

# Free energy landscape

Two universality classes of glasses

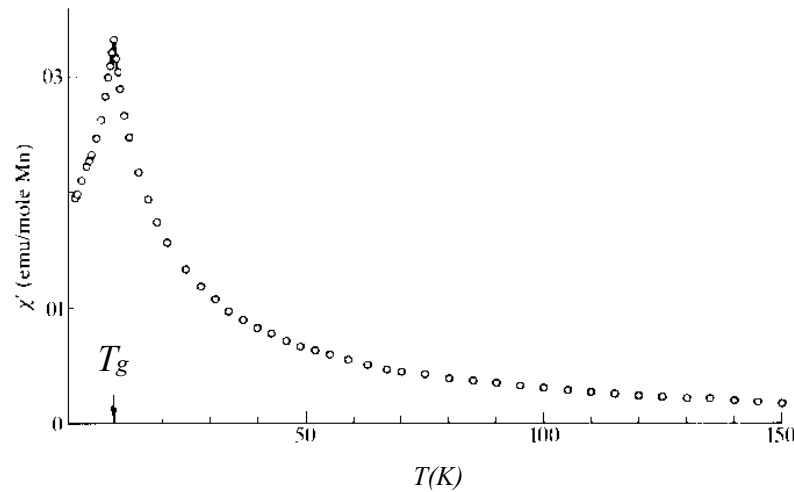
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versus

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With very different phenomenology!

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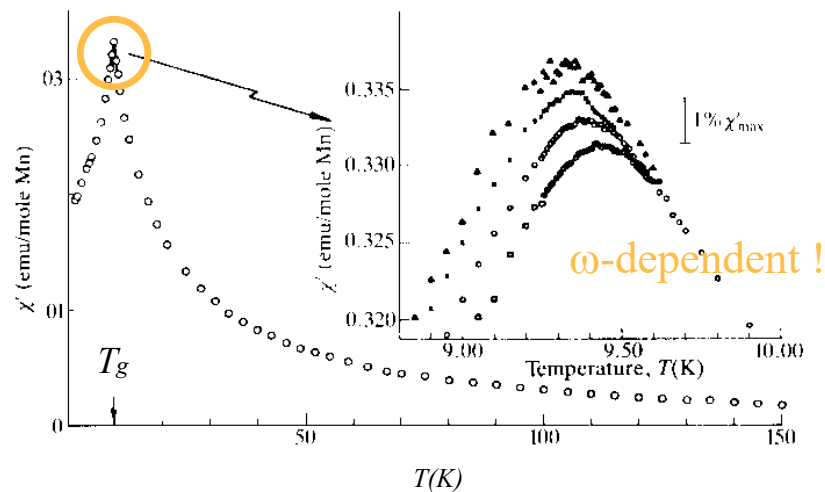
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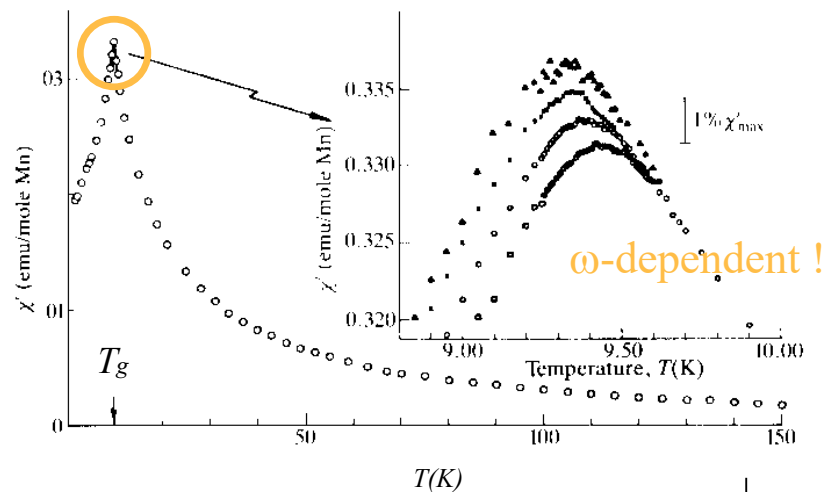
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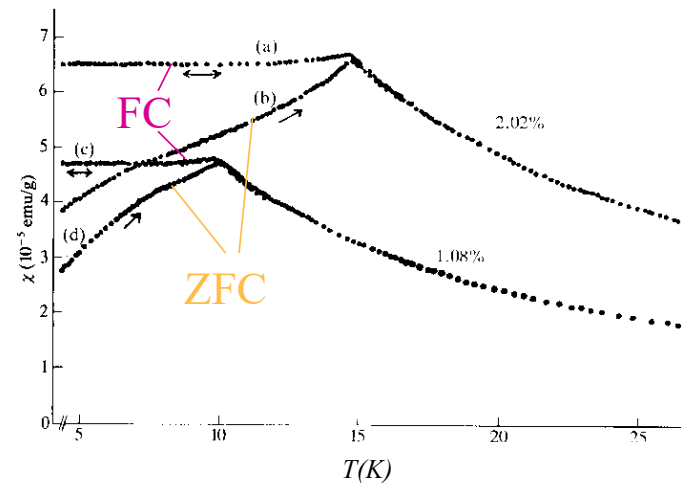
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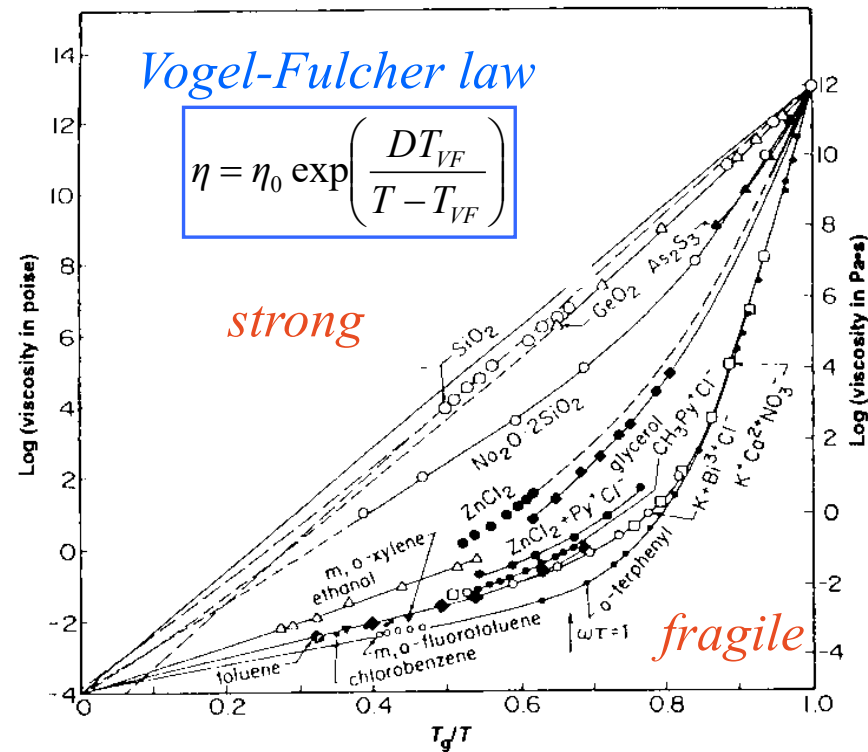


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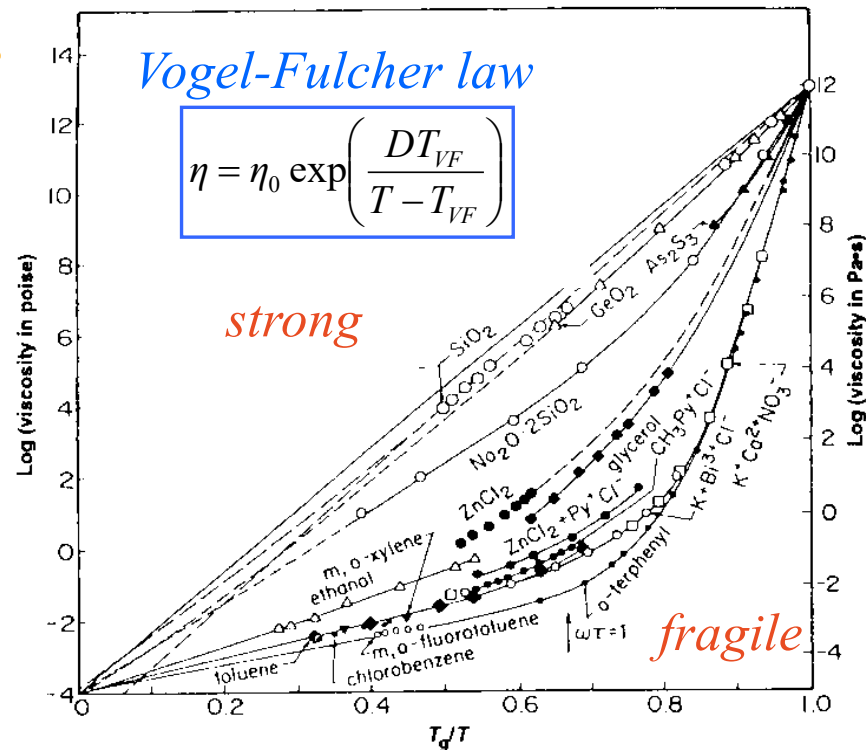
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## Strong glasses

- open networks
- robust against deformation
- barriers slowly increasing
- $T_{VF}$  small,  $D$  large



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## Fragile glasses

- van der Waals liquids
- high plasticity above  $T_g$
- barriers increase fast
- $T_{VF}$  close to  $T_g$
- $D$  small

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Motivation for multi-spin models:

- Optimization problems (3-SAT) have multi-spin interactions
- Langevin dynamics of mean field p-spin model is identical to mode-coupling approximation to **supercooled liquids**!

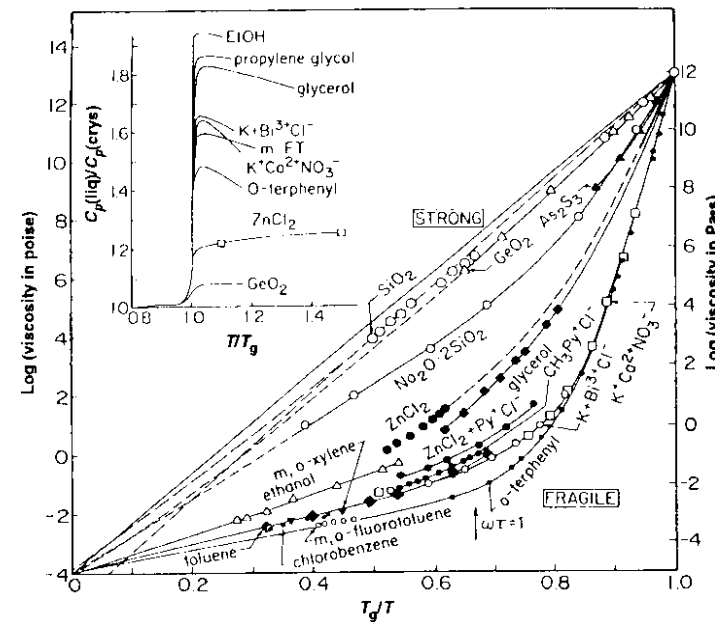
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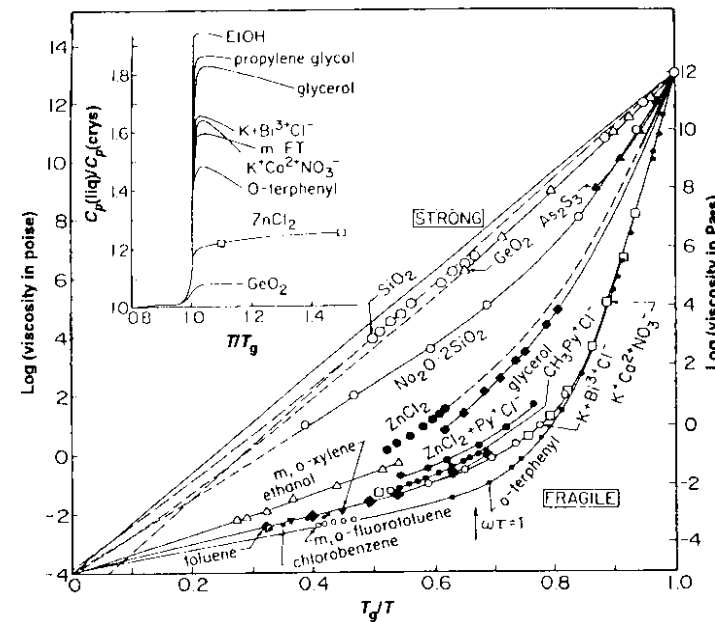
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Relation with spin models??



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Simple liquid Hamiltonian  $H = \frac{\mu(t)}{2}\phi^2 + \frac{g}{p!}\phi^p$   $\phi(r)$ : local density

Langevin equation  $\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial t} = -\mu(t)\phi - \frac{g}{(p-1)!}\phi^{p-1} + \eta$

The dynamical evolution equations for such a liquid are identical to those of a p-spin model (see later).

→ **Conjecture / belief**: The glass transition and the structure of the glass phase of models with interactions between  $p > 2$  spins captures the essence of the physics of **structural glasses** (that have no intrinsic but only **self-generated** disorder!)

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Gaussian disorder with zero mean and variance:

$$\overline{J_{i_1 \dots i_p}^2} = \frac{p!}{2N^{p-1}}$$

ensures  $O(1)$  local fields and  $O(N)$  total energy.

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Free energy functional -- Zeroth order (entropy):

$$\begin{aligned} e^{A^0[m]} &= \int d\sigma \delta \left( \sum_i \sigma_i^2 - N \right) e^{\sum_i \lambda_i^0 (\sigma_i - m_i)} = \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{d\mu}{2\pi} \int d\sigma e^{-\mu \sum_i \sigma_i^2 + \mu N + \sum_i \lambda_i^0 (\sigma_i - m_i)} \\ &= \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{d\mu}{2\pi} \exp \left[ N\mu + \frac{N}{2} \log \left( \frac{\pi}{\mu} \right) + \frac{1}{4\mu} \sum_i (\lambda_i^0)^2 - \sum_i \lambda_i^0 m_i \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Saddle point:

$$\frac{\partial A^0}{\partial \lambda_i^0} = 0 \rightarrow \lambda_i^0 = 2\mu m_i \quad A^0[m] = N \text{st}_\mu \left[ \mu(1-q) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{\pi}{\mu} \right) \right]$$

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$\partial G / \partial q = 0$  Has no solution anymore



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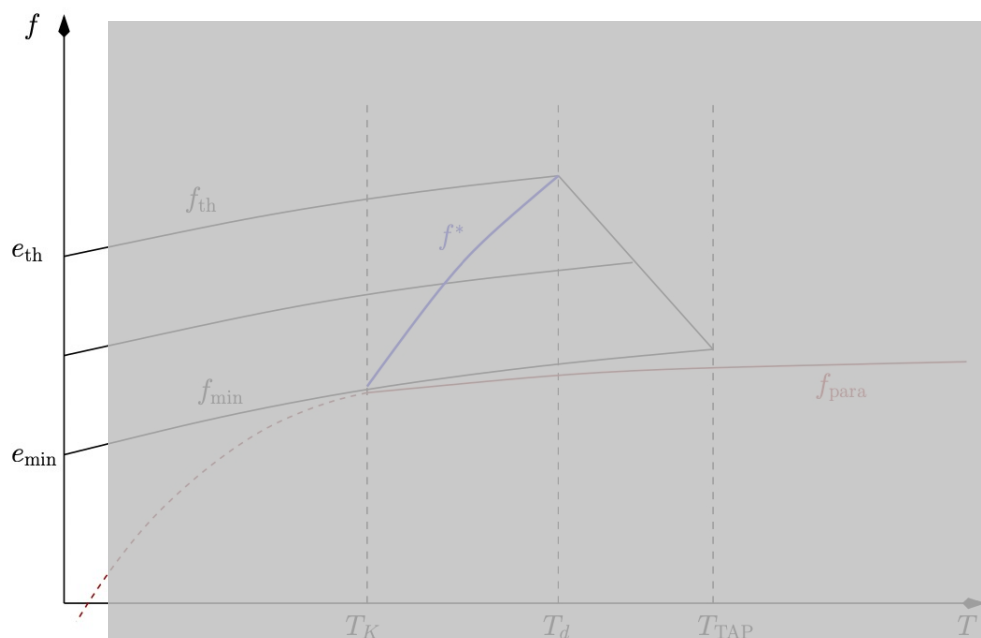
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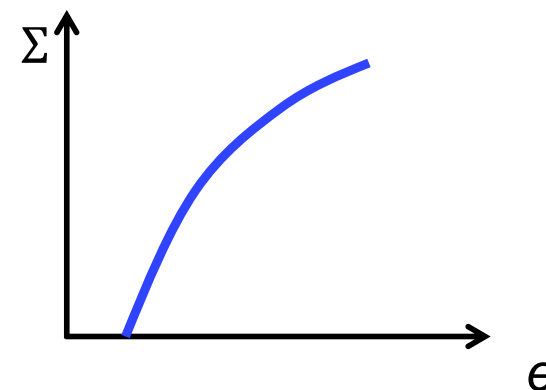
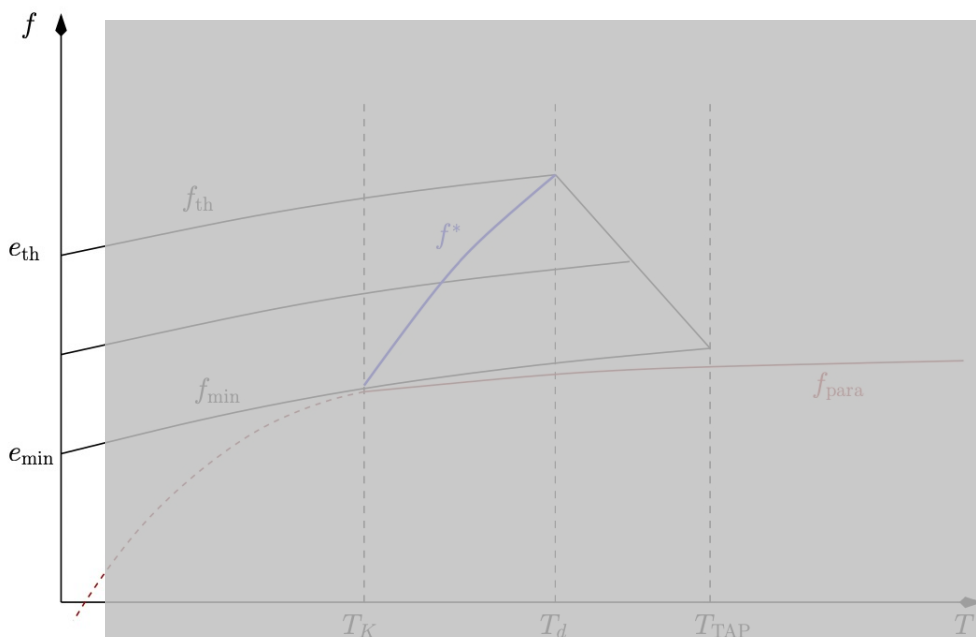
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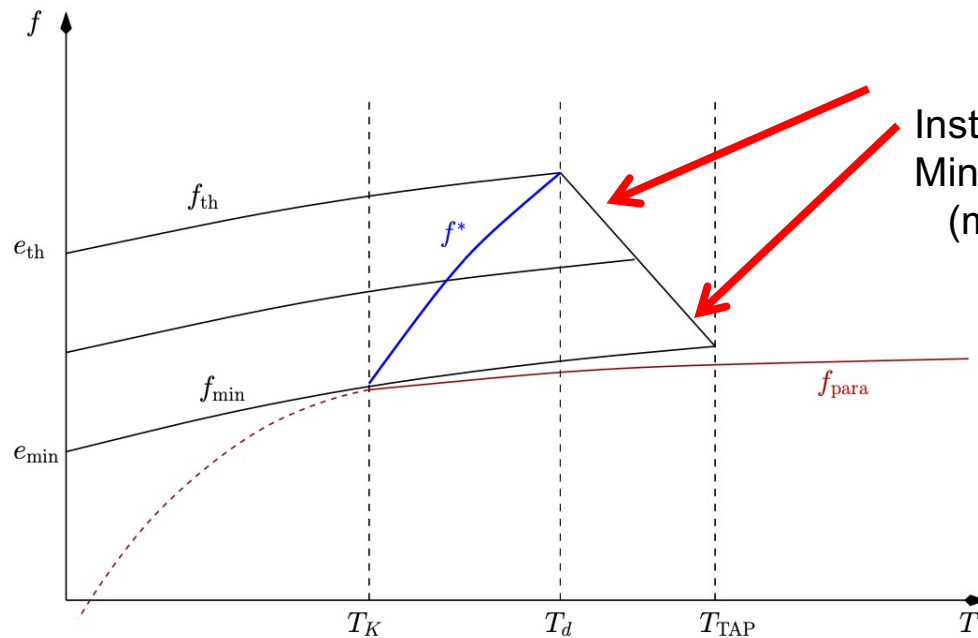
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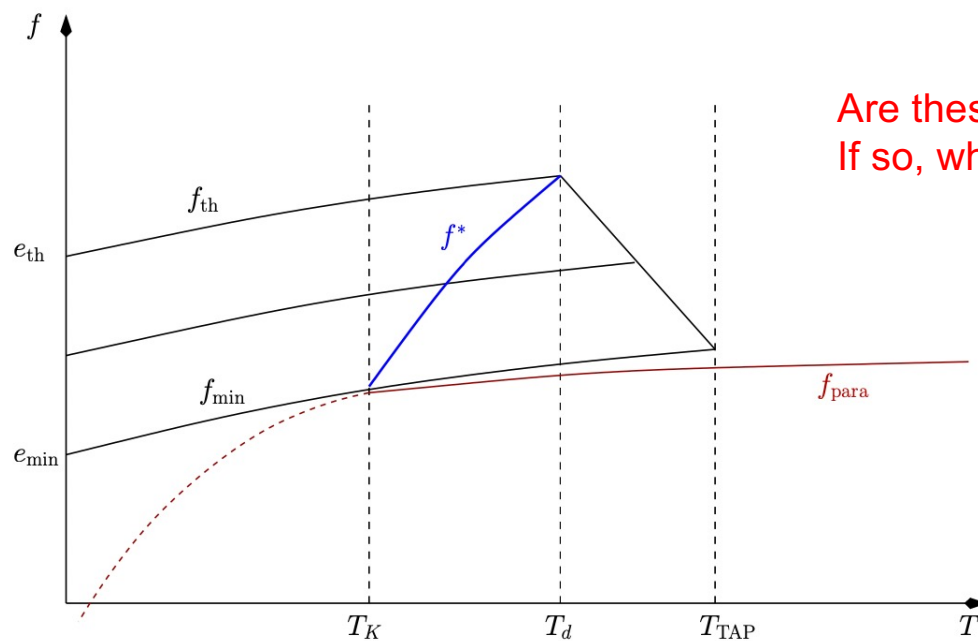
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Minima disappear at too high  $T$   
(merging with maxima)

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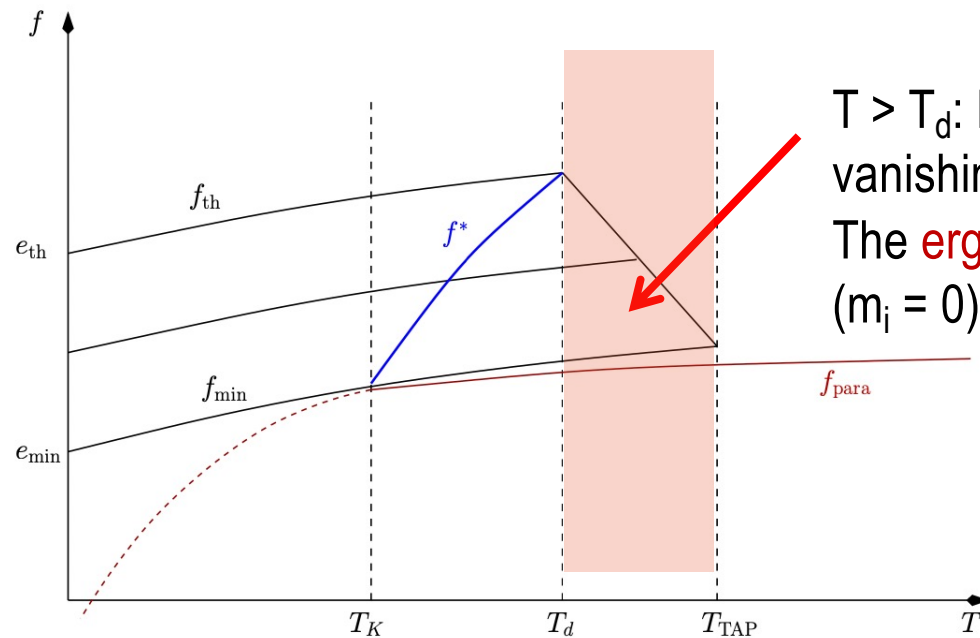
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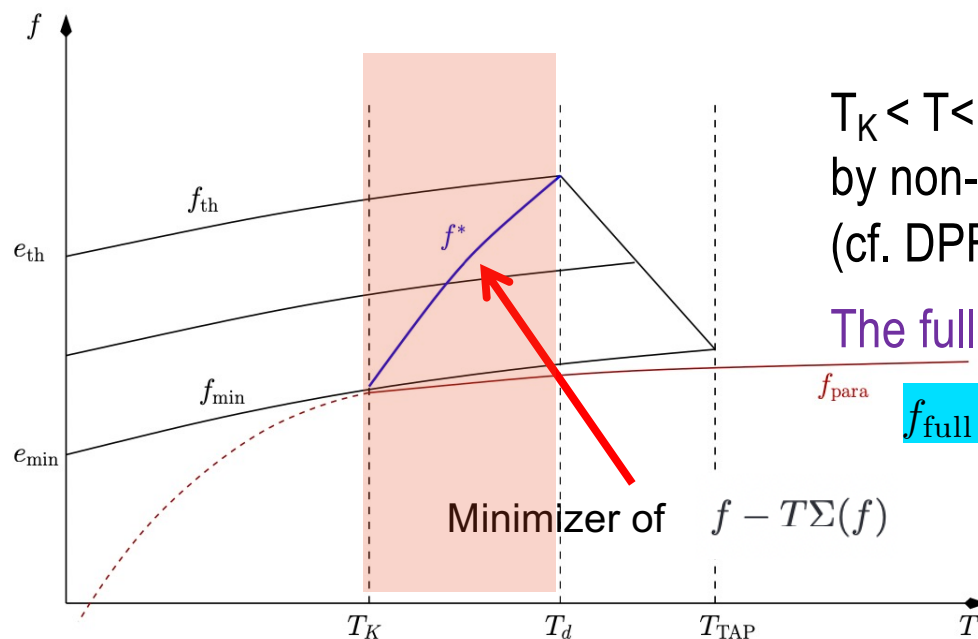
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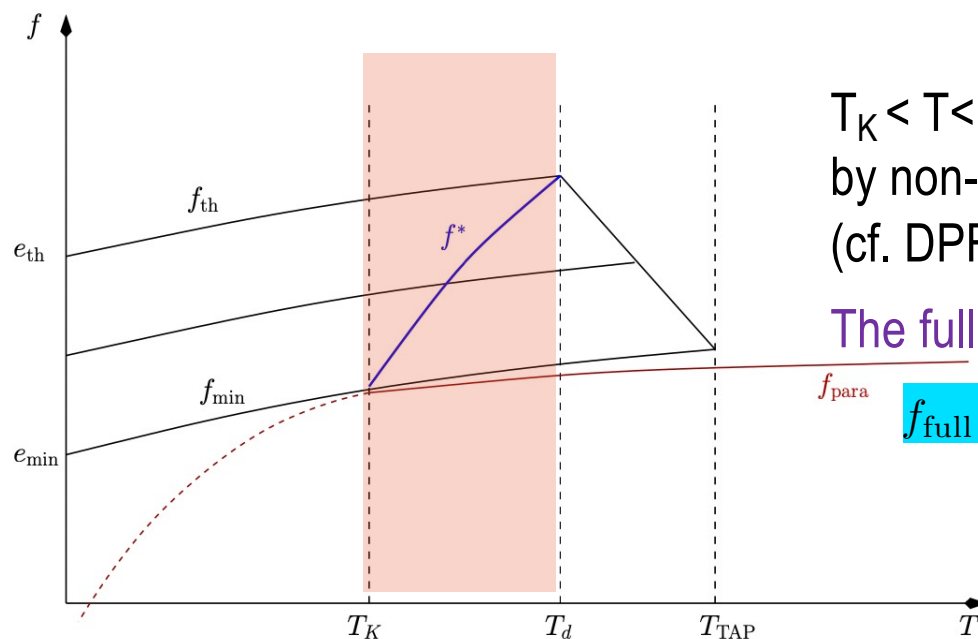
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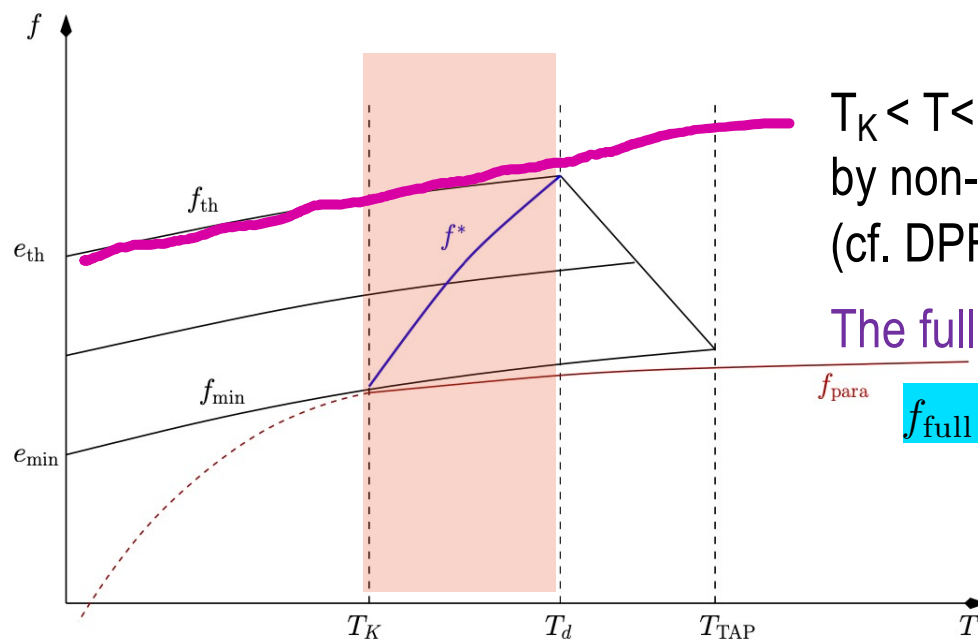
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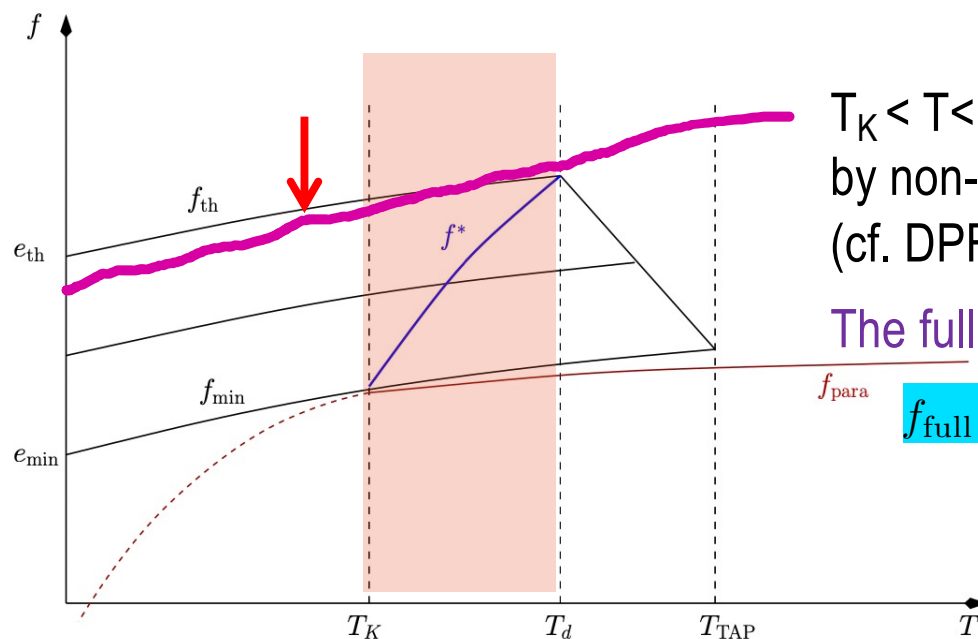
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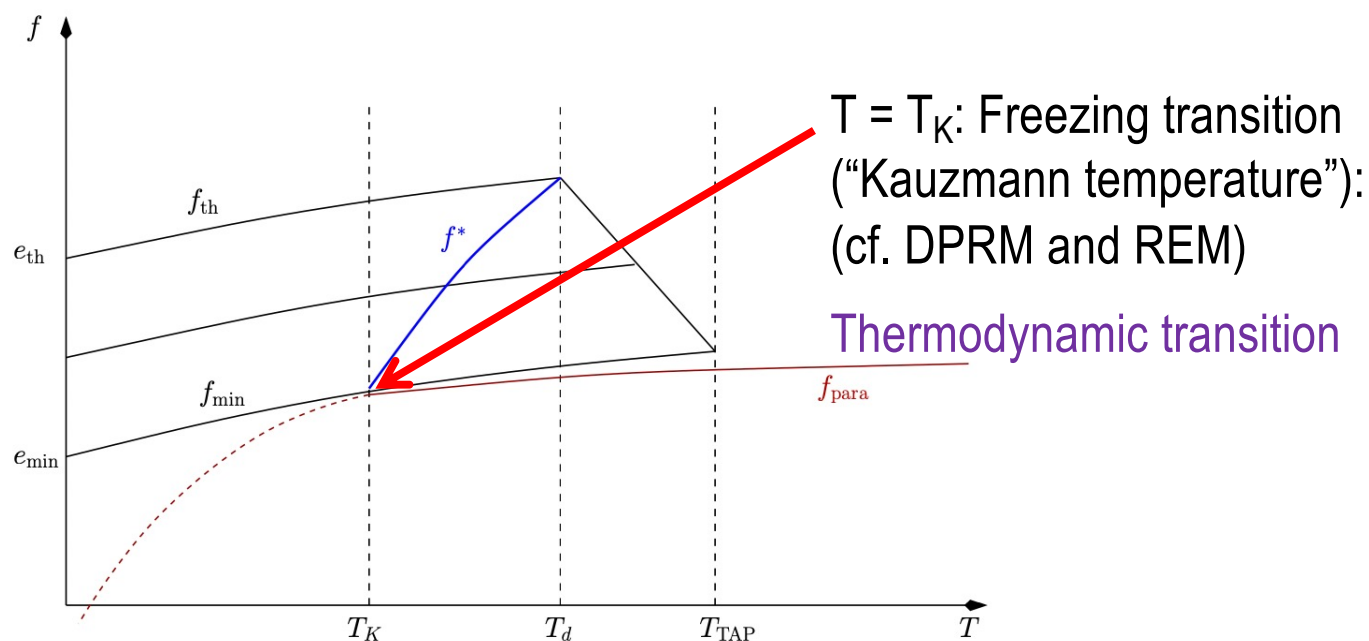
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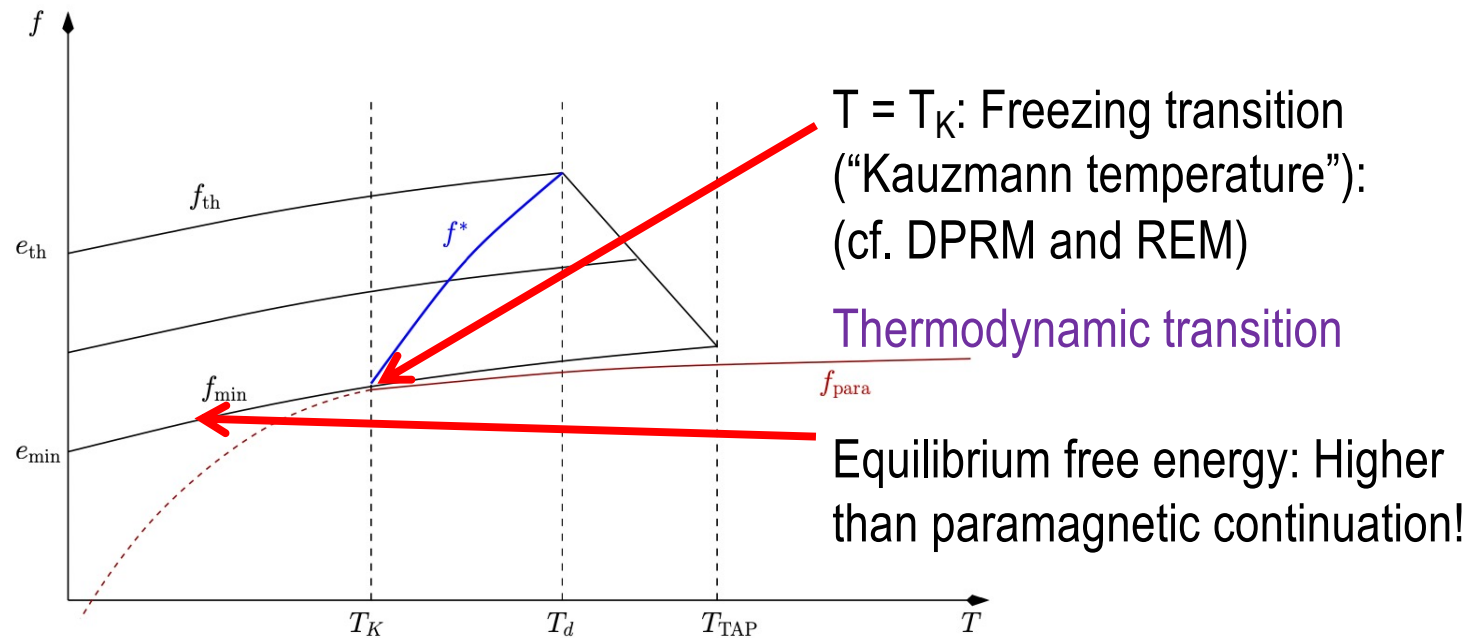


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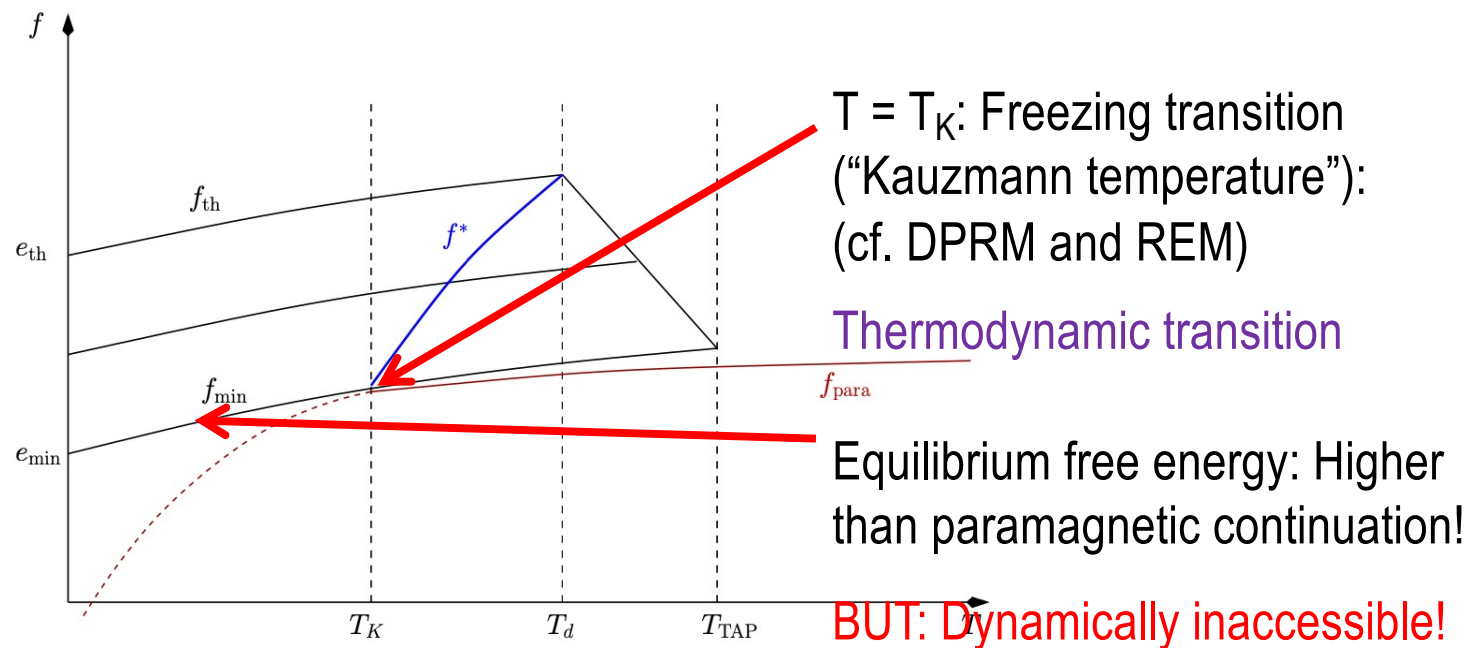


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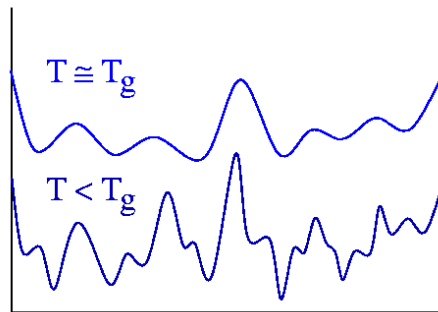
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Two different types of (mean field) spin glasses

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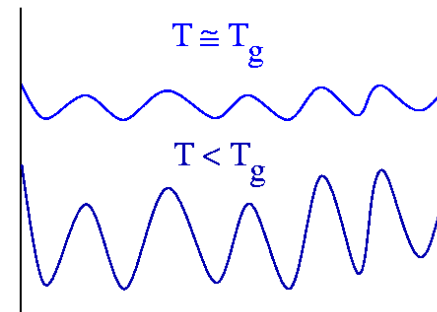
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 $p \geq 3$

$$q_{EA} \xrightarrow{T \rightarrow T_g} q_c > 0$$



Next time:

“Full replica symmetry breaking”

MF-Model for real spin glasses

“One step replica symmetry breaking”

MF-analogue for structural glasses

Given these metastable states, how does the spin dynamics sense them?

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Disorder averaged dynamics: C and R are the same as for a single spin with memory and modified noise:

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    **“Mode coupling theory”** (exact for large number of field components)
- Compare with Langevin dynamics for spherical spins with  $p$ -spin interactions:  
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**Conjecture / Belief:** Glass transition and structure of glass phase of  $p$ -spin models with  $p > 2$  capture the essence of the physics of structural glasses!