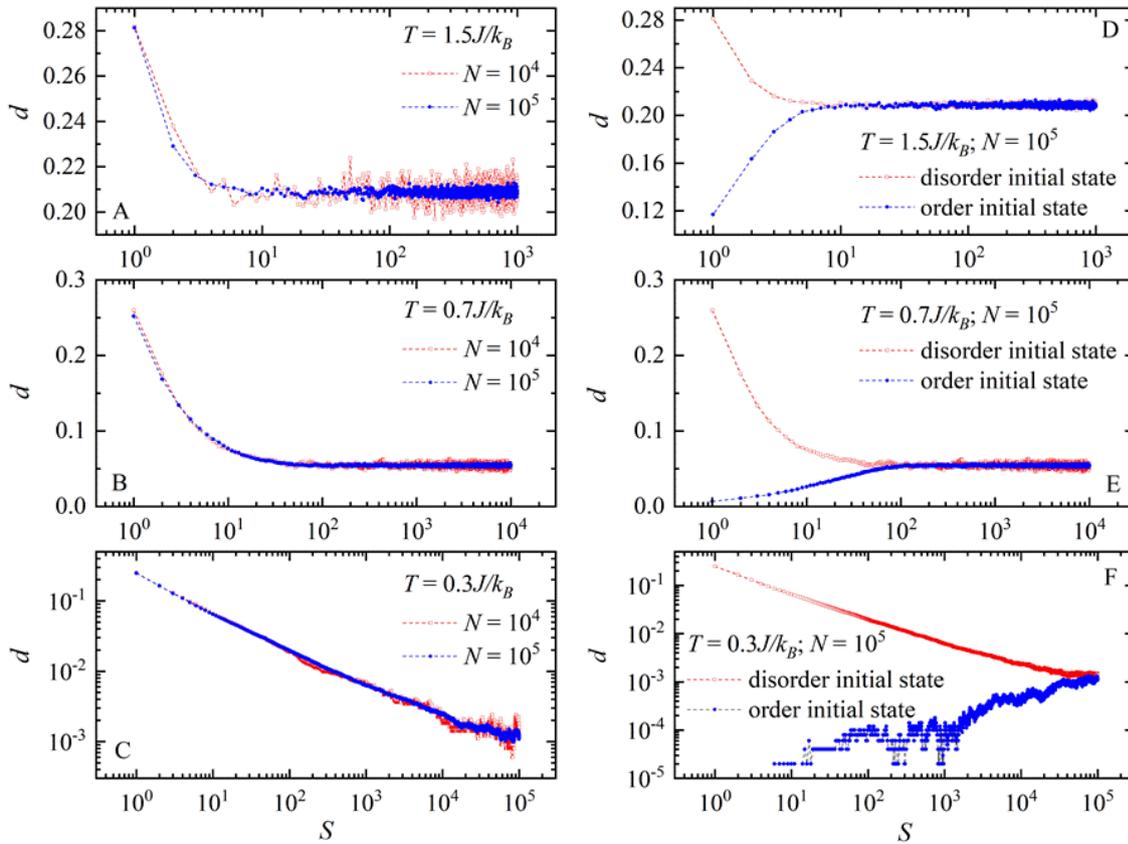
$$d \equiv \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \delta_{\sigma_i, -\sigma_{i+1}} \tag{M15}$$

In which, $\delta_{\sigma_i, -\sigma_{i+1}}$ is a special Kronecker δ -function, i.e. for $\sigma_i = -\sigma_{i+1}$, $\delta_{\sigma_i, -\sigma_{i+1}} = 1$, otherwise $\delta_{\sigma_i, -\sigma_{i+1}} = 0$. This is because from d , the average nearest-neighbor positive-

279 bond number in the spin chain is $1 - d$, and then the average internal energy of each spin
 280 is $\frac{N-1}{N}J(2d - 1)$. Because 1D-IM is a canonical ensemble, and the thermal equilibrium
 281 condition of the ensemble is energy.

282 Fig. 5 (A, B and C) shows the modulated d vs S for series T and N in 1D-IM. It can be
 283 seen that: (a) When S is large enough, d tends to a stable value, indicating that the system is in
 284 thermal equilibrium; (b) With decreasing T , the greater S is required for the system to reach
 285 the equilibrium; and (c) The larger the N , the smaller the fluctuation of d when the system is
 286 at the equilibrium.

287 For comparison, this paper also simulates d vs S for series T and N of 1D-IM whose
 288 initial state is completely ordered ($d = 0$), as shown in Fig. 5 (D, E and F). The results show
 289 that when S is large enough, d tends to the value of the initial state of complete disorder,
 290 indicating that the spin chain is indeed in thermal equilibrium.



291 **Fig. 5** Modulated average anti-bond number (d) vs Monte Carlo steps (S) for series temperature
 292 (T) and spin number (N) with the disorder initial spin state (A, B, and C) of one-dimensional Ising
 293 model. For series T , d vs S of the disorder and order initial spin states in the model when $N = 10^5$
 294 (D, E, and F).
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297 DATA AVAILABILITY

298 The data that support the plots and other findings of this paper are available from the
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