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# Landau's MFT of Free Energy And Probability

Mini-talk 6

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# Agenda

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- Landau's
  - Free energy definition
  - Why significant advance in concept?
- Validity of MFT
- RG? **Not ready**
- Intro: probability
- Next time
  - **Time dependent** Phase Transition

# Generalized MFT

- *Existence* of a free energy functional  $F[\varphi(r)]$
- $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \langle \varphi(\mathbf{r}) \rangle + \delta\varphi(\mathbf{r})$
- *Near* critical point, can be Taylor series expanded in power of  $\varphi(\mathbf{r})$

$$F = \int d\mathbf{r} \left[ a - h\varphi(\mathbf{r}) + t\varphi^2(\mathbf{r}) + c\varphi^4(\mathbf{r}) + (\nabla\varphi(\mathbf{r}))^2 \right]$$

- *Equilibrium* when  $F$  is minimized  $\Rightarrow \delta F = 0$

$$-h + 2t\varphi(\mathbf{r}) + 4c\varphi^3(\mathbf{r}) - 2\nabla^2\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$



What is your  
**Broken** symmetry?  
**order parameter**?



**Dimension of space**

Nothing New  
yet  
GREAT ADVANCE  
In THINKING

# Summary



- Universality: More is the same
- Symmetry: Broken
- Interactions:  $K = \beta J \langle nn \rangle$
- Scaling:
- Order parameter jump:
- Heat capacity jump:
- Correlation length:  $\xi$

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

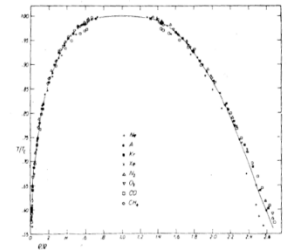
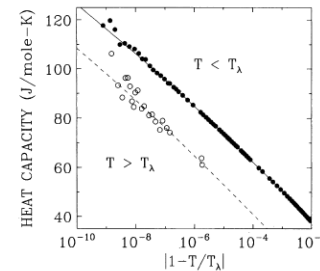


Figure 1.6. Reduced densities of coexisting liquid and gas phases for a number of simple molecular fluids (Guggenheim 1943). The experimental points support a law of corresponding states, but the universal curve is cubic rather than quadratic as required by van der Waals theory.

# Summary



- Correlation length:  $\xi$

$$g(\vec{r}, \vec{s}) \equiv \langle [\rho(\vec{r}) - \langle \rho \rangle][\rho(\vec{s}) - \langle \rho \rangle] \rangle = \frac{\partial}{\partial h(\vec{s})} \langle \sigma(\vec{r}) \rangle \Rightarrow$$

$$g(r, r') = \delta_{r, r'} + K \sum_{s \langle nr \rangle} g(s, r') - 3 \langle \sigma_r \rangle^2 g(r, r')$$

- *Fourier Transform*

$$g(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \equiv \int \frac{d^d \vec{k}}{(2\pi/a)^d} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{r}')} g(\vec{k}) \text{ and } \delta_{r, r'} \equiv \int \frac{d^d \vec{k}}{(2\pi/a)^d} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{r}')} 1$$

- $\xi \sim (T - T_c)^{-1/2}$

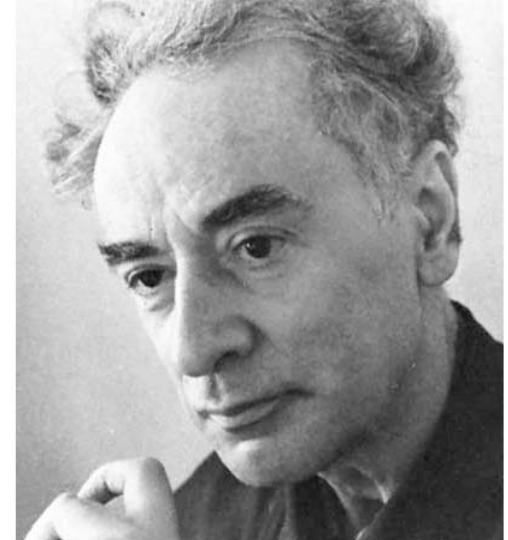
$$g(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \sim \left( \frac{a}{|r - r'|} \right)^{(d-2)+\eta} e^{-\frac{|r-r'|}{\xi}}$$

- $V_{Yukawa}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \sim \frac{a}{|r - r'|} e^{-m|r-r'|}$

# Landau (~1937) Order Parameter Concept

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- 1<sup>st</sup> 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** (next time)



# When MFT fails?

Ginsburg : MFT correct if  $\frac{\delta\varphi}{\langle\varphi\rangle} \ll 1$ ; Near  $T_c$ ,

- $\xi \sim (T - T_c)^{-1/2} \sim t^{-1/2}$

- Consider  $|r - r'| \sim \xi$

$$g(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \sim \left( \frac{1}{|r - r'|} \right)^{d-2} e^{-\frac{|r-r'|}{\xi}} \rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{|r - r'|} \right)^{d-2} \sim |t|^{d/2-1}$$

- Since  $\langle\sigma_r\rangle \sim |t|^{1/2} \Rightarrow \frac{g(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')}{\langle\sigma_r\rangle\langle\sigma_{r'}\rangle} \sim |t|^{d/2-2}$

If  $d/2 - 2 > 0$ , LHS is finite or

If  $d > 4$  then MFT is correct.

# Universality?

- Ferromagnet
- Binary alloy
- Liquid-gas
- Surface adsorption
- Approximated models may be incorrect for critical phenomena

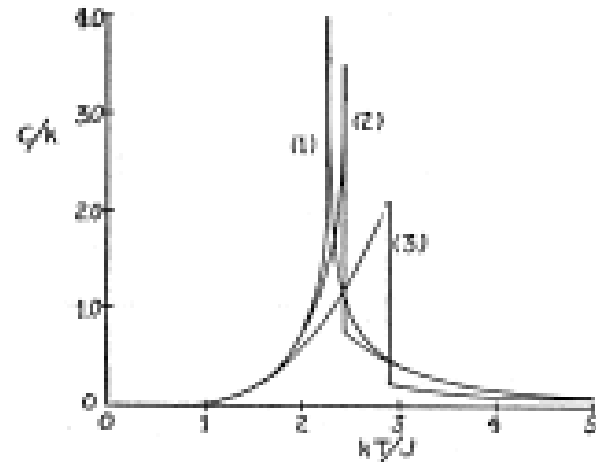


FIG. 1. The exact specific heat curve of the two-dimensional Ising lattice (curve 1) is compared with approximate curves of Kramer-Wannier (curve 2), and Bethe (curve 3) (see reference 3).



# Intro: Probability I

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## 1. Ideal gas, normal or Gaussian distributed in momentum

- $p(E) \sim e^{-\beta E} \sim e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{mv^2}{kT}}$ ; a *Gaussian*
- Math:  $p(x; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$
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# Intro: Probability II

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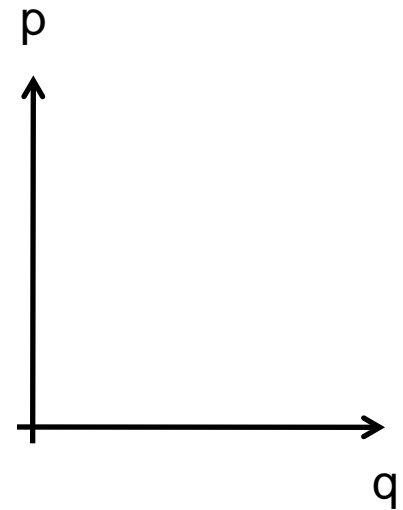
- $\Gamma \equiv \{q, p\}$  the phase space
- *The* system is represented by a point in  $\Gamma$
- *An* ensemble (Gibbs) is a swarm or density of points  $\rho(\Gamma, t)$  with a volume  $\Omega$  in  $\Gamma$  :

- *Boltzmann* :  $S \equiv k \ln \Omega$

- *Boltzmann* :  $S(t) = -k \int_{\Omega} d\Gamma \rho(\Gamma, t) \ln \rho(\Gamma, t)$

- Math:  $p(x; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$

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# Intro: Probability III

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- $p(x; 0, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right)^2}$  ?

- $I \equiv -\int dx p(x) \ln p(x) - \alpha \left[ \int dx p(x) - 1 \right] - \beta \left[ \int dx x^2 p(x) - \sigma^2 \right]$

- $\delta I = 0$  wrt  $\delta p \Rightarrow \int dx \left[ -\ln p - 1 - \alpha - \beta x^2 \right] \delta p(x) = 0$

- $p(x) = e^{-1-\alpha-\beta x^2}$

- $\int dx [p(x)] \equiv 1$  and  $\int dx [x^2 p(x)] \equiv \sigma^2$

$$p(x; 0, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

A Gaussian distribution maximizes the Entropy

Q: Can one generate a power law, that follow from the scaling hypothesis?

# Characteristic Functions

All you want to know but afraid to ask

Q: Uncertainty,  $\langle (\delta x)^2 \rangle$ ?

- $p(x; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$
- Calculate  $\langle e^{ikx} \rangle \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{ikx} p(x; \mu, \sigma^2) \equiv \tilde{p}(k; \mu, \sigma^2) = ?$
- $\langle x^n \rangle = \frac{1}{i^n} \frac{\partial^n \tilde{p}(k; \mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial k^n} \Big|_{k \rightarrow 0} = ?$
- $\langle x \rangle = \frac{\partial \tilde{p}(k; \mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial (ik)} \Big|_{k \rightarrow 0} = \mu$
- $\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{p}(k; \mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial (ik)^2} \Big|_{k \rightarrow 0} = \sigma^2$

# Scale Free Probability VI

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- $p(x; \beta, x_0) \sim \frac{1}{x^\beta}$ ?
- $I \equiv - \int dx p(x) \ln p(x) - \alpha \left[ \int dx p(x) - 1 \right] - \beta \left[ \int dx [\ln(x + x_0)] p(x) - c \right]$
- $\delta I = 0$  wrt  $\delta p \Rightarrow \int dx [-\ln p - 1 - \alpha - \beta \ln(x + x_0)] \delta p(x) = 0$
- $p(x) = e^{-1-\alpha-\beta \ln(x+x_0)} = e^{-1-\alpha} \frac{1}{(x+x_0)^\beta}$
- $\int_0^\infty dx [p(x)] \equiv 1 \Rightarrow$   
$$p(x; \beta, x_0) = \left( \frac{\beta-1}{x_0} \right) \frac{1}{\left( \frac{x}{x_0} + 1 \right)^\beta} \rightarrow \frac{1}{x^\beta}$$

A Gaussian distribution maximizes the Entropy

Q: Can one generate a power law, that follow from the scaling hypothesis?

1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> moment does not exist for a  $p(x)$ ?

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No, if  $a < 2$  for  $p(x) \sim 1/x^{(1+a)}$ .

Is this possible as a physical probability?

Yes.

St. Petersburg's Lemma:

H: 2 i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> H

TH: 2<sup>2</sup> i.e. 2<sup>nd</sup> H after 2 tosses etc

TTH: 2<sup>3</sup>

$$\frac{1}{2}(2) + \frac{1}{4}(2^2) + \dots = 1 + 1 + \dots =$$

# Challenge: Can you generate?

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A Stretched Gaussian or exponential distribution that maximizes the Entropy?

$$p(x) \sim e^{-x^{2-\alpha}}$$

*or*

$$p(x) \sim e^{-\alpha x^\beta}$$

*where  $0 < \alpha, \beta < 1$ ?*

# More technical considerations

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A Variational Field  $\phi(r, t)$  theory Near  $T_c$ :

- $F[\phi] \equiv \int d^3\vec{r} \left[ a + h\phi + \frac{b}{2}\phi^2 + \frac{c}{4}\phi^4 + \frac{\gamma}{6}\phi^6 + p[\nabla\phi(r, t)]^2 \right]$

$h = \text{external field}$

$b \sim T - T_c$ , the temperature parameter

- $\frac{\delta F[\phi]}{\delta\phi} \equiv 0 \Rightarrow MFT$

- A recipe for **kinetic phase transition**:

$$\frac{d\phi[t]}{dt} \equiv -\frac{\delta}{\delta t} F[\phi(r, t)] + \epsilon\eta(t, t')$$



# Time Correlation Function

3) Electrical conduction of charge.

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

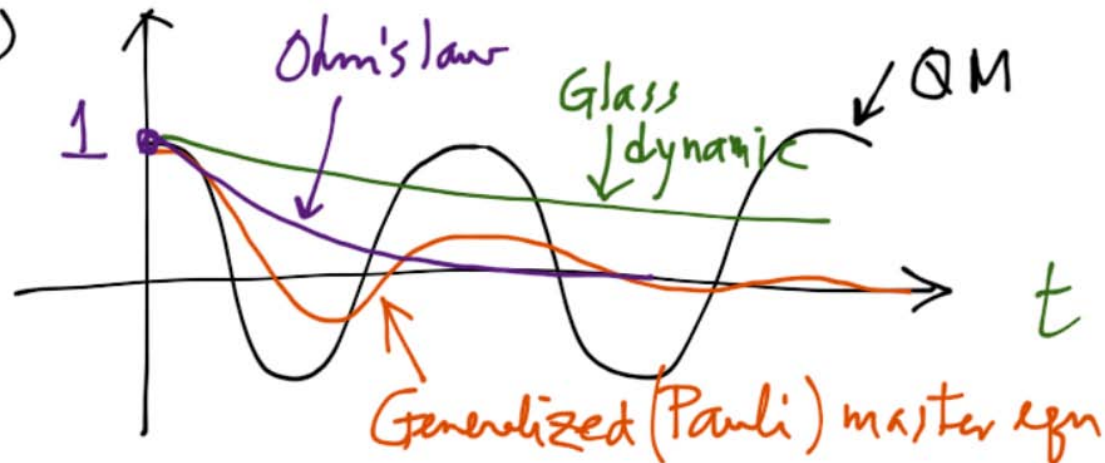
$$(a) \quad v(t) = \langle v(t) \rangle + \varepsilon \eta(t)$$

$$\cdot \varepsilon \ll 1$$

$\cdot \eta(t)$  noise

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

(c)



# Summary

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- Landau's
  - Order parameter
  - Broken Symmetry
  - Universality
  - Fluctuation
  - Correlation length
- Introduction to Probability
- Next time
  - Random walk
  - “Renormalization” Group????