Advanced Statistical Physics

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Statistical Physics of **interacting systems:**









A crystal of amethyst



The connectivity of the crystals in the colloidal crystals



Appearance of real linear polymer chains as recorded using an atomic force microscope on surface under liquid medium.







Roman Cage Cup from the 4th century A.D.









Understanding cells in terms of their molecular components.







Emergence

`We use concepts and observe phenomena at a mocroscopic scale, which are derived from a microscopic scale where they have no a priori meaning`



Emergence in **Physics**

- Macroscopic properties are derived from microscopic quantities (e.g. by averaging)
- Temperature T equals change of the average energy with entropy
- Entropy S measures the numer of microscopic possibilities and counts the amount of information needed to describe all the microscopic states
- Order parameters measure the amount of order of a given phase with respect to a reference phase





Summary of the course:

- 1. Introduction to phase transitions: general mechanisms, examples (magnets, nematics, smectics A, superconductors, TGB phases);
- 2. Model interaction potentials; quantum corrections in classical regime.
- *3. Statistical, microscopic description of condensed matter*: calculation of averages; distribution functions;
- 4. Classical systems (microscopic):
 - Gases and simple liquids (Virial expansion)
 - Local density functional (LDF) theory of more complex systems with spontaneous symmetry breaking (crystals, soft matter, concept of order parameters, examples)
- 5. Near critical point (microscopic): scaling, critical exponents, real space RG
- 6. Beyond microscopic models of phases and phase transitions:
 - Role of symmetry and Landau theory
 - Role of residual symmetry (defects)
 - Role of fluctuations (statistical field theory); examples; RG in momentum space
- 7. Elements of nonequilibrium statistical mechanics:

This series of lectures aims to address three issues that anyone interested in the study of principles macroscopic world works should be familiar with:

• Microscopic description of condensed matter (gases, liquids, solids, soft matter, ...)

• Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking and its consequences

• Statistical (phenomenological) approach to time-dependent processes

Phase transitions (general)

- Introduction: general mechanisms, examples (magnets, nematics, smectics A, superconductors, TGB phases):
- 1. discrete symmetry breaking and domain wals
- 2. continuous symmetry breaking and Goldstone modes
- 3. theories with local gauge symmetry: Higgs mechanism

Introduction

One way in which matter can change its <u>qualitative</u> properties are phase transitions







T-P phase diagram for pure water showing several different solid phases.

Carbon Phase Diagram



T-P phase diagram for carbon—proving that diamonds are not forever.

(Metallic) Hydrogen



It's Real: Metallic Hydrogen Has Been Created for the First Time

"This is the holy grail of high-pressure physics," <u>says lead researcher Isaac F. Silvera</u>

from Harvard University. "It's the first-ever sample of metallic hydrogen on Earth, so when you're looking at it, you're looking at something that's never existed before.., To create the sample, the team trapped hydrogen gas inside a tiny diamond casket, chilled it to 5.5 Kelvin and put it under incredibly high pressure, between 465 and 495 GPa - nearly 20 times higher than initially predicted.

1 GPa equals 1 million kilopascals (KPa), and the average pressure at sea level on Earth is 101.325 KPa



Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking

•First we shall explain what *spontaneous symmetry-breaking* is and then

- consider the *mechanism* of spontaneous breaking of the <u>global</u> (discrete and continuous) invariance emphasizing their specific features.
- Discuss the role of gauge symmetry (superconductors, smectics, TGB phases)
- Finally, we shall dwell on the *residual* symmetry.





Ising ferromagnet (breaking of global discrete symmetry: domain walls)



Example 1

$$\circ \downarrow (s = +1)$$

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$$\uparrow$$
 (s = - 1)

kT = 0.7 Tc $\langle M \rangle = 0.97$ 210x150



Example 1

$$\circ \downarrow (s = +1)$$

•
$$\uparrow$$
 (s = -1)



















$${
m s}~=\pm 1$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{H}}(\{\mathbf{s_i}\})) = \boldsymbol{\mathcal{H}}(\{-\mathbf{s_i}\})$$

Global \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry

This discrete symmetry is broken below tc

Phase diagram of an Ising magnet. All the phase transitions are first-order except at the critical point C. Beyond C it is possible to move continuously from a paramagnetic to a ferromagnetic phase.





Analogy to liquid - gas phase transition





Liquid Crystals (breaking of global continuous Symmetry and Goldstone modes)







lowered

A possible crystalline phase at low temperatures

Isotropic liquid at high temperatures

Intermediate structures: liquids with partial orientational order connected (or not) with a partial translational order

















This pair together recovers back the symmetry of the Hamiltonian





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$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{H}}(\{\boldsymbol{\Omega}_i\},\{\mathbf{r_k}-\mathbf{r_j}\})=\boldsymbol{\mathcal{H}}(\{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}\boldsymbol{\Omega}_i\},\{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{T}}\mathbf{r_k}-\boldsymbol{\mathcal{T}}\mathbf{r_j}\})$$







Superconductivity (role of local gauge symmetry)





Meissner Effect (manifestation of local gauge symmetry – example of Higgs mechanism)

Superconductors expel magnetic field,

and hence repel magnets. This repulsion can be stronger than gravity, which leads to levitation - the most fascinating manifestation of superconductivity.





A magnet moving by a conductor induces currents in the conductor. This is the principle upon which the electric generator operates. But, in a superconductor the induced currents exactly mirror the field that would have otherwise penetrated the superconducting material - causing the magnet to be repulsed. This phenomenon is known as diamagnetism and is today often referred to as the "Meissner effect". The Meissner effect is so strong that a magnet can actually be <u>levitated</u> over a superconductive material. Hierarchical selforganization (without, or) with only a partial involvement of symmetry breaking mechanism

(polimeric, lyotropic, biological, ... matter)







Concentration of Amphiphilic Molecules



Ill condensing matter or systems with randomness (glasses, spin glasses), dynamical phases transitions (synchronization), granular media, foams, etc....

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