

Figure 1: A graph of Free Energy (F) against Q. This graphs out the relationship predicted by the Bragg-Williams model – a dependence of the Free Energy (F) against the state of order defined by the order parameter Q. F generally increases for increasing values of T.

FF

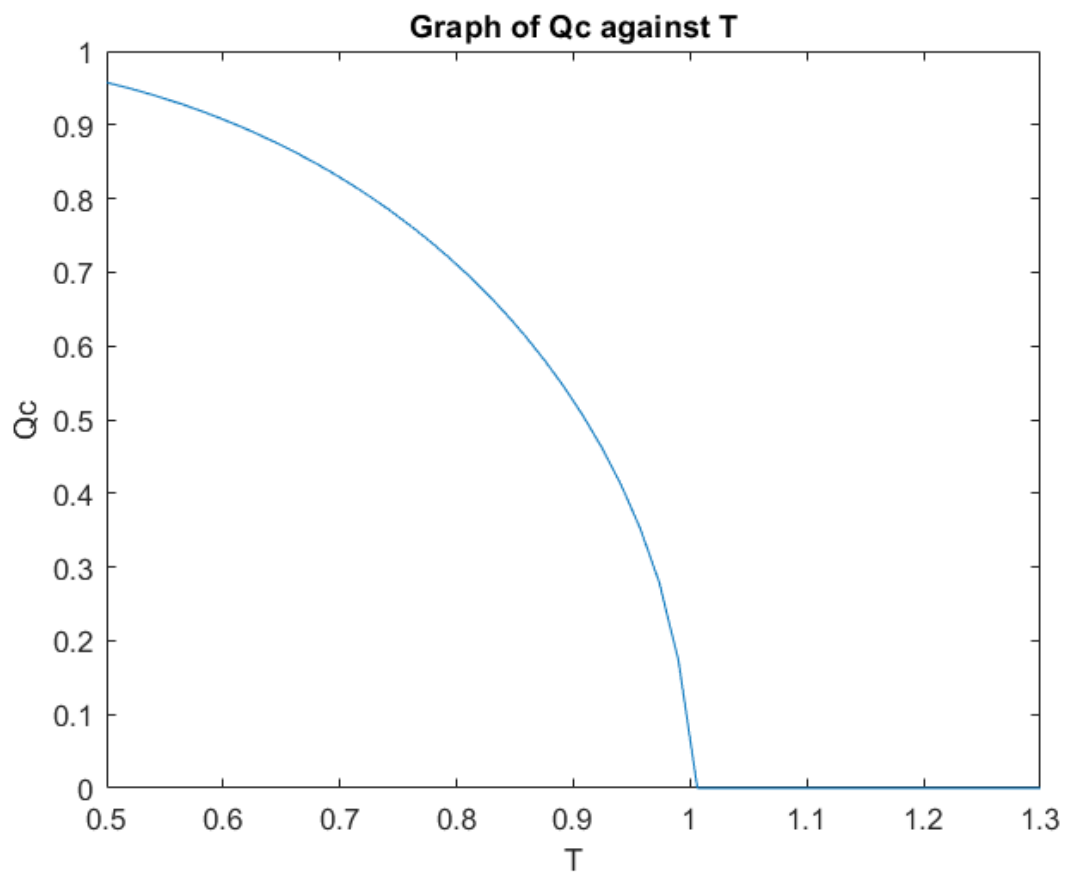


Figure 2: A graph of Q_c , the value of Q that minimises the Free Energy (F), against T . Note that $T_c = 1$. As T increases, Q_c decreases non-linearly, and reaches 0 when $T = T_c = 1$. As T increases past T_c , no amount of disorder can minimise the Free Energy, and only an entirely ordered system can minimise the Free Energy. For the region below T_c , only a more disordered system can minimise the Free Energy, probably reflecting the higher energy the system has due to the increase T .