

# Minimization of the free energy functional in the Bragg-Williams approximation

$$\mathcal{F}^{\text{MF}} = -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} m_i m_j - \sum_i h_i m_i + k_B T \sum_i \left[ \frac{1-m_i}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1-m_i}{2} \right) + \frac{1+m_i}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1+m_i}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$\bullet \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}^{\text{MF}}}{\partial m_\alpha} = 0 \quad \text{Note: } \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} = \sum_i \sum_{j \in N(i)} = \sum_j \sum_{i \in N(j)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -\frac{J}{2} \left[ \sum_i \sum_{j \in N(i)} \delta_{i\alpha} m_j + \sum_j \sum_{i \in N(j)} m_i \delta_{j\alpha} \right] - \sum_i h_i \delta_{i\alpha} + \\ &+ k_B T \sum_i \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \delta_{i\alpha} \ln \left( \frac{1-m_i}{2} \right) + \frac{1-m_i}{2} \frac{2}{1-m_i} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \delta_{i\alpha} \right) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{i\alpha} \ln \left( \frac{1+m_i}{2} \right) + \frac{1+m_i}{2} \frac{2}{1+m_i} \left( +\frac{1}{2} \delta_{i\alpha} \right) \right] = \\ &= -\frac{J}{2} 2 \sum_{i \in N(\alpha)} m_i - h_\alpha + k_B T \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{1-m_\alpha}{2} \right) + 1 \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{1+m_\alpha}{2} \right) + 1 \right] \right] \\ &= -J \sum_{i \in N(\alpha)} m_i - h_\alpha + \frac{k_B T}{2} \ln \frac{1+m_\alpha}{1-m_\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Now recall:

$$\text{Tanh}^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1+x}{1-x} \quad \text{If } |x| < 1$$

Then

$$-J \sum_{i \in N(\alpha)} m_i - h_\alpha + \frac{k_B T}{2} \ln \frac{1+m_\alpha}{1-m_\alpha} = 0$$

$$-J \sum_{i \in N(\alpha)} m_i - h_\alpha + k_B T \text{tanh}^{-1}(m_\alpha) = 0$$

$$\text{Tanh}^{-1}(m_\alpha) = \beta h_\alpha + \beta J \sum_{i \in N(\alpha)} m_i$$

$$m_\alpha = \text{Tanh} \left( \beta \left( h_\alpha + J \sum_{i \in N(\alpha)} m_i \right) \right)$$