

## Law of Corresponding States

Rescale the V.d.W equation using  $P_c, V_c, T_c$

$$\tilde{T} = \frac{T}{T_c} \quad \tilde{V} = \frac{V}{V_c} \quad , \quad \tilde{P} = \frac{P}{P_c}$$

$$\left( \tilde{P} P_c + a \left( \frac{N}{\tilde{V} V_c} \right)^2 \right) \left( \tilde{V} V_c - Nb \right) = N k \tilde{T} T_c$$

and

$$V_c = 3Nb, \quad kT_c = \frac{8}{27} \frac{a}{b}, \quad P_c = \frac{1}{27} \frac{a}{b^2}$$

$$\left( \tilde{P} + \frac{1}{\tilde{V}^2} \frac{a N^2}{V_c^2 P_c} \right) \left( \tilde{V} - \frac{1}{3} \right) = \tilde{T} \frac{N k T_c}{P_c V_c}$$

$$\frac{P_c V_c}{k T_c N} = \frac{3}{8} = 0.375$$

$$\left( \tilde{P} + \frac{3}{\tilde{V}^2} \right) \left( \tilde{V} - \frac{1}{3} \right) = \frac{8}{3} \tilde{T}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{He}^4: & \approx 0.31 \\ \text{H}_2\text{O}: & 0.27 \\ \text{Ar}: & 0.292 \end{aligned}$$

law of corresponding states

- when expressed in terms of scaled variables, all fluids should exhibit similar behavior.
- this is true, but they won't be the same as the "V.d.W." gas

$\Rightarrow$  concept of universality is very important  
(but not described very well by V.d.W. eq.)

## Definition of critical exponents

$$(i) / a \quad \kappa_T = -\frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_T \sim |T - T_c|^{-\gamma}$$

(if it's possible)  
for  $T \rightarrow T_c \pm 0$ )

As we go thru the critical point, the coexistence curve has equilibrium volumes  $V_e(T) \neq V_g(T)$

$$(ii) / b \quad C_{V(P)} \sim |T - T_c|^{-\alpha} \quad \text{constant } V(P) \text{ specific heat}$$

$$(ii) \quad \begin{array}{l} V_g - V_e \\ \text{specific volume } (\nu = \frac{V}{N}) \end{array} \sim \boxed{\nu_g - \nu_e \sim |T - T_c|^\beta} \quad T < T_c$$

length of coexistence curve:  $\sim$  order parameter

$$\phi_g = \frac{V_g - V_c}{V_c}$$

$$\phi_e = \frac{V_e - V_c}{V_c}$$

also can be interpreted as the density  $\phi$  measured from  $T_c$

$$\frac{1}{\phi_e} - \frac{1}{\phi_g} = \frac{\phi_g - \phi_e}{\phi_g \phi_e} \approx \phi_g - \phi_e \sim |T - T_c|^\beta$$

(iii) on the critical isotherm  $T = T_c$

$$|P - P_c| \sim |V - V_c|^\delta$$

equivalently:

$$\left| \frac{P - P_c}{P_c} \right| \sim \left| \frac{V - V_c}{V_c} \right|^\delta$$

$$|\tau| \sim |\phi|^\delta$$

# Critical Behavior of the v.d. W. gas

$$\left(\tilde{p} + \frac{3}{\tilde{v}}\right)\left(\tilde{v} - \frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{8}{3}\tilde{T}$$

critical point  $\tilde{p}_c = \tilde{v}_c = \tilde{T}_c = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi &\equiv \tilde{p} - 1, & \varphi &\equiv \tilde{v} - 1, & t &\equiv \tilde{T} - 1 \\ \therefore \pi &= \frac{p - p_c}{p_c} = \tilde{p} - 1, & \varphi &= \frac{v - v_c}{v_c} = \tilde{v} - 1, & t &= \frac{T - T_c}{T_c} = \tilde{T} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{p} = 8 \frac{(1+t)}{2+3\varphi} - \frac{3}{(1+\varphi)^2}$$

assume  $t \ll 1$ ,  $\varphi \ll 1$

in the vicinity of the critical point

HW exercise

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{p} = 1 + 4t - 6t\varphi - \frac{3}{2}\varphi^3 + o(t\varphi, \varphi^4)$$

$$\pi \approx 4t - 6t\varphi - \frac{3}{2}\varphi^3$$

$\delta$ :

on the critical isotherm:  $(T = T_c)$   $t = 0$

$$\pi \approx -\frac{3}{2}\varphi^3$$

$$\left| \frac{p - p_c}{p_c} \right| \sim \left| \frac{v - v_c}{v_c} \right|^\delta$$

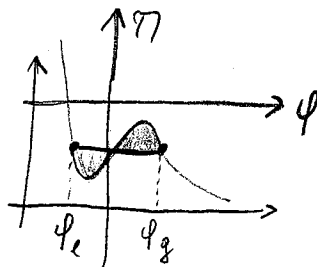
$$\delta = 3$$

$$|\varphi| \sim |\pi|^{1/3}$$

(experiments:  
 $\delta \approx 4-5$ )

$\boxed{P}$

coexistence line:  
(below  $T_c$ )



$\boxed{t < 0}$  fixed

$$\int_{\phi_g}^{\phi_c} V dP = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_{\phi_g}^{\phi_c} \phi d\pi = 0 \quad (\text{Maxwell rule})$$

$$d\pi = -6t d\phi - \frac{9}{2} \phi^2 d\phi \quad t = \text{const}$$

$$\int_{\phi_g}^{\phi_c} \phi (-6t - \frac{9}{2} \phi^2) d\phi = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi_c = -\phi_g$$

From the equation of state.

$$\begin{cases} \pi = 4t - 6t\phi_g - \frac{9}{2}\phi_g^3 & (\phi_g \text{ eqn.}) \\ \pi = 4t + 6t\phi_g + \frac{9}{2}\phi_g^3 & (\phi_c \text{ eqn.}) \end{cases}$$

$$0 = 12t\phi_g + 3\phi_g^3$$

$$\phi_g^2 = -4t \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi_g = 2\sqrt{-t} = 2\sqrt{|t|}$$

$v = \frac{V}{N}$  (specific volume: volume per particle)

order param:  $\frac{1}{\phi_c} - \frac{1}{\phi_g} = \frac{\phi_g - \phi_c}{\phi_c \phi_g} \sim 2\phi_g \sim |t|^{1/2}$

↑  
densities measured from the critical values

$\boxed{\beta = 1/2}$

$\beta$ :

isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$ :

$$\kappa_T^{-1} = -V \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \right)_T \sim - \left( \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial \phi} \right)_T \approx -(-6t) \quad \text{at } \phi = 0$$

for  $t > 0$   $\Pi \approx 4t - 6t\phi - \frac{3}{2}\phi^3$

$$\kappa_T \sim \frac{1}{6t} \sim \frac{1}{T - T_c}$$

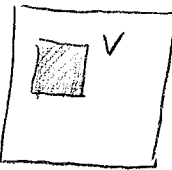
$\beta = 1$   
diverges as  $T \rightarrow T_c^+$

HW exercise:  $\alpha$  (specific heat exponent)

The physical and microscopic interpretation of the divergence in  $\kappa_T$ : the behavior of the density-density correlation

Particle number fluctuations and compressibility  $\kappa_T$

$$\langle (\Delta N)^2 \rangle = kT \left( \frac{\partial \langle N \rangle}{\partial \mu} \right)_{V,T}$$

  $V^0$   
 $V \ll V^0$   
but macroscopic

$N = \langle N \rangle$  for short

from basic thermodynamics:

$$\left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial \mu} \right)_{V,T} = - \frac{N^2}{V^2} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_{N,T}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle (\Delta N)^2 \rangle = kT \frac{N^2}{V^2} \left( - \frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_{N,T} = kT \left( \frac{N}{V} \right)^2 V \kappa_T$$

(1)

$$\langle (\Delta N)^2 \rangle = kT \rho^2 V \kappa_T$$

dimensionless two-point correlation function:

$$\boxed{\rho = \frac{N}{V} = \langle \rho(\vec{x}) \rangle} \quad G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') = \frac{1}{\rho^2} [\langle \rho(\vec{x}) \rho(\vec{x}') \rangle - \rho^2] \quad \text{essential } (\vec{x} - \vec{x}') \text{ dependence in hom. syst}$$

$$|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'| \rightarrow \infty \quad \langle \rho(\vec{x}) \rho(\vec{x}') \rangle \rightarrow \langle \rho(\vec{x}) \rangle \langle \rho(\vec{x}') \rangle = \rho^2$$

and

$$\lim_{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'| \rightarrow \infty} G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') = 0$$

Also note, that

$$\langle (\rho(\vec{x}) - \rho)(\rho(\vec{x}') - \rho) \rangle = \langle \rho(\vec{x}) \rho(\vec{x}') \rangle - \rho^2$$

$$N = \int d^3x \rho(\vec{x}) \Rightarrow \langle N \rangle = \int d^3x \langle \rho(\vec{x}) \rangle = \int d^3x \rho$$

$$\int d^3x \int d^3x' G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') = \frac{1}{\rho^2} [\langle \int d^3x \rho(\vec{x}) \int d^3x' \rho(\vec{x}') \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\rho^2} [\langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2] = \frac{1}{\rho^2} \langle (\Delta N)^2 \rangle \quad (2)$$

from the translational invariance of  $G(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$

$$\int d^3x \int d^3x' G(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') = V \int d^3\vec{r} G(\vec{r}) \quad (3)$$

Combining (1), (2), and (3):

$$\boxed{\int d^3\vec{r} G(\vec{r}) = k_B T_c \chi_T}$$

$$G(\vec{r}) \propto \frac{e^{-r/\xi(T)}}{r} \quad d=3$$

away from  $T_c$

$$\xi(T) \xrightarrow{T \rightarrow T_c} \infty$$

# Structure Factor and Critical Opalescence

$$S(\vec{k}) = \rho \int d^3r e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} G(\vec{r}) \quad \text{structure factor}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} S(\vec{k}) = \rho \int d^3r G(\vec{r}) = \rho k_B T \chi_T$$

$$k \neq 0 \quad S(\vec{k}) = \frac{\text{const}}{k^2 + \xi(T)^2}$$

$$\vec{k} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \text{const. } \xi(T)^2 = \rho k_B T \chi_T$$

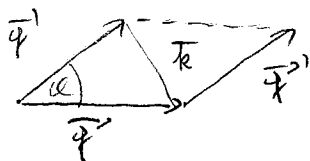
(\*) experimental finding

$\xi(T)$  is finite away from  $T_c$ ,

$$S(\vec{k}) = \frac{\rho k_B T \chi_T}{1 + k^2 \xi(T)^2}$$

$$T \rightarrow T_c \quad S(\vec{k}) \propto \frac{1}{k^{2+\eta}} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow 0} \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \chi_T \rightarrow \infty$$

Scattering Experiment: elastic scattering of neutron or light



$$|\vec{q}'| = |\vec{q}| = \text{const.}$$

$$|\vec{k}| = 2|\vec{q}| \sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$I(\theta) \propto S(k)$$

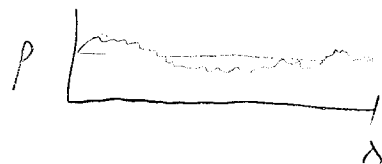
(\*) intensity of scattered radiation:

Two-point function:

$$G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') = \frac{1}{\rho^2} [\langle \rho(\bar{x}) \rho(\bar{x}') \rangle - \rho^2]$$

$\rho = \langle \rho(\bar{x}) \rangle$   
homogeneous system

$$G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') = \frac{1}{\rho^2} [\langle (\rho(\bar{x}) - \rho)(\rho(\bar{x}') - \rho) \rangle]$$



Thus,  $G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') = G(\bar{x}', \bar{x})$  is the measure of the density fluctuations in the system.

$$\lim_{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'| \rightarrow \infty} G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{since } \lim_{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'| \rightarrow \infty} \langle \rho(\bar{x}) \rho(\bar{x}') \rangle \rightarrow \langle \rho(\bar{x}) \rangle \langle \rho(\bar{x}') \rangle = \rho^2$$

HW: working in the canonical ensemble and writing  

$$\rho(\bar{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(\bar{x} - \bar{x}_i)$$
 show that

(i)  $\langle \rho(\bar{x}) \rangle = \frac{N}{V}$  constant

(ii)  $\langle \rho(\bar{x}) \rho(\bar{x}') \rangle = \text{function of } (\bar{x} - \bar{x}')$

assuming that the interaction part of the Hamiltonian is homogeneous, i.e.,  $U(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_N) = \sum_{i < j} U(\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_j)$

extending the definition of  $G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}')$  to the G.C. ensemble to allow number of particle fluctuations, we find

$$\int d\vec{r} \overset{\substack{\uparrow \\ d \text{ dimension}}}{G(\vec{r})} = k_B T \chi_T$$

using  $\frac{N}{V}$  and  $\frac{\langle N \rangle}{V}$  interchangeably

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} S(k) = \rho k_B T \chi_T$$



# Structure Factor

$$\rho = \frac{N}{V}$$

$$S(\vec{k}) = \rho \int d^d r \, e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} G(\vec{r}) =$$

(Fourier tr. of two-point density correlations)

$$= \frac{1}{\rho} \int \left[ \underbrace{\langle \rho(\vec{x}) \rho(\vec{x}') \rangle}_{\text{func. of } (\vec{x}-\vec{x}')} - \rho^2 \right] e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} d^d r$$

$$= \frac{1}{\rho V} \left[ \sum_{i,j} \langle \delta(\vec{x}-\vec{x}_i) \delta(\vec{x}'-\vec{x}_j) \rangle e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot(\vec{x}-\vec{x}')} d^d x d^d x' - \rho \delta_{\vec{k},0} V \right]$$

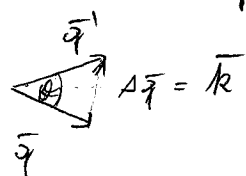
$$\boxed{= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i,j} \langle e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot(\vec{x}_i-\vec{x}_j)} \rangle - N \delta_{\vec{k},0}}$$

$$(\delta_{\vec{k},0} V = -(\partial T)^{-1} \delta(\vec{k}))$$

elastic scattering application: (plane wave scattering approx.)

incoming beam:  $\psi_{\vec{q}}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{+i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} = |\vec{q}\rangle$

outgoing (scattered) beam:  $\psi_{\vec{q}'}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{+i\vec{q}'\cdot\vec{x}} = |\vec{q}'\rangle$

$|\vec{q}'| = |\vec{q}|$    $\Delta \vec{q} = \vec{k}$   $|\vec{k}| = 2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |\vec{q}| = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda_{\text{light}}} \sin \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$

model interaction between the system of  $N$  particles  
and the probe (light or neutrons):  $\sum_{i=1}^N u(\vec{x}-\vec{x}_i)$

$$W_{\vec{q} \rightarrow \vec{q}'} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \langle \vec{q} + \vec{k} | \sum_{i=1}^N u(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i) | \vec{q} \rangle \right|^2 \delta(\varepsilon_{\vec{q}'} - \varepsilon_{\vec{q}})$$

↑  
QM average.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{q} + \vec{k} | \sum_{i=1}^N u(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i) | \vec{q} \rangle &= \frac{1}{V} \int d^3x e^{-i(\vec{q} + \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{x}} \sum_{i=1}^N u(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i) e^{+i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{x}} \\ &= \frac{1}{V} \sum_{i=1}^N \int d^3x e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} u(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{\int d^3x e^{-i\vec{k}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i)} u(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i)}_{u(\vec{k})} e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_i} \\ &= \frac{1}{V} \sum_i e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_i} u(\vec{k}) = \frac{1}{V} u(\vec{k}) \sum_{i=1}^N e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_i} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{k} = \vec{q}' - \vec{q}$$

scattered  
intensity:

$$I(\vec{k}) \propto \left\langle \frac{1}{V^2} |u(\vec{k})|^2 \left| \sum_{i=1}^N e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_i} \right|^2 \right\rangle_{\vec{k} \text{ thermal average}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{V^2} |u(\vec{k})|^2 \left\langle \sum_{i,j} e^{-i\vec{k}(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)} \right\rangle = \frac{N}{V^2} |u(\vec{k})|^2 S(\vec{k})$$

↑  
form factor

s.p. for neutron scattering:  $u(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i) \propto \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i)$   
 $|u(\vec{k})| \propto \text{const.}$  (slowly varying func)

for  $\vec{k} \neq 0$

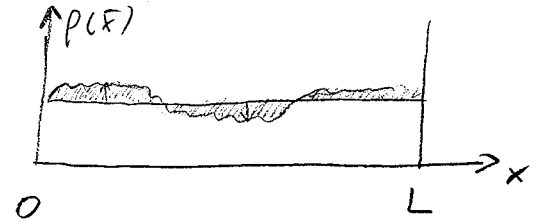
$$I(\vec{k}) \propto S(\vec{k})$$

i.e., the structure factor of the material/system will be proportional to the scattered beam

$$\hat{p}(\vec{x}) = p(\vec{x}) - \bar{p}$$

density fluctuations about the average

$$\hat{p}_{\vec{k}} = \int \hat{p}(\vec{x}) e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} d^3x$$



HW: (show that)

$$\langle \hat{p}_{\vec{k}} \hat{p}_{\vec{k}'} \rangle = \delta_{\vec{k}, -\vec{k}'} N S(\vec{k})$$

Kronecker delta

$$\text{i.e., } \langle \hat{p}_{\vec{k}} \hat{p}_{-\vec{k}} \rangle = N S(\vec{k})$$

$$\text{or } S(\vec{k}) = \frac{1}{N} \langle \hat{p}_{\vec{k}} \hat{p}_{-\vec{k}} \rangle$$

Experimental evidence

$$T \gtrsim T_c \quad S(\vec{k}) \propto \frac{1}{k^2 + \xi^{-2}}$$

$\nearrow$   
 $S(T)$  can be measured

$$G(r) = \frac{1}{P} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} S(\vec{k})$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} \frac{1}{(r\xi)^{\frac{d-2}{2}}} K_{\frac{d-2}{2}}(r/\xi)$$

$$\begin{aligned} r/\xi \rightarrow \infty \\ \simeq \frac{1}{r^{\frac{d-2}{2}}} \cdot \frac{1}{r^{1/2}} e^{-r/\xi} \\ = \frac{1}{r^{\frac{d-1}{2}}} e^{-r/\xi} \end{aligned}$$

$$d=3 \quad G(r) \propto \frac{e^{-r/\xi}}{r}$$

$$T \rightarrow T_c: \quad S(\vec{k}) \propto \frac{1}{k^{2-\eta}}$$

$$G(r) \propto r^{2-d-\eta} = \frac{1}{r^{d-2+\eta}}$$

$\Downarrow$   
diverging  $\int G(r) d^d r$