

# Ginzburg-Landau Theory

## I] Basic Idea:

Singularities in the first derivatives of  $F \rightarrow$  first order transition  
 2nd.  $F \rightarrow$  second order "

System has a symmetry  $H[m \rightarrow -m]$

Magnet.



Phenomenology:  $\rightarrow$  Systems with spontaneous symmetry breaking  
 $\rightarrow$  transition is of second order.

## # Order parameter.

zero in  $T > T_c$   
 non zero in  $T < T_c$  } characterizes the breaking of Symmetry

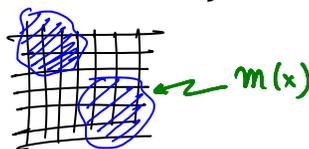
phenomenology:  $m$  is continuous at the transition (2<sup>nd</sup> order)

$F[T]$  free energy of the system.

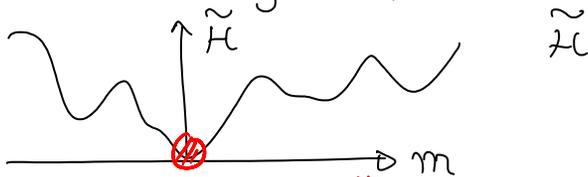
$\mathcal{F}[T, m(x)]$ : Landau functional.

$$Z = \sum_{\sigma} e^{-\beta H[\sigma]} = \sum_{\sigma} \sum_{m(x)} \delta(\sigma - m(x)) e^{-\beta H[\sigma]}$$

$$= \sum_{m(x)} e^{-\beta \tilde{\mathcal{H}}(m(x))}$$



$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}m(x) e^{-\beta \tilde{\mathcal{H}}(m(x))}$$



$\uparrow$  largest "Boltzmann" weight

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$$\text{minimize } \tilde{H}(m(x)) \rightarrow m^*(x)$$

$$Z = \sum_{m(x)} e^{-\beta \tilde{H}(m)} \approx e^{-\beta \tilde{H}[m^*(x)]}$$

$$F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \log Z = \tilde{H}[m^*(x)] \Leftarrow \tilde{H} \Leftrightarrow F$$

(Landau Functional)

$$F[m(x)] \quad \text{minimize it} \rightarrow \begin{cases} m^*(x) \\ F[T] = F[m^*(x)] \end{cases}$$

Guess  $F[m(x)]$

$$T > T_c \quad F = F_0[T] \leftarrow \text{normal system}$$

$T \approx T_c$ ,  $m(x)$  is small

$$F[m(x)] = F_0[T] + \cancel{m(x)} + m(x)m(x')$$

assumes  $m$  is nearly uniform  $A m(x)^2$

$$F_0[T] + A \int dx m(x)^2 + B \int dx m^4(x)$$

$$m(x) \rightarrow m \quad \Omega [A(T)m^2 + B(T)m^4]$$

One needs  $B > 0$

$$A > 0 \rightarrow m^* = 0$$

$$\text{at } T = T_c \quad A = 0 \quad T < T_c \quad A < 0$$

• The simplest (most generic case)  $A(T) = \alpha(T - T_c)$

$$B(T) \approx B(T_c) \quad (\neq 0 > 0)$$

$$F[m(x), T] = F_0[T] + \alpha(T - T_c) \int dx m(x)^2 + \beta \int dx m^4(x) + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int (\nabla m(x))^2$$

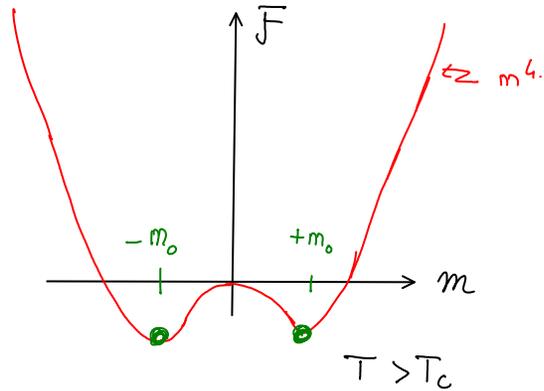
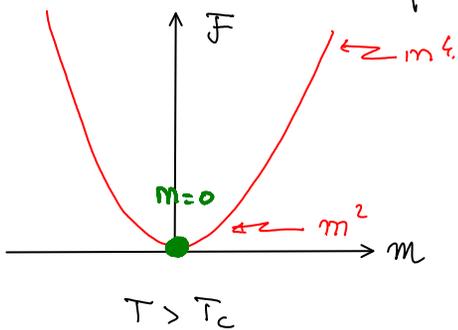
$$\alpha, \beta, \gamma > 0$$

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# Uniform m:

$$F[m, T] = F_0[T] + \alpha(T-T_c) m^2 \Omega + \beta \Omega m^4.$$

$$\alpha(T-T_c) m^2 + \beta m^4.$$

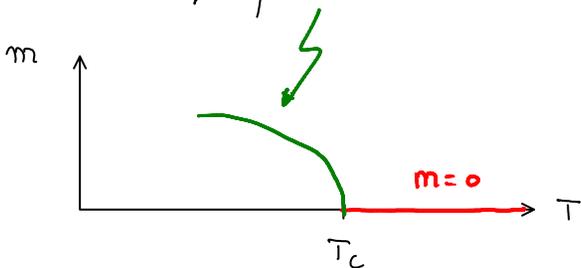


$$f(m) = \alpha(T-T_c) m^2 + \beta m^4$$

$$\frac{\partial f(m)}{\partial m} = 2\alpha(T-T_c) m + 4\beta m^3 = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} m=0 \\ 2\alpha(T-T_c) + 4\beta m^2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow m^2 = \frac{-\alpha}{2\beta} (T-T_c)$$

$$m_0 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-\alpha}{2\beta} (T-T_c)}$$



$$m \propto \sqrt{T_c - T}$$

$$m \propto |T - T_c|^{1/2} \leftarrow \text{Critical exponent.}$$

GL predicts  $m \propto |T - T_c|^{1/2}$ .

• Free energy

$$T > T_c \quad m^* = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad F = F[m^*=0, T] = F_0[T]$$

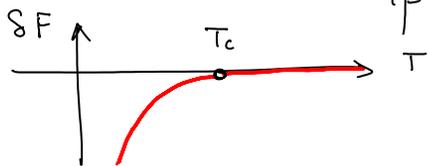
$$T < T_c \quad m^* = \sqrt{\frac{-\alpha}{2\beta} (T-T_c)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad F = F[m^*, T] = F_0[T] + \Omega [\alpha(T-T_c) m^2 + \beta m^4]$$

$$= F_0[T] + \Omega m^{*2} \left[ \alpha(T-T_c) + \beta \left( \frac{-\alpha}{2\beta} \right) (T-T_c) \right]$$

$$= F_0[T] + \Omega \left[ \frac{-\alpha}{2\beta} (T-T_c) \right] \left[ \frac{\alpha}{2} (T-T_c) \right]$$

$$= F_0 [T] - \Omega \frac{\alpha^2}{4\beta} (T - T_c)^2$$

$$T < T_c$$



$$S = - \frac{\partial F}{\partial T}$$

$$T ds = dq$$

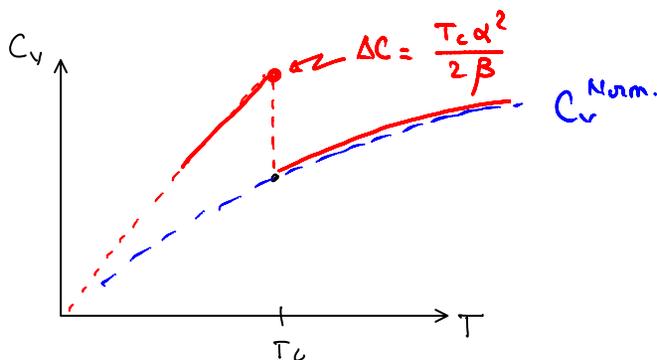
$$C_v = \frac{dq}{dT} = T \frac{ds}{dT}$$

$$C_v = -T \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial T^2}$$

$$T > T_c \Rightarrow C_v = C_v^{Norm.} \left( = -T \frac{\partial^2 F_0}{\partial T^2} \right)$$

$$T < T_c = C_v = C_v^{Norm.} + \left[ -T \frac{\partial^2}{\partial T^2} - \frac{\Omega \alpha^2}{4\beta} (T - T_c)^2 \right]$$

$$C_v = C_v^{Norm.} + T \frac{\Omega \alpha^2}{2\beta}$$



$$C_v \sim |T - T_c|^{-\alpha}$$

$$" \alpha = 0 "$$

### # Effect of a magnetic field.

$$F[m, T] = F_0 [T] + \alpha (T - T_c) \int m^2 + \beta \int m^4 + \frac{\chi}{2} \int (\nabla m)^2 - h \int d^d x m(x)$$

uniform  $m$

$$F[m, T] = F_0 [T] + \Omega \left[ \alpha (T - T_c) m^2 + \beta m^4 - h m \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial m} = 0 \Rightarrow 2\alpha (T - T_c) m + 4\beta m^3 - h = 0$$

$$\chi = \frac{\partial m}{\partial h} \Big|_{h \rightarrow 0}$$

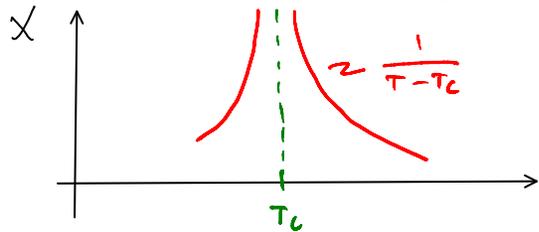
$$T > T_c$$

$$2\alpha (T - T_c) m - h \approx 0$$

$$m = \frac{h}{2\alpha (T - T_c)}$$

$$\chi = \frac{1}{2\alpha(T-T_c)} \propto \frac{1}{(T-T_c)^\gamma}$$

$$\boxed{\gamma = 1}$$



# Continuous symmetry:

$\vec{m}$   $H[\vec{m}]$  rotation of  $\vec{m}$

$$F = F_0 + \alpha(T-T_c) \vec{m} \cdot \vec{m} + \beta (\vec{m} \cdot \vec{m})^2$$

# Superconductivity

$\psi(x)$  "superconducting" wavefunction complex  
 $U(1)$  symmetry  $e^{i\theta} \psi \rightarrow$  physics is invariant

$$F = F_0 + \alpha(T-T_c) \int d^d x \psi^\dagger(x) \psi(x) + \beta \int d^d x (\psi^\dagger \psi)^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int \nabla \psi^\dagger \nabla \psi d^d x$$

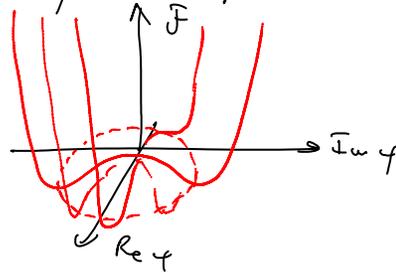
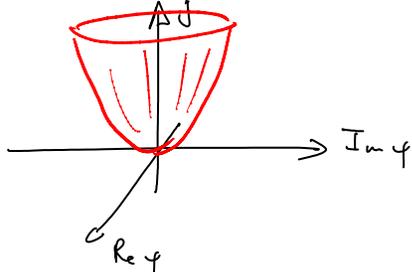
[Tinkham on Superconductivity]

$$f(\psi, \psi^\dagger) = \alpha(T-T_c) \psi^\dagger \psi + \beta (\psi^\dagger \psi)^2$$

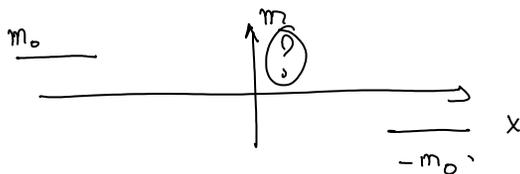
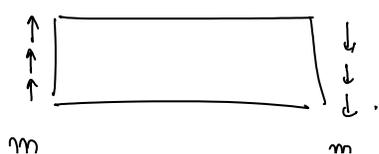
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \text{Re} \psi} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial \text{Im} \psi} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial \psi} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial \psi^\dagger}$$

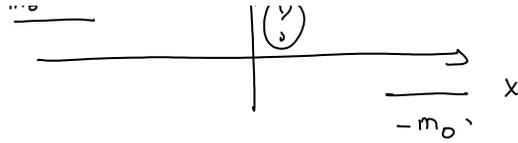
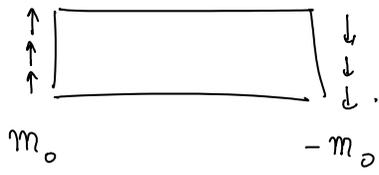
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \psi} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \alpha(T-T_c) \psi^\dagger + 2\beta (\psi^\dagger \psi) \psi^\dagger = 0$$

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# Variations of the order parameter:





$$F[m(x), T] = F_0[T] = \alpha(T - T_c) \int d^d x m(x)^2 + \beta \int d^d x m(x)^4 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int d^d x (\nabla m(x))^2$$

$$\frac{\partial F[m(x)]}{\partial m(x_1)}$$

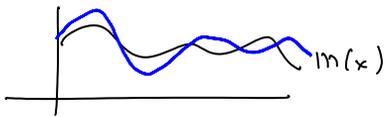
$$F[m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4, m_5, \dots, m_n]$$

$$\frac{\partial F[m_1, \dots, m_n]}{\partial m_j}$$

$$\frac{\partial m_i}{\partial m_j} = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\downarrow \frac{\partial F[m(x)]}{\partial m(x_1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial m(x_i)}{\partial m(x_j)} = \delta(x_i - x_j)$$



$$m(x) \rightarrow m(x) + \delta m(x) \quad \delta m \text{ small}$$

$$f(x + \epsilon) - f(x) = \epsilon \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_x$$

$$f(x_1 + \epsilon_1, x_2 + \epsilon_2, \dots) - f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_i \epsilon_i \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right|_{\epsilon=0}$$

$$F[m(x) + \delta m(x)] - F[m(x)] = \int d^d x \delta m(x) \frac{\partial F[m(x)]}{\partial m(x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F[m(x) + \delta m(x)] - F[m(x)] &= \\ & \alpha(T - T_c) \int d^d x [(m(x) + \delta m(x))^2 - (m(x))^2] \\ & + \beta \int d^d x [(m(x) + \delta m(x))^4 - (m(x))^4] \\ & + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int d^d x \nabla(m(x) + \delta m(x)) \nabla(m(x) + \delta m(x)) - (\nabla m)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \alpha(T - T_c) \int d^d x \delta m(x) 2m(x) \\ & + \beta \int d^d x \delta m(x) 4m(x)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{\gamma}{2} \int d^d x \ 2 \nabla \delta m(x) \nabla m(x)$$

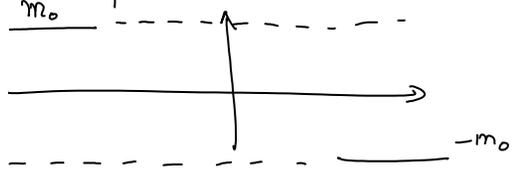
$$= \int d^d x \ \delta m(x) \left[ 2\alpha(T-T_c) 2m(x) + 4\beta m(x)^3 \right]$$

$$- \frac{\gamma}{2} \int d^d x \ 2 \delta m(x) \nabla^2 m(x) \quad \text{at } \pm\infty \quad \nabla m(x) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\frac{\partial F[m(x)]}{\partial m(x)} = 2\alpha(T-T_c) m(x) + 4\beta m^3(x) - \gamma \nabla^2 m(x)$$

$$2\alpha(T-T_c) m(x) + 4\beta m^3(x) - \gamma \nabla^2 m(x) = 0 \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{optimal} \\ \text{configuration.} \end{array} \right.$$

$$m \text{ uniform, } m_0 \quad 2\alpha(T-T_c) m + 4\beta m^3 \rightarrow m^2 = \frac{-\alpha}{2\beta} (T-T_c)$$



$$m(x) = m_0 f(x)$$

$$2\alpha(T-T_c) m_0 f(x) + 4\beta m_0^3 f^3(x) - \gamma m_0 \nabla^2 f(x) = 0$$

$$2\alpha(T-T_c) m_0 \cancel{m_0} [f(x) - f^3(x)] - \gamma \cancel{m_0} \nabla^2 f(x) = 0$$

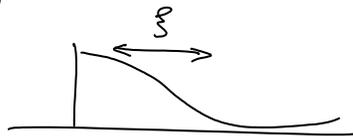
$$f(x) - f^3(x) = \frac{\gamma}{2\alpha(T-T_c)} \nabla^2 f(x) = \frac{\gamma}{2\alpha(T-T_c)} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$$

$f = \pm 1$  are solutions.

$\frac{\gamma}{2\alpha(T-T_c)} \equiv \xi^2$  || characteristic length of variation of the order parameter -

$$\xi \sim \frac{1}{|T-T_c|}$$

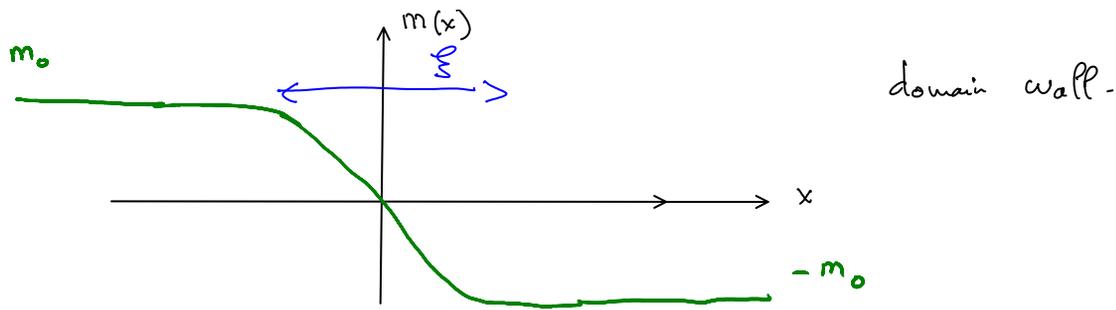
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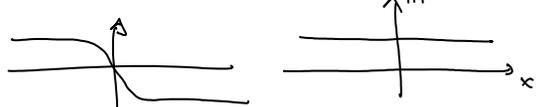


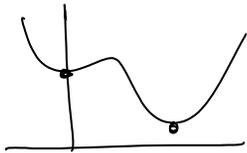
$$f(y) - f^3(y) = \frac{\partial^2 f(y)}{\partial y^2} \quad y = x/\xi$$

$$\frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} = F(r)$$

$$f(x) = \pm \tanh\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}\xi}\right)$$



Q: is there an energy cost of 



$$F[m(x), T] = F_0[T] = \alpha(T-T_c) \int d^d x m(x)^2 + \beta \int d^d x m(x)^4 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int d^d x (\nabla m(x))^2$$

$$F[m_1(x), T] - F[m_0, T] = \alpha(T-T_c) \int d^d x m_0^2 [f^2 - 1] + \beta \int d^d x m_0^4 [f^4 - 1] + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int d^d x m_0^2 (\nabla f)^2$$

III] beyond G.L.:

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}m(x) e^{-\beta F[m(x), T]} \rightarrow e^{-\beta F[m^*(x), T]}$$

$$F[m(x), T] = \alpha(T-T_c) \int d^d x m(x)^2 + \beta \int d^d x m(x)^4 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int d^d x (\nabla m)^2$$

$$F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \log Z$$

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}m(x) e^{-\left[ \frac{\gamma}{2} \int d^d x (\nabla m)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha(T-T_c) \int d^d x m(x)^2 + b \int d^d x m(x)^4 \right]}$$

Can one expand?

$$G^{-1}(q) = [\gamma q^2 + \alpha(T-T_c)]$$

$$T > T_c \quad e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum q [\gamma q^2 + \alpha(T-T_c)] m_q^* m_q}$$

$$\int \mathcal{D}m \quad e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum m_i M_{ij}^{-1} m_j} \quad \text{all the eigenvalues } \underline{\text{positive}}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx \quad e^{-ax^2} \quad \int dx \quad e^{+ax^2} \quad (!)$$

$$T \gg T_c, \quad \int dx \quad e^{-ax^2} \quad a \text{ is large.}$$

$\langle x^2 \rangle \sim \frac{1}{a}$  is small.  $\rightarrow$  perturbation theory is very well convergent.

$T - T_c \gg T_c \Rightarrow$  perturbation theory works very well.

$$\langle \theta \rangle = \langle \theta \rangle_{b=0} + b \langle \theta m^4 \rangle + \dots$$

$$\int \mathcal{D}\phi \quad e^{-(T-T_c) \phi^2} \quad \phi^2 \sim \frac{1}{(T-T_c)^{3/2}} \quad \langle m^4 \rangle \sim \frac{1}{(T-T_c)^3}$$

$$\tilde{\phi} = \sqrt{T-T_c} \phi$$

$$\frac{\langle \theta \rangle_b}{\langle \theta \rangle_{b=0}} = 1 + b \frac{1}{(T-T_c)^3} \quad (T-T_c) \gg T_c$$

Perturbation theory -

$T - T_c$  is fixed and  $b \rightarrow 0$  perturbation is well defined

Physics in CM.

$b$  is fixed by the system

we want the physics when  $T \rightarrow T_c$ .

# Saddle point approximation.

$$\mathcal{F}[\phi(x)] = \int dx \quad \frac{1}{2} a(T) \phi^2(x) + b \phi^4(x) + \frac{c}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2$$

$$- \int h(x) \phi(x) \cdot dx$$

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \ e^{-N\mathcal{F}[\phi]} \quad N \text{ large.}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial \phi} = 0 \quad a(\tau) \phi + 4b \phi^3(x) - h = 0$$

$$T > T_c \quad \phi^* \approx \frac{h}{a(\tau)} \quad a(\tau) = 0 \quad T = T_c.$$

$$\chi = \frac{1}{T - T_c}$$

$$\mathcal{F}[\phi^* + \delta\phi(x)] = \mathcal{F}[\phi^*] + \int dx \left[ \frac{1}{2} a(\tau) \delta\phi^2(x) + \frac{c}{2} (\nabla \delta\phi)^2 + 6b \phi^{*2} \delta\phi^2(x) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{F}[\phi^* + \delta\phi(x)] = \mathcal{F}[\phi^*] + \frac{1}{2} \int dx \left[ a(\tau) \delta\phi^2 + c (\nabla \delta\phi)^2 + 12b \phi^{*2} \delta\phi^2 \right]$$

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \ e^{-N\mathcal{F}[\phi^*] - N\delta\mathcal{F}[\delta\phi]} = \underbrace{e^{-N\mathcal{F}[\phi^*]}}_{Z_{GL}} \underbrace{\int \mathcal{D}\delta\phi \ e^{-N\delta\mathcal{F}[\delta\phi]}}_{\delta Z}$$

$$F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \text{Log} Z = F_{GL} + \delta F$$

$$\chi = \frac{\partial m}{\partial h} = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial h^2} = \chi_{GL} + \delta\chi \quad \leftarrow \frac{\partial^2 \delta F}{\partial h^2}$$

$$\delta Z = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \ e^{-\frac{N}{2} \int [ \quad ]}$$

$$= c \int \mathcal{D}\tilde{\phi}_q \mathcal{D}\tilde{\phi}_q^* \ e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_q [a(\tau) + 12b \phi^{*2} + c q^2] \tilde{\phi}_q^* \tilde{\phi}_q}$$

$$\delta F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \text{Log} \delta Z = -\frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{q>0} \text{Log} \left[ \frac{\pi}{a(\tau) + 12b \phi^{*2} + c q^2} \right]$$

$$\delta\chi = \frac{\partial^2 \delta F}{\partial h^2}$$

$$\phi^* = \frac{h}{a(\tau)} \quad h = a(\tau) \phi^*$$

$$= \frac{1}{a(\tau)^2} \frac{\partial^2 \delta F}{\partial \phi^{*2}}$$

$$\chi = \underbrace{\frac{1}{a(\tau)}}_{\chi_{GL}} - \frac{1}{a(\tau)^2} \sum_{q>0} \frac{12b}{a(\tau) + 12b\phi^{*2} + cq^2} \quad \Big|_{h=0}$$

$$\chi = \frac{1}{a(\tau)} - \frac{1}{a(\tau)^2} \sum_{q>0} \frac{12b}{a(\tau) + cq^2}$$

$$\chi = \frac{1}{a(\tau)} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{a(\tau)} \sum_{q>0} \frac{12b}{a(\tau) + cq^2} \right]$$

$$\chi^{-1} = a(\tau) \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{a(\tau)} \sum_{q>0} \frac{12b}{a(\tau) + cq^2} \right]^{-1}$$

$$\chi^{-1} = a(\tau) + c_{st} \sum_{q>0} \frac{b}{a(\tau) + cq^2} \quad a(\tau) = \alpha(T - T_c^0)$$

Correction to  $T_c$  due to the fluctuations around the saddle point (GL)

$T_c^0$ : critical temperature for GL

$$\chi^{-1} = 0 \quad 0 = \alpha(T - T_c^0) + c_{st} \sum_{q>0} \frac{b}{\alpha(T - T_c^0) + cq^2}$$

at this order = 0

$$0 = \alpha(T - T_c^0) + c_{st} \sum_{q>0} \frac{b}{cq^2}$$

$$0 = T - T_c^0 + \frac{c_{st}}{\alpha} \sum_q \frac{b}{cq^2}$$

$$T_c = T_c^0 - \frac{c_{st}}{\alpha} \sum_{q>0} \frac{b}{cq^2} = T_c^0 - \frac{c_{st}}{\alpha} \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{b}{cq^2}$$

fluctuations decrease the  $T_c$   $T_c < T_c^0$

$d \leq 2$  Correction diverges  $\Rightarrow$  no ordered state at finite temperature.

$(\nabla\phi)^2$  variation  $\rightarrow q^2 \phi_q^* \phi_q$   
[Goldstone modes]

$$\chi^{-1} = \frac{\alpha(T-T_c^0)}{a(\tau)} + csh \sum_{q>0} \frac{b}{\underbrace{a(\tau) + cq^2}_{0 \text{ at this order}}} \quad T \approx T_c$$

$$0 = \alpha(T_c - T_c^0) + csh \sum_{q>0} \frac{b}{cq^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^{-1} &= \alpha(T-T_c) + csh \sum_{q>0} \left[ \frac{b}{a(\tau) + cq^2} - \frac{b}{cq^2} \right] \\ &= \alpha(T-T_c) + csh \sum_{q>0} \frac{-a(\tau)b}{[a(\tau) + cq^2][cq^2]} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^{-1} &= \alpha(T-T_c) - csh a(\tau) \sum_{q>0} \frac{b}{[cq^2]^2} \\ &= \alpha(T-T_c) - csh \alpha(T-T_c) \sum_{q>0} \frac{b}{[cq^2]^2} \\ &= \alpha(T-T_c) \left[ 1 - csh \sum_{q>0} \frac{b}{[cq^2]^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$d > 4$  the only effect of the fluctuations.  
 → lower slightly  $T_c$   
 → Change the amplitude of  $\chi$

don't change the exponent

$d \leq 4$  fluctuations give a divergent correction!

$$1 - b \sum_{q \sim 1/L}^{\pi/a} \frac{1}{q^4} \quad q^{d-4} \left(\frac{1}{q}\right)^{4-d}$$

$$1 - b \left(\frac{L}{a}\right)^{4-d}$$

$L$ : size of the system,  
 length of the observable

$$L^\nu = e^{\nu \log L} = 1 + \nu \log L + \frac{1}{2} \nu^2 \log^2 L + \dots$$