
Scaling Approach to Complexity

Mini-talk 3

Widom's Hypothesis
Kadanoff's Block Decimation

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Agenda

- Experimental Data
- Homogeneous Functions, a Review
- Scaling hypothesis of Widom
- Order Parameter of Landau
 - Concept only
- Block Renormalization of Kadanoff
- Next time:
 - Landau's Order Parameter
 - Correlation function of Ornstein-Zernike




Notable Quote

- The principal object of research in any department of knowledge
- is to find the point of view from which
- the subject appears in its **Simplicity**

J. W. Gibbs





Motivation I: Systems

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Motivation II: Parameters

TABLE II. Parameters describing phase transition.

Physical quantity	Range of variables		Behavior of quantity	Parameter describing quantity	
	 $\epsilon = (T - T_c)/T_c$	h			
$\langle \phi \rangle$	> 0	0	$\langle \phi \rangle = 0$		
	< 0	0	$\langle \phi \rangle \sim \pm \epsilon ^\beta$	β	
	0	$\neq 0$	$\sim \pm h ^{1/\nu}$	δ	
 $\chi = \partial \langle \phi \rangle / \partial h _c$	> 0	0	$\sim \chi^{-1}$	ν	
	< 0	0	$\sim \epsilon ^{-\nu'}$	ν'	
 $g(r, r') = \langle \phi_r \phi_{r'} \rangle - \langle \phi \rangle^2$	0	0	$\sim r - r' ^{-d+\nu}$	η	
	 $\xi = \text{range of } g(r, r')$	> 0	0	$\sim \xi^{-\nu}$	ν
< 0		0	$\sim \xi^{-\nu'}$	ν'	
$C_h = \text{specific heat at constant } h$	> 0	0	$\alpha \epsilon^{-\alpha} + b$	α	
	< 0	0	$a' \epsilon ^{-\alpha'} + b'$	α'	
	or	> 0	0	$A \log \epsilon^{-1} + B$	$\alpha = 0$
		< 0	0	$A' \log \epsilon ^{-1} + B'$	$\alpha' = 0$

1st: Relations among Indices?

Relations among Critical Exponents

$$\alpha' + 2\beta + \gamma' \geq 2$$

$$\alpha' + \beta(\delta + 1) \geq 2$$

$$(2 - \alpha')\delta + 1 \geq (1 - \alpha')\delta$$

$$\gamma'(\delta + 1) \geq (2 - \alpha')(\delta - 1)$$

$$\gamma' \geq \beta(\delta - 1)$$

⋮

$$(2 - \alpha)\sigma \geq \delta_s + 1$$

⋮

$$d\nu \geq 2 - \alpha$$

Total of 17 (Griffiths - 1965b)
(Stanley (1971))

2nd: “Universal” Equation of State

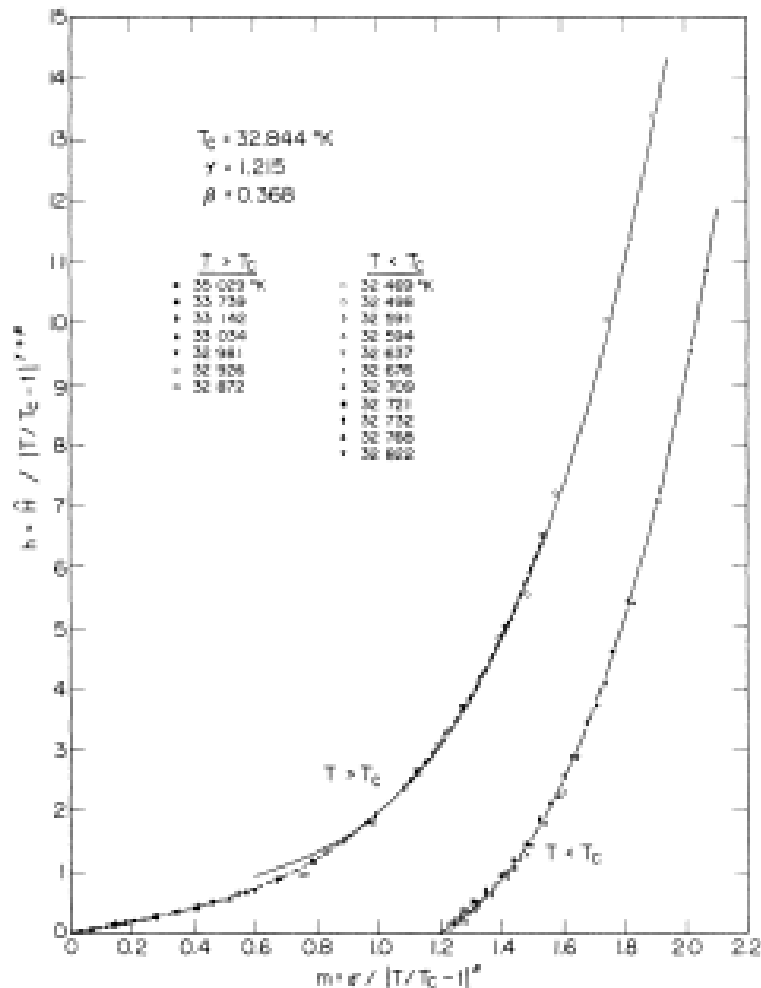


FIG. 1. A linear plot of scaled magnetic field $h(m)$ as a function of scaled magnetization m . The dashed line represents Eq. (1), and fits experimental points from $0 < m < 1.8$ when $T > T_c$. The solid lines are Eq. (2), and the dotted lines show Eq. (4) when it departs significantly from the experimental points. On this plot the origin is the critical isochore, the critical isotherm is at $h = m = \infty$, and the coexistence curve is represented by the point $h = 0$, $m = 1.2$.

$$\frac{M}{\epsilon^\beta} = f\left(\frac{H}{\epsilon^{\beta\delta}}\right) ???$$

Homogeneous Function

- *Homogeneous function* $f(x, y)$ of 2 variables, x and y

- *Definition*: for all x and y , $x \rightarrow \lambda x$,

$$f(x, y) \Rightarrow f(\lambda x, \lambda y) \equiv \lambda^p f(x, y)$$

- Set $\lambda x \equiv 1 \Rightarrow f(1, y/x) = x^{-p} f(x, y)$

- $f(x, y) = x^p f(1, y/x)$ or

- $$\frac{f(x, y)}{x^p} = F\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

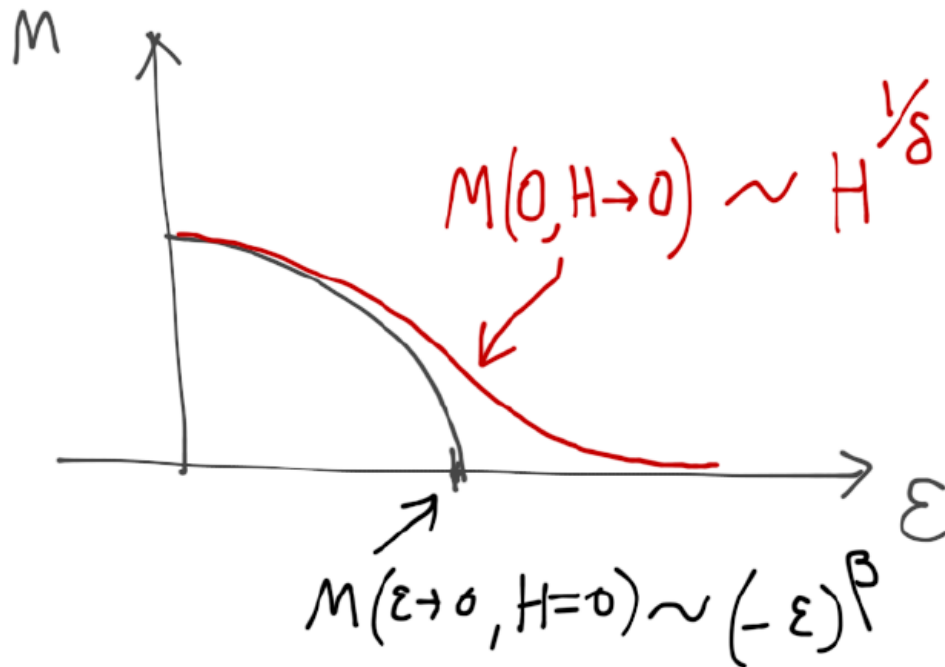
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e.g. magnetic equation of state $M = M(\epsilon, H)$

$$\epsilon \equiv (T_c - T) / T_c \Rightarrow ?$$

Widom's Scaling Hypothesis (1965)

2 Critical exponents for $M(T, H)$: $\varepsilon \equiv \frac{T-T_c}{T_c}$



Widom's Scaling Hypothesis (1965)

- *Gibb's* potential $G(\epsilon \equiv (T - T_c) / T_c, H)$ is a homogeneous function:

$$G(\lambda^a \epsilon, \lambda^b H) \triangleq \lambda G(\epsilon, H)$$

- Only 2 exponents: a and b

Equation of State is given by: $\left. \frac{\partial G(T, H)}{\partial H} \right|_T = M(T, H) \rightarrow$

$$\lambda^b M(\lambda^a \epsilon, \lambda^b H) = \lambda M(\epsilon, H)$$

- Relation to β : $H = 0, \lambda \rightarrow (-1/\epsilon)^{1/a}$

$$M(\epsilon, 0) = (-\epsilon)^{(1-b)/a} M(-1, 0) \sim (-\epsilon)^\beta \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{1-b}{a}$$

- Relation to δ : $\epsilon = 0, \lambda \rightarrow H^{-1/b}$

$$M(0, H) = H^{(1-b)/b} M(0, 1) \sim H^{1/\delta} \Rightarrow \delta = \frac{b}{1-b}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{1}{1+\delta}, \quad b = \frac{\delta}{1+\delta}$$

Widom's Scaling Hypothesis (1965)

- Taking *Additional* $\frac{\partial^k}{\partial H^k}$ or $\frac{\partial^k}{\partial T^k} \Rightarrow$ more exponents: γ, γ'

- $\left. \frac{\partial G^2(T, H)}{\partial H^2} \right|_T \equiv \chi_T \rightarrow \lambda^{2b} \chi_T(\lambda^a \epsilon, \lambda^b H) = \lambda \chi_T(\epsilon, H)$

- Relation to γ' : $H = 0, \lambda \rightarrow (-\epsilon)^{-1/a}$

$$\chi_T(\epsilon, 0) = (-\epsilon)^{(2b-1)/a} \chi_T(-1, 0) \sim (-\epsilon)^{-\gamma'} \Rightarrow \gamma' = \frac{2b-1}{a}$$

- Relation to γ : $H = 0, \lambda \rightarrow \epsilon^{-1/a} \Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{2b-1}{a} = \gamma'$

All prime indices are equal.

- $\frac{b}{a} = \Delta = \beta\delta$ etc

Widom's Scaling Hypothesis (1965)

Equation of State is given by with

$(1-b)/a = \beta$ and $(b/a) = \beta\delta$:

$$\left. \frac{\partial G(T, H)}{\partial H} \right|_T = M(T, H) \rightarrow \lambda^b M(\lambda^a \epsilon, \lambda^b H) = \lambda M(\epsilon, H)$$

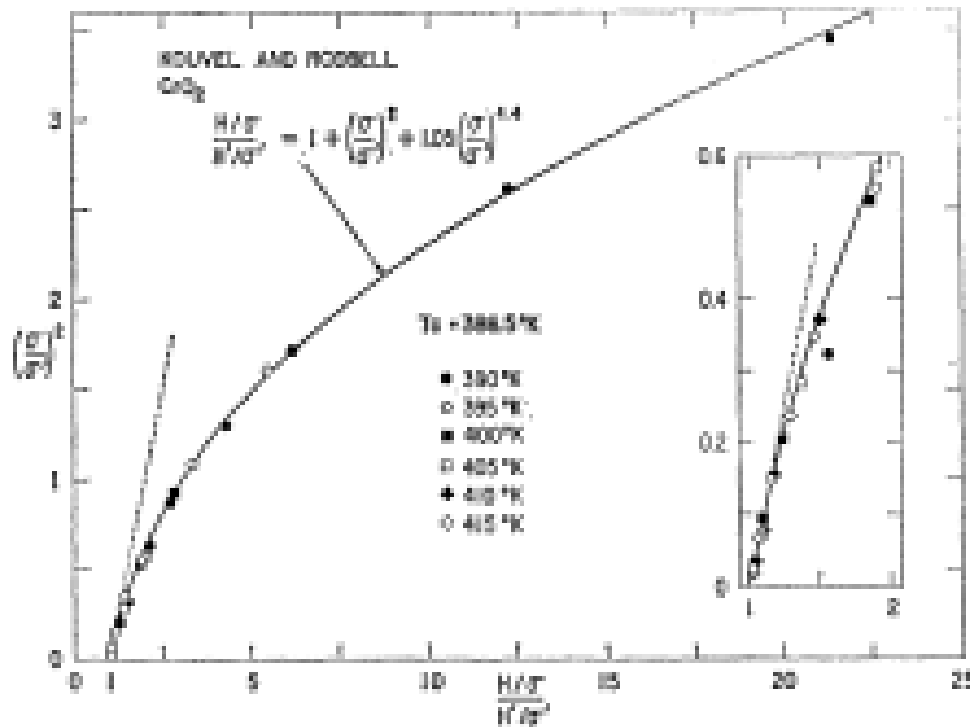
- $\lambda \rightarrow |\epsilon|^{1/a} \Rightarrow M(\epsilon, H) = |\epsilon|^{(1-b)/a} M\left(\frac{\epsilon}{|\epsilon|}, \frac{H}{|\epsilon|^{b/a}}\right)$

- $m \equiv \frac{M(\epsilon, H)}{|\epsilon|^\beta}$ and $h = \frac{H(\epsilon, M)}{|\epsilon|^{\beta\delta}} \Rightarrow$

$$m = F(\pm 1, h) \text{ or } h = f(m)$$

- *Scaling thus predicts 2 universal curves for all T , one for $T > T_c$, and one for $T < T_c$.*

Experimental Verification

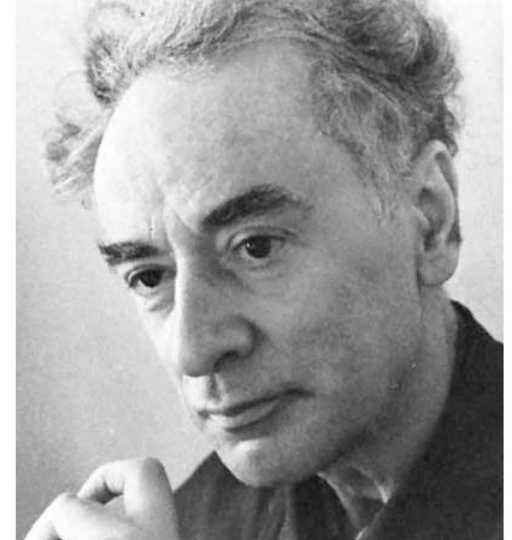


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FIG. 4. Magnetization vs field for CrO₂. In our notation, $\sigma = M$, $\sigma' \sim \epsilon^\beta$, $H'/\sigma'^2 \sim \epsilon^{\beta(1-\delta)}$. Points for different ϵ fall on the same curve, which verifies the scaling law prediction, Eq. (4.1).

Landau (~1937) Order Parameter Concept

- 1st order Phase transitions are manifestations of a **Broken Symmetry** of an
- **Order parameter**
 - fluid density, magnetization
 - measures the extent of symmetry breaking
- **Spatial and time dependence** implicates
 - **Correlation** (scattering experiments) and
 - **Dimensionality**

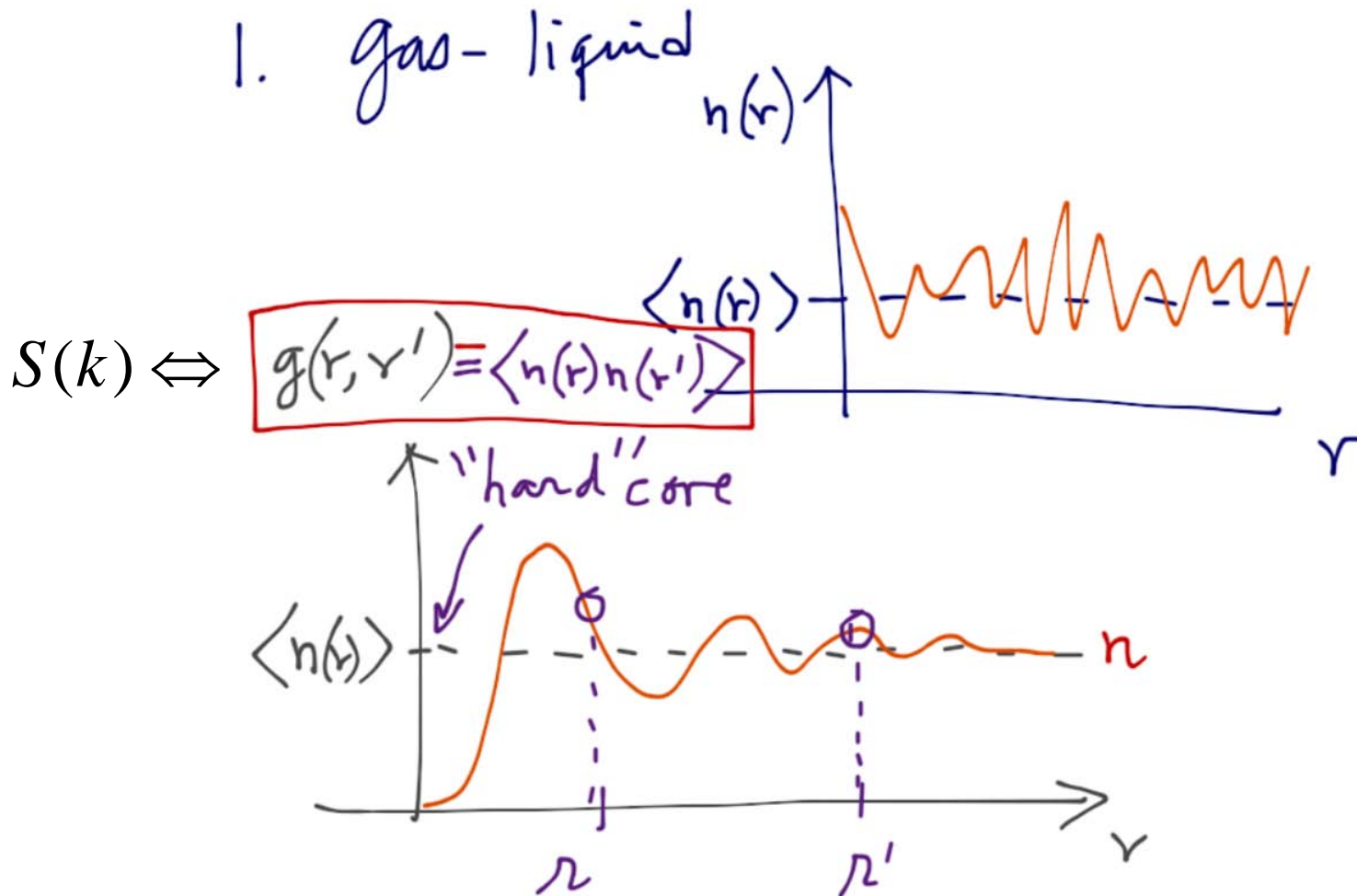


The Order Parameters

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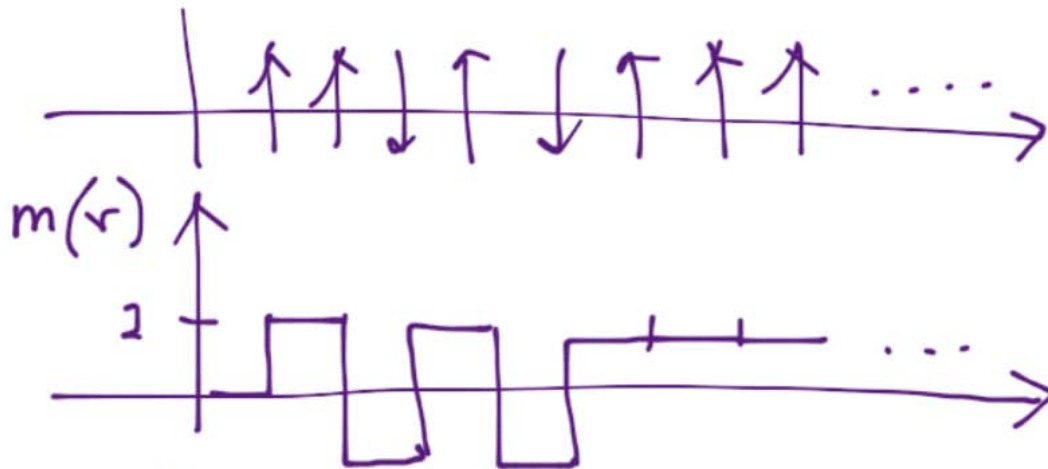
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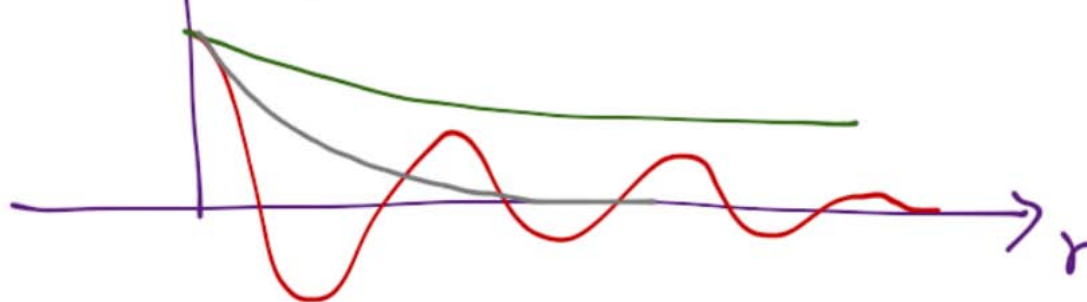


Spatial Correlation Function

2. Magnetic system



$$\langle m(r)m(r') \rangle = g(r, r') = ? \quad @ \text{ what } \epsilon \equiv \frac{T - T_c}{T_c}$$



Time Correlation Function

3) Electrical conduction of charge.

$$\dot{n}(t) \equiv q * v(t)$$

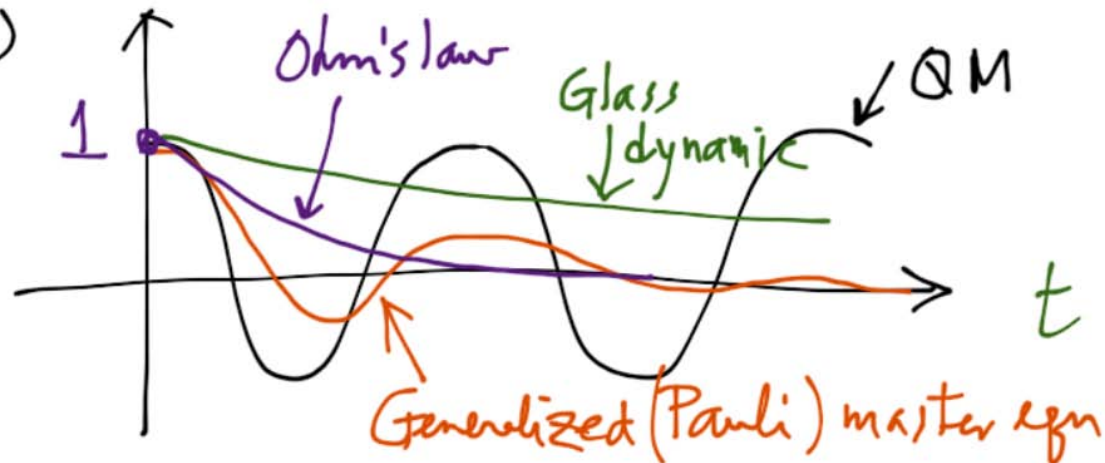
$$(a) \quad v(t) = \langle v(t) \rangle + \varepsilon \eta(t)$$

$$\cdot \varepsilon \ll 1$$

$\cdot \eta(t)$ noise

$$(b) \quad C(t, t') \equiv \langle v(t) v(t') \rangle = ?$$

(c)



Kadanoff's heuristic argument for Scaling hypothesis

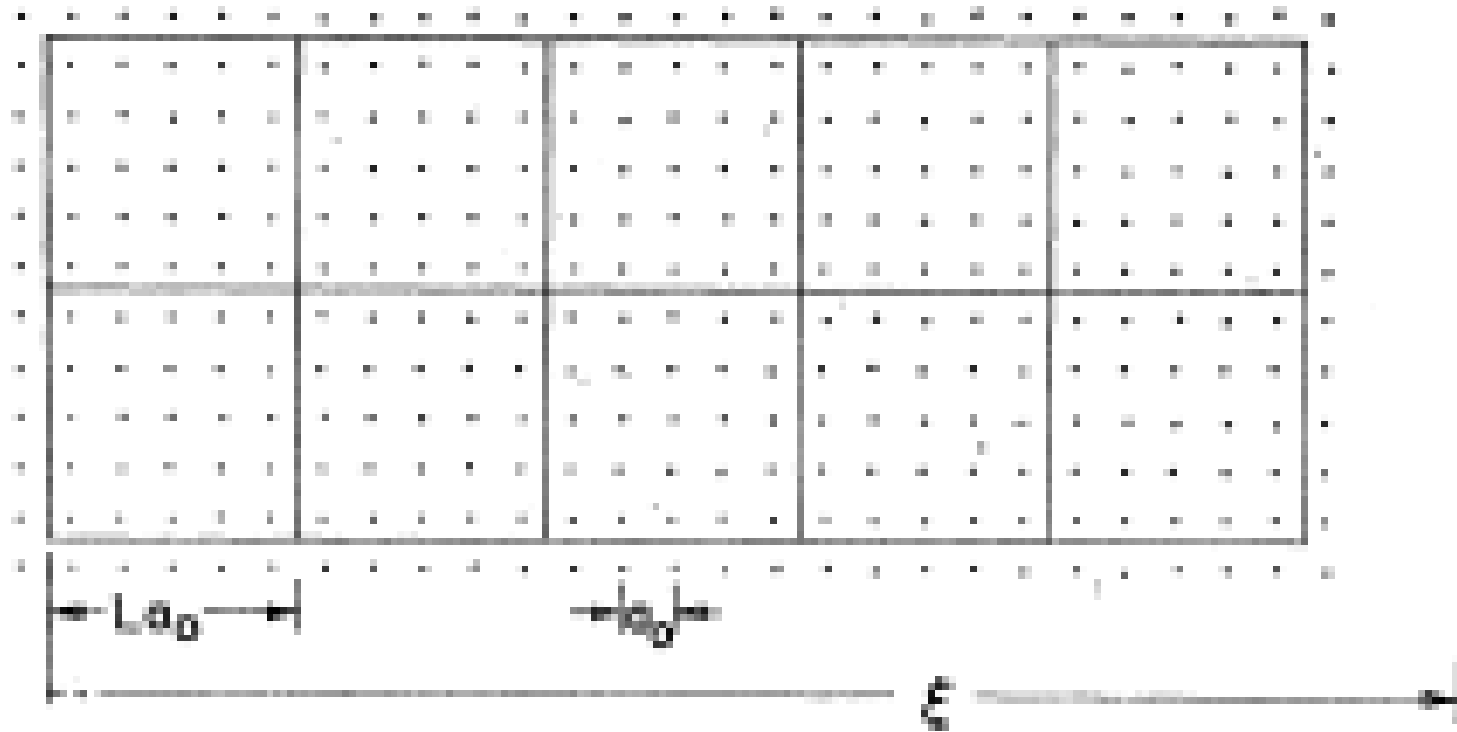


FIG. 2. Division of Ising model lattice into cells, $L \gg 1$ but $L_0 \ll \xi$.

Kadanoff's heuristic arguments for Scaling hypothesis

At or very near critical point, Correlation length, ξ ,

1a. very long, and

1b. independent of details

2. Block of size La construction is possible: $1 \ll L \ll \xi/a$

3. With a cell of size La , most spins align in one direction

4. Site: σ_r and (ϵ, h) and Cell: μ_a and $(\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{h})$

5. $G(\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{h}) = L^d G(\epsilon, h)$

6. Kadanoff: $\tilde{h} \triangleq L^x h$ and $\tilde{\epsilon} \triangleq L^y \epsilon \Rightarrow G(L^y \epsilon, L^x h) = L^d G(\epsilon, h)$

7. Assuming true for all L , $G(L^{y/d} \epsilon, L^{x/d} h) = LG(\epsilon, h)$

8. $a \equiv y/d$ and $b \equiv x/d \Leftrightarrow$ Scaling Hypothesis

Agenda - Summary

- Experimental Data to
 - Landau, Widom, Kadanoff, many others
- Order Parameter of Landau
- Scaling hypothesis (homogeneous function) of Widom
- Block Renormalization of Kadanoff
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 - Correlation function of Ornstein-Zernike