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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!

Simple model for liquids

Kirkpatrick, Thirumalai, Wolynes

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 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):

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Saddle point:

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

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Peculiarity of spherical model:

- Minimization of G wrt n_i is independent of T !
- Minima have constant “angular” texture n_i . Only $q = q(T)$ changes with T , until instability occurs at T^* .

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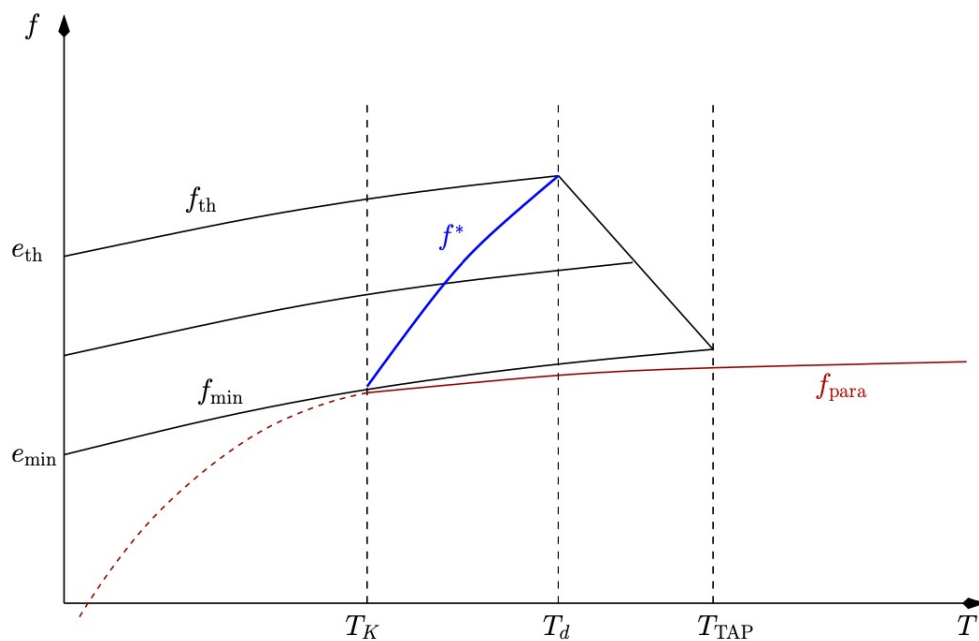
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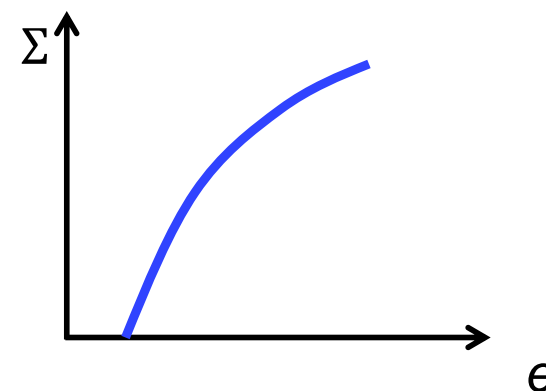
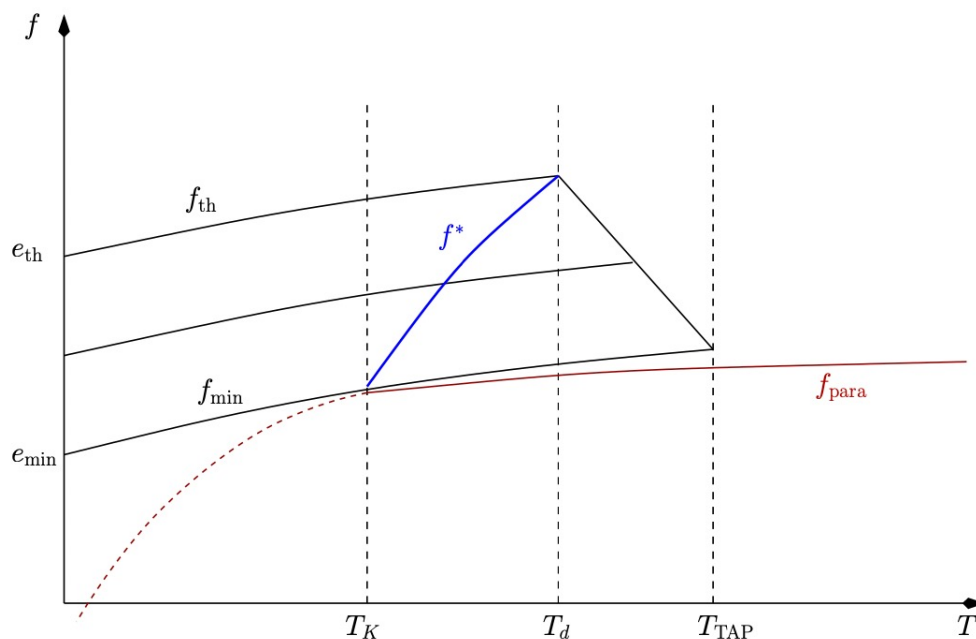
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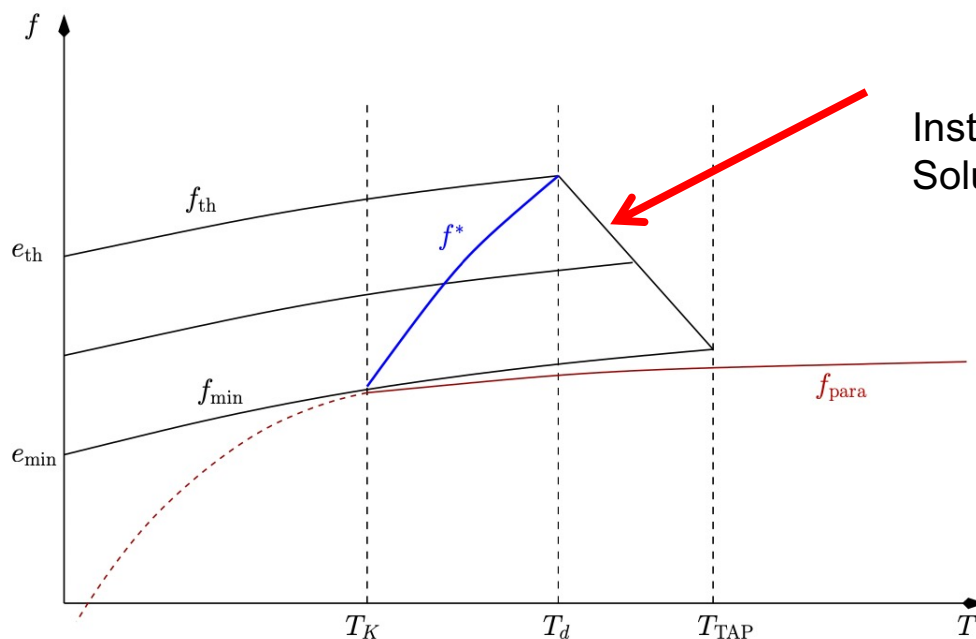
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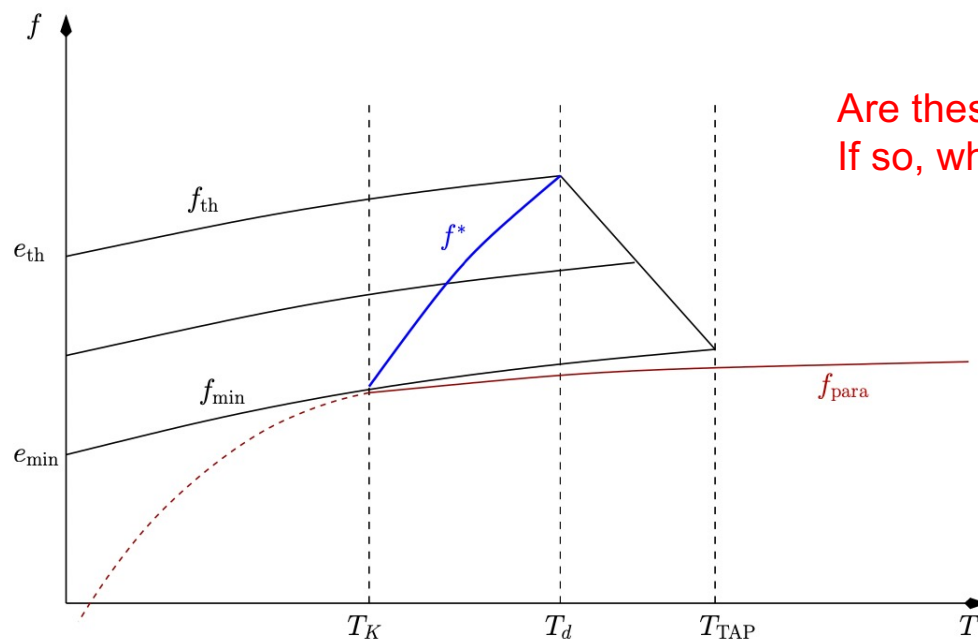


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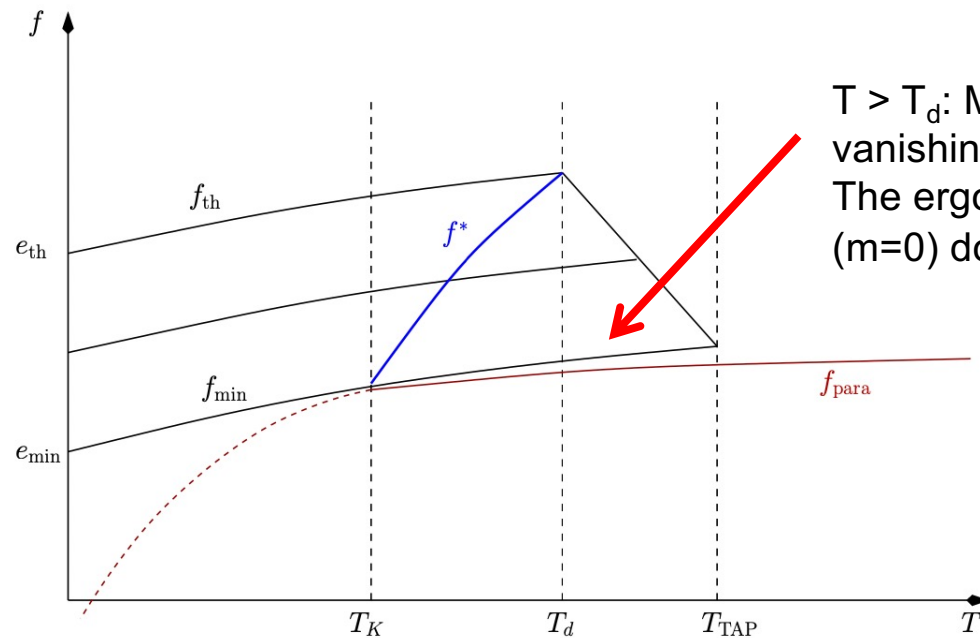
Are these minima relevant?
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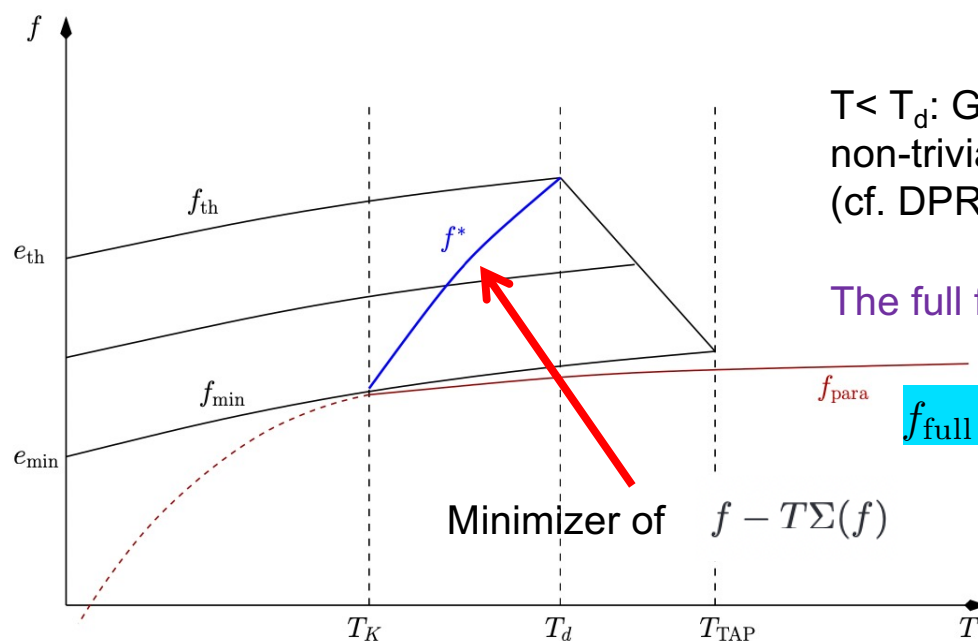
$T > T_d$: Minima exist, but occupy a vanishing corner of phase space. The ergodic paramagnetic solution ($m=0$) dominates

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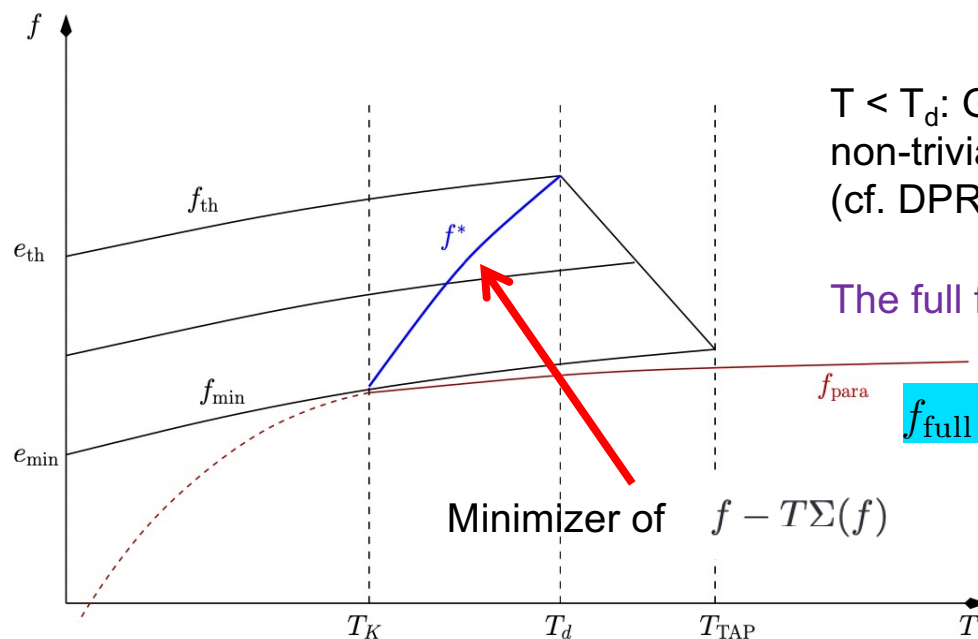
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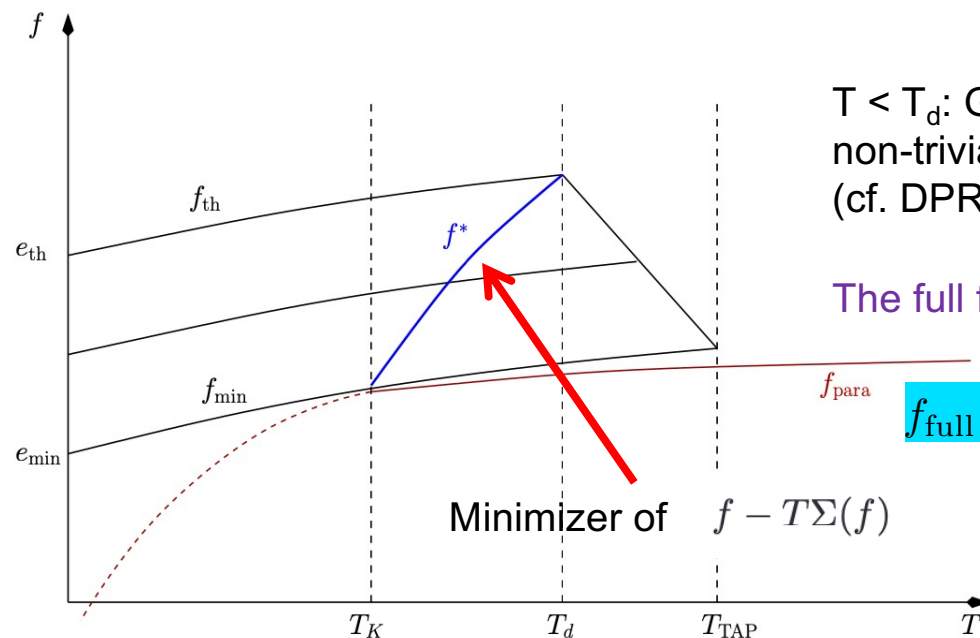
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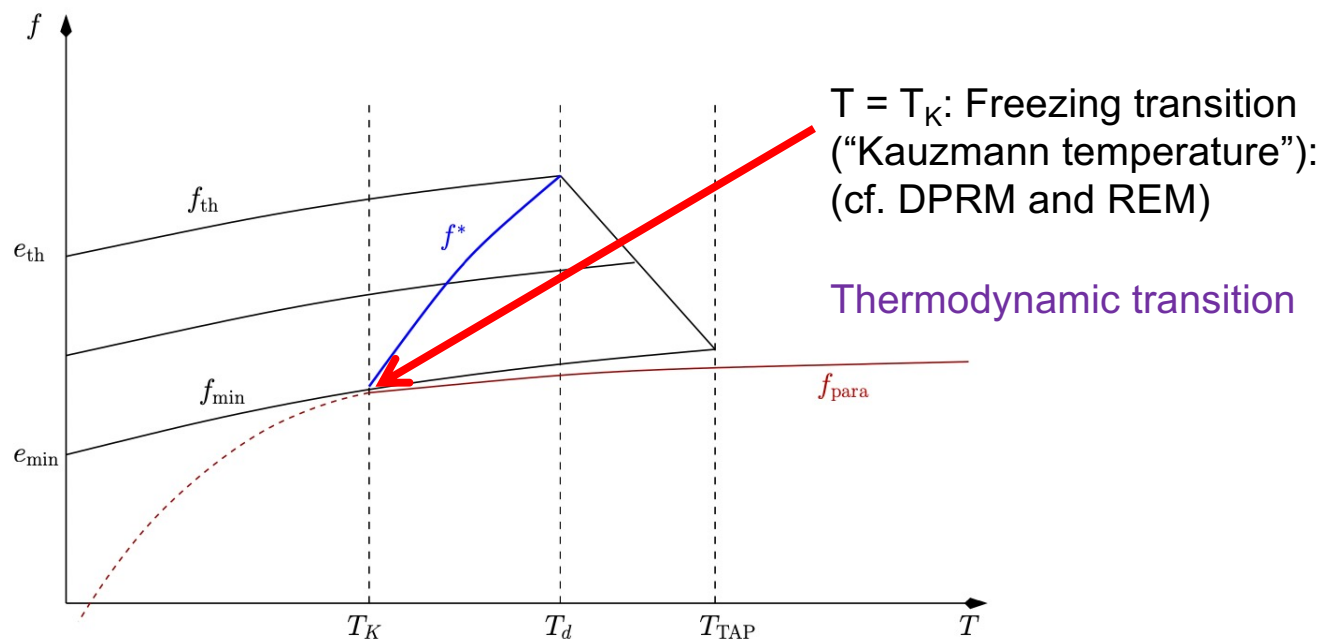
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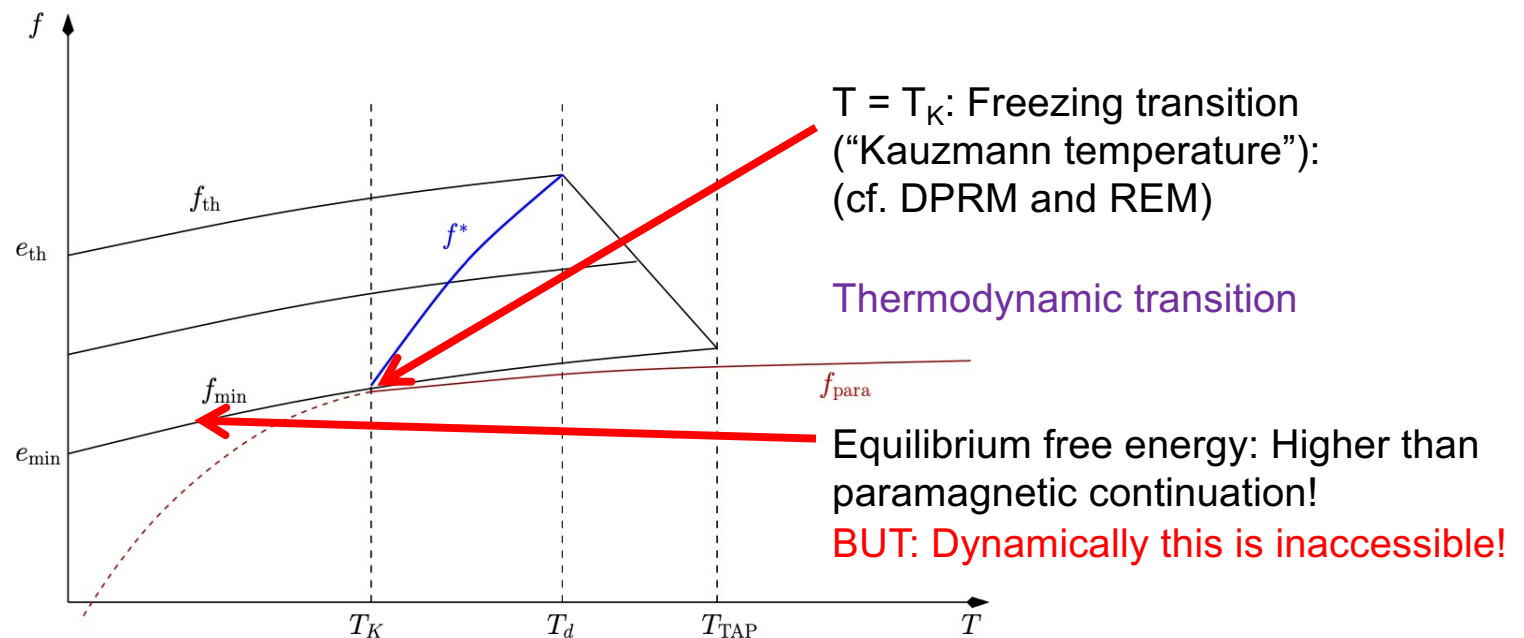


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For $p > 2$: self-overlap q **jumps** to finite value in the minima!

- Discontinuous (first-order-like) onset of frozen magnetization
- No instability of paramagnetic state

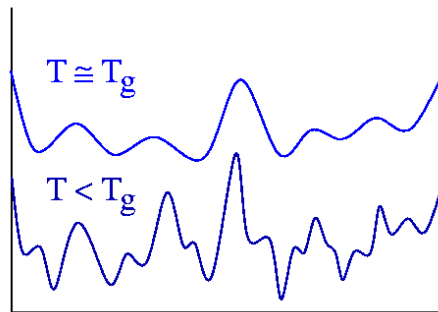
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Two different types of (mean field) spin glasses

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SK-model $H = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} s_i s_j$

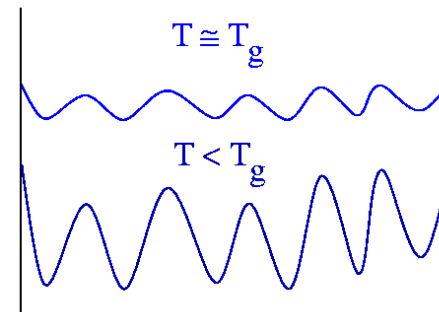
$$q_{EA} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \langle s_i \rangle^2 \xrightarrow{T \rightarrow T_g} 0$$



Discontinuous

p-spin models $H = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_p} J_{i_1 \dots i_p} s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_p}$
 $p \geq 3$

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



Next time:

“Full replica symmetry breaking”

MF-Model for real spin glasses

“One step replica symmetry breaking”

MF-analogue for structural glasses