# Lattice deformations and the order-by-disorder phase transition

# The frustrated J1-J2 classical Heisenberg model

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$$J(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}) \approx J_{\vec{R}' - \vec{R}} + (\vec{u}_{\vec{R}'} - \vec{u}_{\vec{R}}) \cdot \nabla J_{\vec{R}' - \vec{R}}$$

$$\nabla J_{\vec{R}'-\vec{R}} = g_{\vec{R}'-\vec{R}} \frac{\vec{R}' - \vec{R}}{|\vec{R}' - \vec{R}|}$$

$$g_{\vec{R}'-\vec{R}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial r}|_{r=|\vec{R}'-\vec{R}|}$$



 $\vec{r}=\vec{R}+\vec{u}_{\vec{R}}$ 

elastic deformation tensor normal mode amplitude for mode *n* at wave vector  $\vec{k}$ .  $u_{\vec{R}}^{i} = e^{ij}R^{j} + \sum_{\substack{\vec{k} \neq 0, n \\ \text{normal mode eigenvector}}} W_{\vec{k},n}^{i} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R}} X_{\vec{k},n}$ 

$$H_{latt} = \frac{1}{2} V c_{ij,kl} e^{ij} e^{kl} + \sum_{\vec{k} \neq 0,n} \frac{1}{2} M \omega_{\vec{k},n}^2 \left( |X_{\vec{k},n}|^2 + |P_{\vec{k},n}|^2 \right)$$

 $c_{ij,kl}$  is the elastic moduli tensor per unit volume phonon mode frequencies are given by  $\omega_{\vec{k},n}$ . M is the atom mass.



$$D_{\vec{k}}^{xx} = 2\frac{\alpha_1}{M} \left(1 - \cos k_x a\right) + 2\frac{\alpha_2}{M} \left[1 - \cos \left(k_x a\right) \cos \left(k_y a\right)\right]$$
$$D_{\vec{k}}^{yy} = 2\frac{\alpha_1}{M} \left(1 - \cos k_y a\right) + 2\frac{\alpha_2}{M} \left[1 - \cos \left(k_x a\right) \cos \left(k_y a\right)\right]$$
$$D_{\vec{k}}^{xy} = 2\frac{\alpha_2}{M} \sin \left(k_x a\right) \sin \left(k_y a\right) = D_{\vec{k}}^{yx}.$$

$$\frac{MN}{V}D^{ij}_{\vec{k}}|_{\vec{k}\to 0} = \sum_{kl} c_{ik,jl}k^k k^l$$

$$E_{el} = V \frac{1}{2} c_{ij,kl} e^{ij} e^{kl} = V \frac{1}{2} c_{\rho,s} \epsilon^{\rho} \epsilon^{s} \qquad C = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 & \alpha_2 & 0 \\ \alpha_2 & \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{V}{2} \left[ \alpha_1 \left( \frac{-\epsilon^{xx} + \epsilon^{yy}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + \alpha_2 \left( \epsilon^{xy} \right)^2 + \left( \alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 \right) \left( \frac{\epsilon^{xx} + \epsilon^{yy}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \right] = \frac{V}{2} \mu_k \tilde{\epsilon}_k^2$$



#### **Classical spins are unit vectors**

$$|\vec{S}_{\vec{r}}| = 1$$

$$\delta\left(\left|\vec{S}_{\vec{r}}\right|-1\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\beta d\lambda_{\vec{r}}}{\pi} \ e^{-i\beta\lambda_{\vec{r}}\left(\vec{S}_{\vec{r}}\cdot\vec{S}_{\vec{r}}-1\right)}$$

$$\lambda_{\vec{q}} = (-i)\Delta\delta_{\vec{q},0} + \lambda_{\vec{q}}\left(1 - \delta_{\vec{q},0}\right)$$

(a)

(b)

## **Partition function**

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$$Z = \int D\Delta D\tilde{\epsilon} D\lambda DX DS \ e^{-S}$$

$$S = \sum_{\vec{q},\vec{q}'} S_{\vec{q}}^{\alpha*} \left( \underbrace{\left( J_{\vec{q}} + \Delta + g_{\vec{q},k}\tilde{\epsilon}_{k} \right) \delta_{\vec{q},\vec{q}'}}_{-\beta V\Delta + \frac{\beta V}{2} \mu_{k}\tilde{\epsilon}_{k}^{2} + \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{\vec{k},n} \left( |X_{\vec{k},n}|^{2} + |P_{\vec{k},n}|^{2} \right) \right)$$

$$\Gamma^{n\,\vec{q}-\vec{q}\,\prime}_{\vec{q},\,\vec{q}\,\prime} = \frac{2i}{\sqrt{NM}} \sum_{\vec{R}} g_{\vec{R}} \, \frac{R^i}{|\vec{R}|} \frac{W^i_{\vec{q}-\vec{q}\,\prime,n}}{\omega_{\vec{q}-\vec{q}\,\prime,n}} \left( e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}} - e^{i\vec{q}\,\prime\cdot\vec{R}} \right)$$



Self-consistent equations:

$$\begin{split} \tilde{K}_{\vec{q}} &= J_{\vec{q}} + \Delta + \tilde{\epsilon}_{k} g_{\vec{q},k} - \Sigma_{\vec{q}} \\ \tilde{D}_{\vec{q}}^{-1mm'} &= \frac{N_{s}}{2} \sum_{\vec{k}} \tilde{K}_{\vec{k}}^{-1} \Gamma_{\vec{k},\vec{k}+\vec{q}}^{m-\vec{q}} \tilde{K}_{\vec{k}+\vec{q}}^{-1} \Gamma_{\vec{k}+\vec{q},\vec{k}}^{m'\vec{q}} \beta \delta_{m'm} (1 - \delta_{m,0}) \\ \Sigma_{\vec{k}} &= (-i)^{2} \sum_{\vec{q}} \Gamma_{\vec{k},\vec{k}+\vec{q}}^{m-\vec{q}} \tilde{K}_{\vec{k}+\vec{q}}^{-1} \Gamma_{\vec{k}+\vec{q},\vec{k}}^{m'\vec{q}} \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\vec{q}}^{m'm} \end{split}$$

Saddle-point equations:

$$\beta = \frac{N_s}{V} \sum_{\vec{q}} \tilde{K}_{\vec{q}}^{-1} \qquad \beta \tilde{\epsilon}_k = -\frac{N_s}{2V\mu_k} \sum_{\vec{q}} \tilde{K}_{\vec{q}}^{-1} g_{\vec{q},k}$$

### **Gibbs free energy density**

$$\frac{G}{V} = -\Delta + \frac{1}{2}\mu_k \tilde{\epsilon}_k^2 + \frac{N_s}{2\beta V} \sum_{\vec{q}} \ln \tilde{K}_{\vec{q}} + \frac{1}{2\beta V} \sum_{\vec{q}} \operatorname{tr} \ln \left(\tilde{D}_{\vec{q}}^{-1}\right) + \frac{N_s}{2\beta V} \sum_{\vec{q}} \left(\tilde{K}_{\vec{q}}^{-1} \Sigma_{\vec{q}}\right) + \cdots$$





