

## Phase transition – Ising model

First-order phase transition:

- discontinuity in the first derivative of A

Second-order phase transition :

- discontinuity in the second derivative of A

(Ehrenfest's classification based on free energy)

Description of phase transitions with partition function (?)

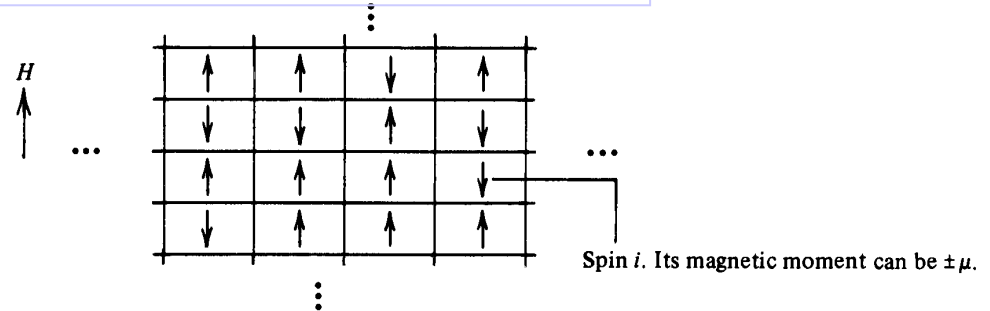


Fig. 5.1. Spins on a lattice.

$$E_v = - \sum_{i=1}^N H \mu s_i + (\text{energy due to interactions between spins})$$

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$$s_i = \pm 1.$$

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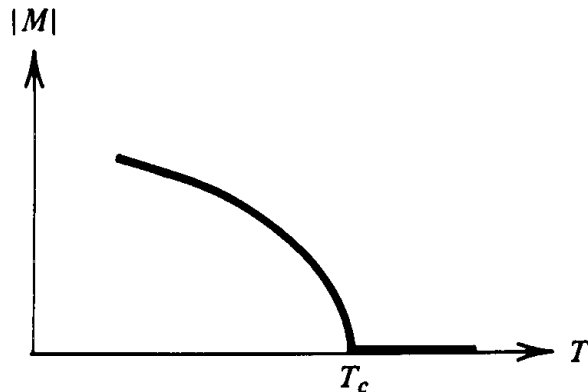
$$-J \sum_{ij}' s_i s_j$$

Lattice topology and dimensionality

Cubic lattice:  $E_0 = -DNJ$

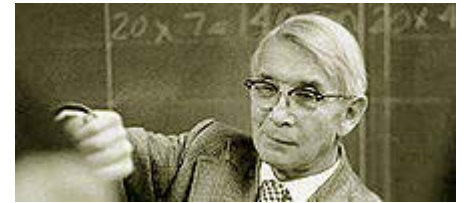
$$\langle M \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N \mu s_i$$

$J > 0$ : Spontaneous magnetization - „long ranged correlation“, „long ranged order“



$T_c$  – critical (Curie) temperature

# Macroscopic properties of Ising (magnetic lattice) – partition function



$$Q(\beta, N, H) = \sum_v e^{-\beta E_v} = \sum_{s_1} \sum_{s_2} \dots \sum_{s_N} e^{\left[ \beta \mu H \sum_{i=1}^N s_i + \beta J \sum_{ij} s_i s_j \right]}$$

**One-dimensional lattice**  $-J \sum_{i=1}^N s_i s_{i+1}$

(periodic boundary conditions)

No spontaneous magnetization

↑	↑	↓	...	↑	↓	↓	...	↑
1	2	3		$i-1$	$i$	$i+1$		$N$

$$Q(\beta, N, 0) = [2 \cosh(\beta J)]^N$$

↑	↑	↑	...	↑	↑	...	↑
1	2			$\frac{N}{2}$			$N$

$$E = -NJ$$

$$\Delta E = 4J$$

Too small difference for macroscopic system

$$T_c \approx \frac{J}{Nk} \rightarrow 0$$

↑	↑	↑	...	↑	↓	...	↓
1	2			$\frac{N}{2}$			$N$

$$E = (-N + 4)J$$

## 2-D lattice:

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Analytical solution (Onsager):

$$Q(\beta, N, 0) = [2 \cosh(\beta J) e^I]^N$$



$$\boxed{T_c = 2.269J/k_B}$$

Heat capacity – singularity

Magnetization

$$I = (2\pi)^{-1} \int_0^\pi d\phi \ln \left\{ \frac{1}{2} [1 + (1 - \kappa^2 \sin^2 \phi)^{1/2}] \right\}$$

$$\kappa = 2 \sinh(2\beta J) / \cosh^2(2\beta J)$$

$$(C/N) \sim (8k_B/\pi)(\beta J)^2 \ln|1/(T - T_c)|$$

$$(M/N) \sim (\text{constant})(T_c - T)^\beta, \quad T < T_c, \quad \beta = 1/8$$

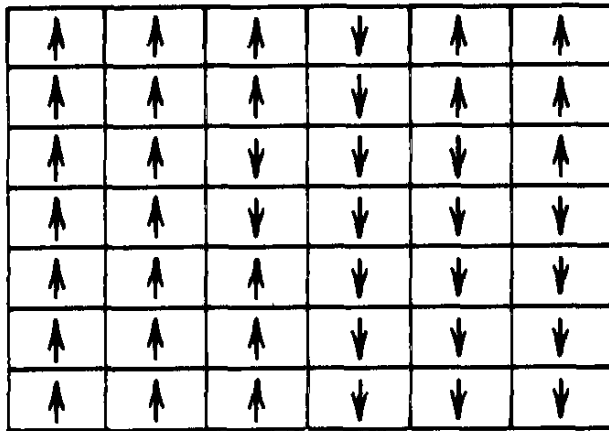
## 3-D lattice:

No analytical solution, numerical approach:  $(C/N) \propto |T - T_c|^{-\alpha}$

$$(M/N) \propto (T_c - T)^\beta, \quad T < T_c,$$

$$\alpha \approx 0.125, \quad \beta \approx 0.313$$

# „Lattice Gas“



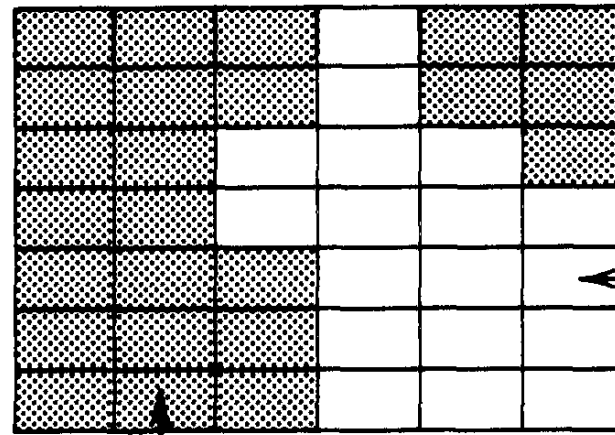
Ising magnet

$$S_i = -1, 1$$

$$-J \sum'_{ij} s_i s_j$$

$$s_i = 2n_i - 1$$

$$J = \varepsilon/4$$



Lattice gas

$$n_i = 0, 1$$

$$-\varepsilon \sum'_{i,j} n_i n_j$$

$$\Xi = \sum_{\substack{n_1, \dots, n_N \\ =0,1}} \exp \left\{ \beta \mu \sum_{i=1}^N n_i + \beta \varepsilon \sum'_{ij} n_i n_j \right\}$$

## Ising magnet– broken symmetry

Magnetization:

$$\langle M \rangle = Q^{-1} \sum_{\nu} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \mu s_i \right) e^{-\beta E_{\nu}}$$

No external field – should go to 0

$$P_{M_{\nu}} = P_{-M_{\nu}}$$

$$Q(\beta, N, H) = \sum_{\nu} e^{-\beta E_{\nu}} = \sum_M \tilde{Q}(M)$$

Summing for particular magnetization  $M$

$$\tilde{Q}(M) = \sum_{\nu} \Delta(M - M_{\nu}) e^{-\beta E_{\nu}}$$

$M = M_{\nu} \Rightarrow 1$ , otherwise 0

$$A(N, H, T) = -kT \ln Q$$



$$\tilde{A}(M) = -kT \ln \tilde{Q}(M)$$

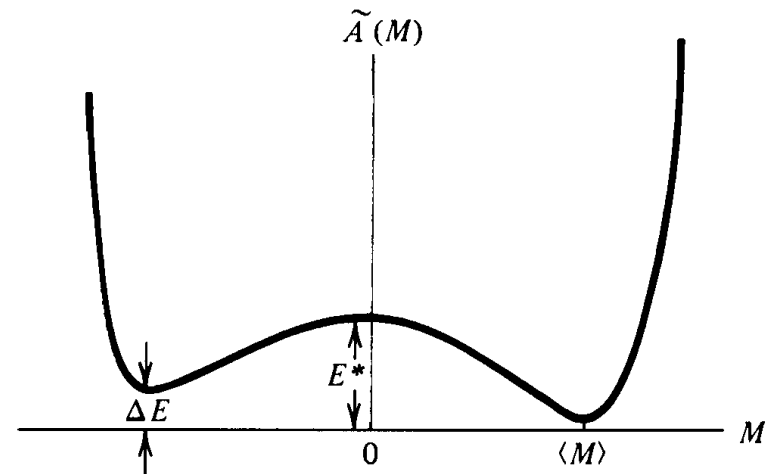
Free energy – reversible work required to change magnetization of the system

Change of magnetization requires fluctuation  
With energy of the size of  $E^*$

- Half of the spins must be reversed

$$2D \sim N^{1/2}$$

$$3D \sim N^{2/3}$$

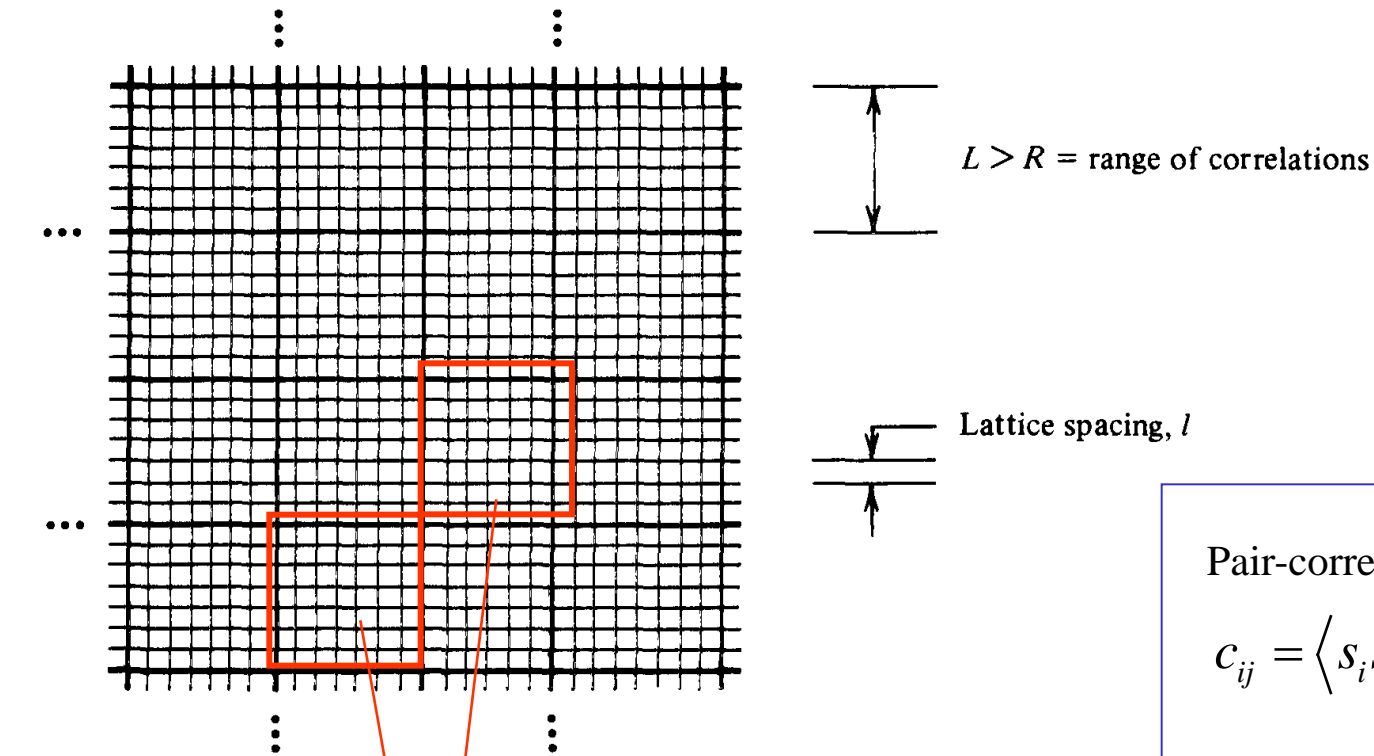


**Fig. 5.4.** Reversible work function for the magnetization.

Phase transitions are related to the range of correlation

„Range of correlation“ –  $R$  – fluctuations are correlated

for points outside this range – fluctuations are not correlated



Pair-correlation function:

$$c_{ij} = \langle s_i s_j \rangle - \langle s_i \rangle \langle s_j \rangle$$

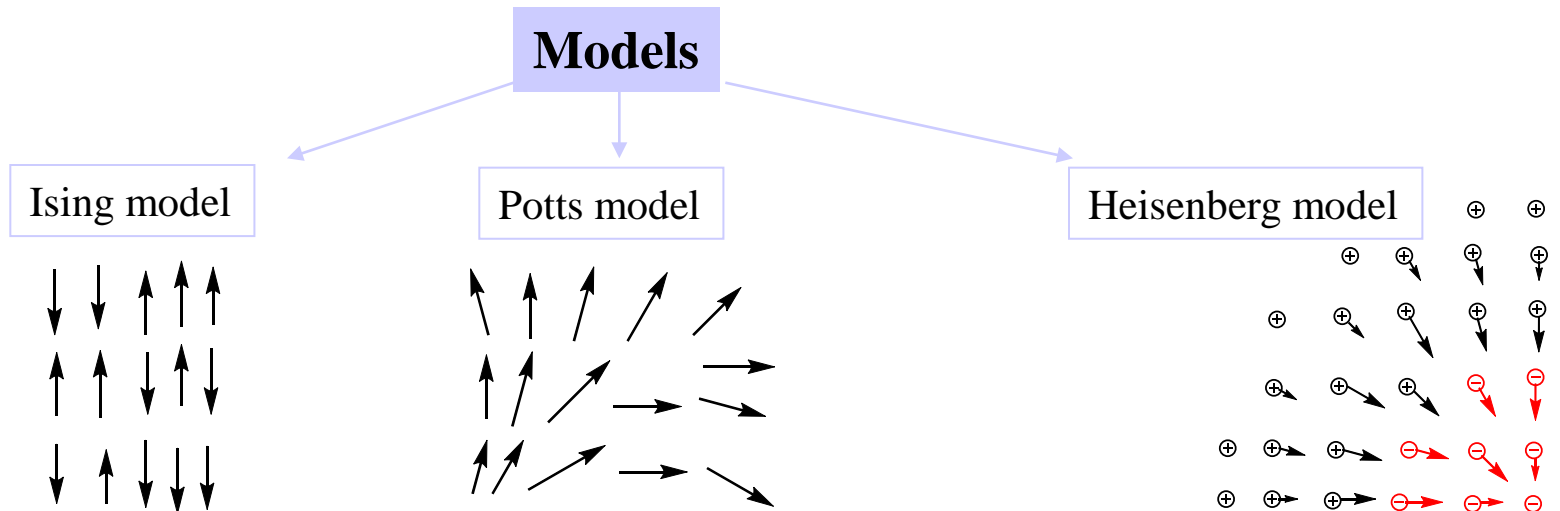
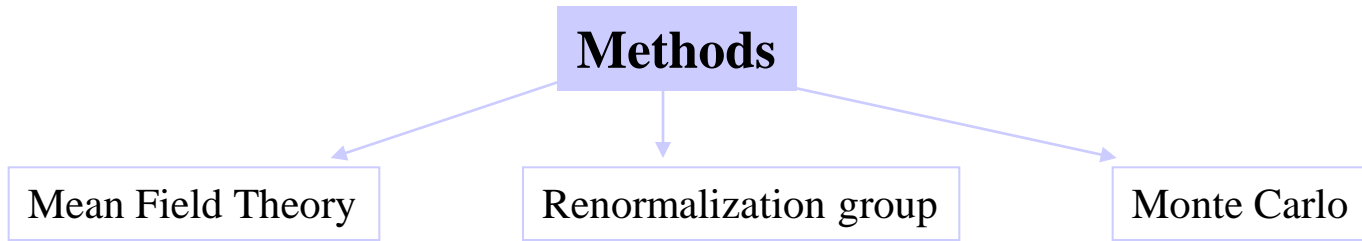
$R \sim nl$

No correlation – average magnetization is zero.

$R \sim \text{macroscopic}$  – magnetization may exist



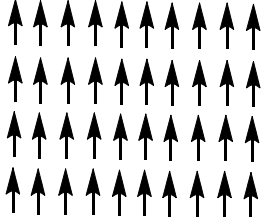
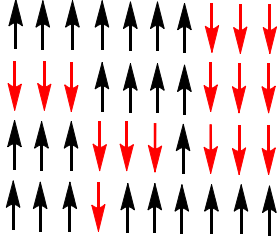
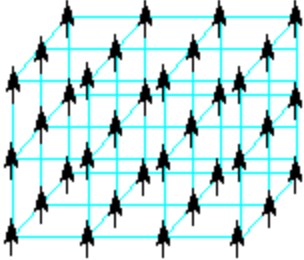
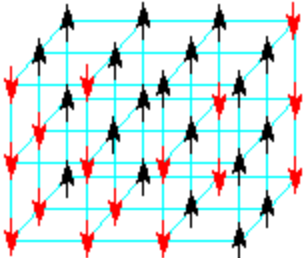
# Phase transitions

(approximations required)



Arbitrary dimensionality of the model – analytic solution for lower dimensionality

# Ising Model

	Low T	High T	Solved
1-D			Ising – 1925
2-D			Onsager – 1944
3-D			Proven computationally intractable - 2000

As T increases, S increases but net magnetization decreases



## Mean Field Theory (1970)

Individual particles (spin) feels average potential of environment.

Fluctuations are not explicitly considered.

Reduction of manyparticle problem to a one-particle problem.

Approximate solutions – not too good in the vicinity of critical point  
advantage – can be obtained for any dimensionality

Energy for Ising model

$$E_v = -\mu H \sum_i s_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} s_i s_j$$

$J_{ij}$  nonzero only for neighbors

Force exerted on  $s_i$

$$-(\partial E_v / \partial s_i) = \mu H + \sum_j J_{ij} s_j$$

Instantaneous field impinging on  $s_i$

$$\mu H_i = \mu H + \sum_j J_{ij} s_j$$

Mean value of  $s_i$  is the same  
For all spins.


Fluctuation due to its  
neighbors

$$\langle H_i \rangle = H + \sum_j J_{ij} \langle s_j \rangle / \mu = H + Jz \langle s_i \rangle / \mu$$

Number of neighbors considered

$\Rightarrow H_i$  does not depend on the orientation but only on the mean value of  $s_i$ .

Average spin

$$\langle s_1 \rangle \approx \sum_{s_1 = \pm 1} s_1 \exp [\beta \mu (H + \Delta H) s_1] / \sum_{s = \pm 1} \exp [\beta \mu (H + \Delta H) s]$$


$$\Delta H = Jz \langle s_j \rangle / \mu$$

Magnetization per  
particle

$$m = \langle M \rangle / N\mu = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \mu s_i \right\rangle / N\mu$$

$$m = \tanh (\beta \mu H + \beta z J m)$$

$s_i$  depends on  $H_i \rightarrow$  SCF solution

$$T_c = 2DJ / k_B$$

MFT predicts phase transition even for 1-D model ( $2J/k_B$ ) !!

MFT gives  $T_c = 4J/k_B$  for 2-D model (Onsager 2.3)

Model can be improved in number of ways within MFT.

## **Renormalization group theory** (1971)

Metoda for the investigation of phase transitions and other phenomena

Kenneth Wilson – 1982 Nobel prize