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SUMMARY LAST LECTURE

■ The saddle-point solutions (p-spin model)

$$\overline{Z}_N^n = \int \mathcal{D}Q e^{N A_n[Q] + o(N)}$$

Space of $n \times n$ matrices
of overlaps $q_{ab} = \frac{\sigma_a \cdot \sigma_b}{N}$

$$Q = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & q_{12} & \dots & q_{1n} \\ q_{12} & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{overlap matrix}}$$

$$\text{Action: } A_n[Q] = \frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi e) + \frac{1}{2} \log \det Q + \frac{\beta^2}{2} \sum_{a,b=1}^n q_{ab}^p$$

Saddle-point equations:

$$\left. \frac{\delta A_n[Q]}{\delta q_{ab}} = \beta^2 p q_{ab}^{p-1} + (Q^{-1})_{ab} \right|_{Q^*} = 0 \quad a < b$$

■ $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ coupled equations, to study when $n \rightarrow 0$

■ infinite space where to search for solutions: need a good guess: "ansatz"

■ if find more than one solution, choose the one with LOWER free-energy.

We mentioned two "ansätze":

(1) REPLICA SYMMETRIC

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & q_0 & \dots & q_0 \\ q_0 & 1 & & q_0 \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{when } n \rightarrow 0]{\text{saddle-point equation}} \beta^2 p q_0^{p-1} - \frac{q_0}{(1-q_0)^2} \Big|_{q_0^*} = 0$$

$$\text{Solution: } q_0^* = 0 \Rightarrow Q = \mathbb{1}$$

The free-energy coincides with annealed.

This is always a solution (for all T)

(2) 1-STEP REPLICA SYMMETRY BREAKING

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{c|c} \begin{matrix} 1 & q_2 & \dots & q_2 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} q_0 \\ \vdots \\ q_0 \end{matrix} \\ \hline \begin{matrix} 1 & & & q_2 \\ & \ddots & & \\ q_2 & & & 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} q_0 \\ \vdots \\ q_0 \end{matrix} \end{array} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{\begin{matrix} 1 & \dots & q_2 \\ q_2 & & 1 \end{matrix}} \\ \longleftrightarrow \\ \text{size } \mu \leq n \end{array}$

Three parameters: q_0, q_2, μ .

If you finish Problem 4.2 (solutions in Wiki!):

Solutions saddle-point equations ($n \rightarrow 0$):

► At high- T : Only one solution, $\mu^* = 1$ and $q_1^* = 0 = q_0^*$
This is the RS solution

► At $T = T_c$, another solution appears with
 $\mu^* = 1$, $q_0^* = 0$ and $q_1^* > 0$

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FIRST-ORDER
TRANSITION //

► At $T < T_c$, good solution has

$q_0^* = 0$, $\mu^*(T)$, $q_1^*(T)$ non-trivial T -dependence

and $\lim_{T \rightarrow 0} q_1^*(T) = 1$, $\lim_{T \rightarrow 0} \mu^*(T) = 0$

Recall REM (Problem 2): $q_0^* = 0$, $q_1^* = 1$, $\mu^* = T/T_f$ for $T \leq T_f$

THE PHYSICS?

ORDERED PHASES: PURE STATES

- In "ordered phases", Boltzmann measure clusters into "PURE STATES" = sub-components $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots$

Each config. belongs only to one pure state.

■ $A(\vec{\sigma})$ observable, $w_\alpha = \frac{1}{Z_N} \sum_{\vec{\sigma} \in \alpha} e^{-\beta E(\vec{\sigma})}$

Then:

$$\langle A \rangle = \sum_{\alpha} w_{\alpha} \langle A \rangle_{\alpha}$$

↖ average over Boltzmann

↖ average over pure state α

- Two configurations, e.g. $A(\vec{\sigma}, \vec{\sigma}') = q(\vec{\sigma}, \vec{\sigma}')$

Then $\langle A(\vec{\sigma}, \vec{\sigma}') \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\gamma, \delta} w_{\gamma} w_{\delta} \langle \sigma_i \rangle_{\gamma} \langle \sigma'_i \rangle_{\delta} = \sum_{\gamma, \delta} w_{\gamma} w_{\delta} \cdot q_{\gamma \delta}$

⇒ $P_p(q) = \langle \delta(q - q(\vec{\sigma}, \vec{\sigma}')) \rangle = \sum_{\gamma, \delta} w_{\gamma} w_{\delta} \delta(q - q_{\gamma \delta})$

$$q_{EA} = q_{\alpha \alpha} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \langle \sigma_i \rangle_{\alpha} \langle \sigma_i \rangle_{\alpha}$$

Replicas probe the correlations between states!

The saddle-point captures them:

$$\overline{P_B(q)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{n(n-1)} \sum_{a < b} \delta(q - Q_{ab}^*)$$

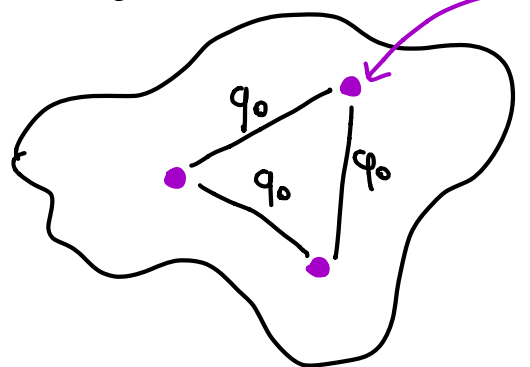
$$q_{EA} = \max_{a < b} \{ q_{ab}^* \} - \text{overlap between replicas in same state}$$

HOW ENCODED IN REPLICA FORMALISM:

RS ANSATZ

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & q_0 & q_0 \\ q_0 & 1 & q_0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ q_0 & \dots & q_0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Only one state:



equilibrium configurations selected by Boltzmann measure ($N \rightarrow \infty$)

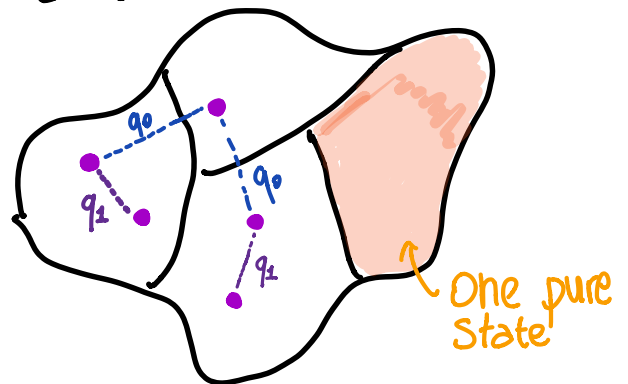
Spherical p-spin: solution $q_0^* = 0$ is good one at T high.

$$\begin{cases} \overline{P_P(q)} = \delta(q) \\ q_{EA} = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{PARAMAGNET}$$

1-RSB ANSATZ

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \overbrace{1 \quad q_1}^{\mu} & & & \\ q_1 & 1 & & \\ & & 1 \quad q_2 & \\ & & q_2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} q_0 & q_0 \\ q_0 & q_0 \\ & 1 \quad q_2 \\ & q_2 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

Configurations selected by Boltzmann organize into several PURE STATES:



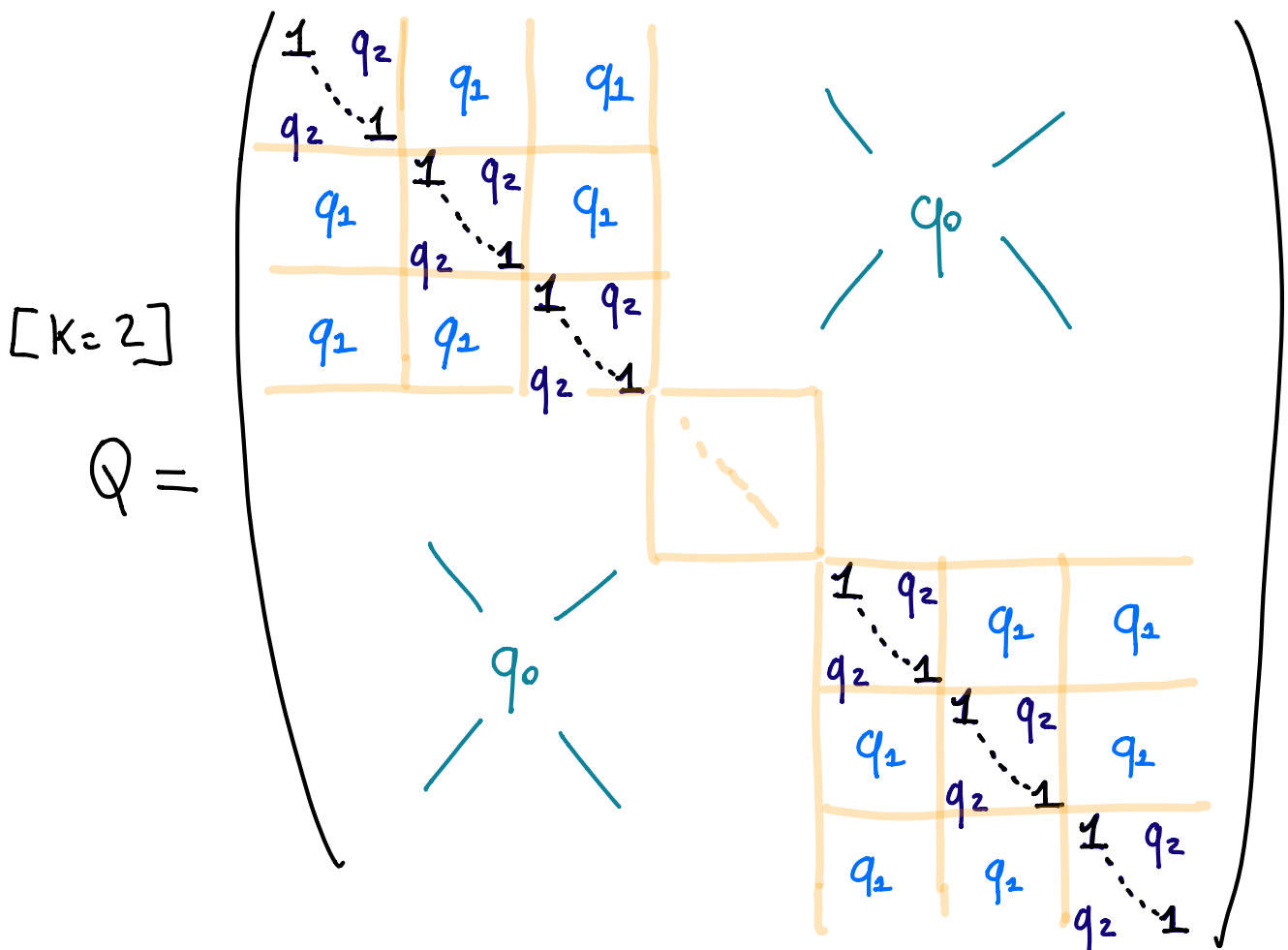
Spherical p-spin: at $T = T_c$, besides RS solution a 1RSB solution appears, with $\begin{cases} q_0^* = 0 \\ \mu^* = 1 \\ q_1^* > 0 \end{cases}$

This 1RSB solution is the correct one for $T \leq T_c$.

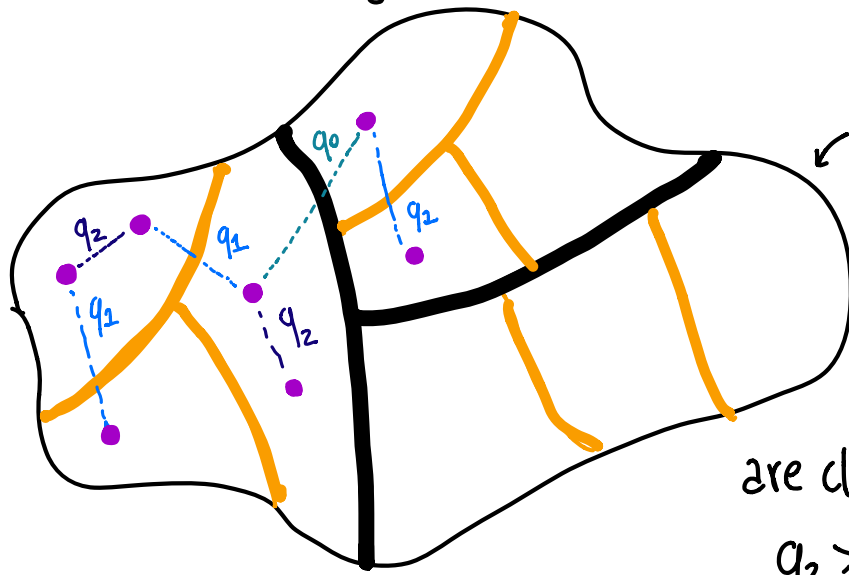
$$\begin{cases} \overline{P(q)} = \mu^*(T) \delta(q) + (1 - \mu^*(T)) \delta(q - q_1^*(T)) & T \leq T_c \\ q_{EA} = q_1^*(T) & \Rightarrow \text{(SPIN) GLASS} \end{cases}$$

The 1RSB structure is exact for several models:
 Spherical p-spin, Constraint Satisfaction problems...
 also structural glasses (mean-field)

K-RSB ANSATZ



Clusters of states, hierarchical organization of pure states: states inside of states...

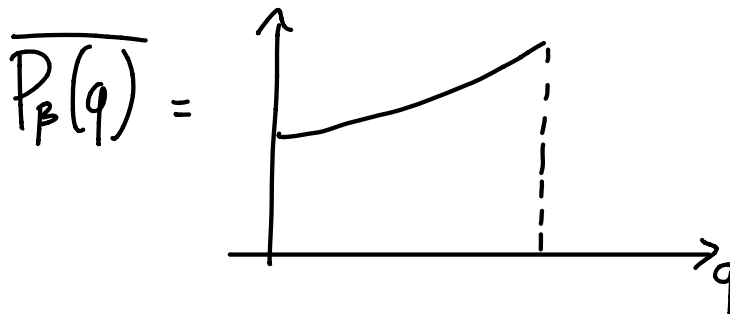


↖ The $k=2$ -step RSB ansatz describes situation in which pure states are clustered in groups:
 $q_2 \geq q_1 \geq q_0$

FULL-RSB ANSATZ

Iterate scheme an infinite number of times.

The overlap distribution becomes a continuous function.

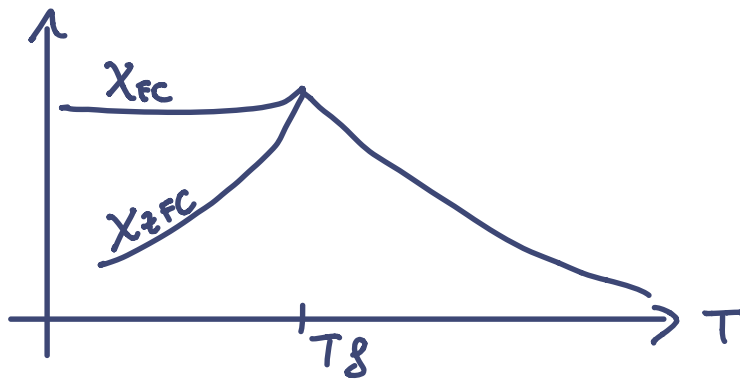


PROBING THESE SCENARIOS?

Recall two protocols for susceptibility:

(1) FIELD COOLED: add magnetic field, cool slowly the system with magnetic field, switch field to zero & measure response: χ_{fc}

(2) ZERO-FIELD COOLED: cool system, then add field, then switch to zero & measure response: χ_{zfc}



In replica language

$$\chi_{fc} = \beta \left(1 - \int_0^1 dq \overline{P_\beta(q)} q \right)$$

measure
response
averaged
over states

$$\chi_{zfc} = \beta (1 - q_{EA})$$

measure response
within one state

FERROMAGNETS vs SPIN GLASSES

(Their equilibrium description)

FERROMAGNET

ORDER PARAMETER

$$m = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle \sigma_i \rangle_h$$

$$\langle \cdot \rangle_h = \frac{1}{Z_h} \sum_{\vec{\sigma}} e^{-\beta E(\vec{\sigma}) + \beta h \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i}$$

h - symmetry-breaking field

PARAMAGNET ($T \geq T_c$): $m=0$

FERROMAGNET ($T < T_c$): $|m| > 0$
($q_{EA} = m^2$)

SPIN-GLASS

$$q_{EA} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i(0) \sigma_i(t)$$

Thermodynamically?

$$q_{EA} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle \sigma_i^{(1)} \sigma_i^{(2)} \rangle_{\epsilon}$$

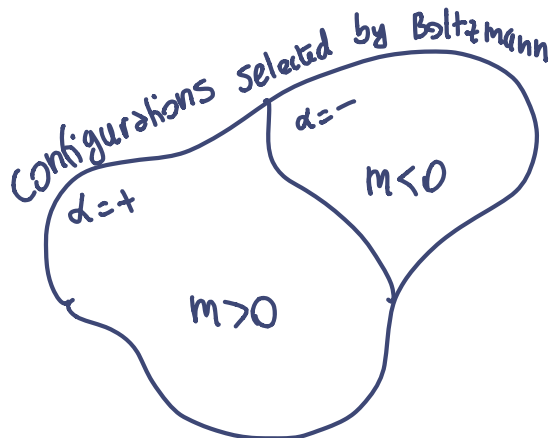
$$\langle \cdot \rangle_{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{Z_{\epsilon}} \sum_{\vec{\sigma}^{(1)}, \vec{\sigma}^{(2)}} e^{-\beta E(\vec{\sigma}^{(1)}) + \epsilon \beta \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{\sigma}^{(1)} \cdot \vec{\sigma}^{(2)}}$$

small interaction
($\vec{\sigma}^{(1)}$ acts as a field for $\vec{\sigma}^{(2)}$)

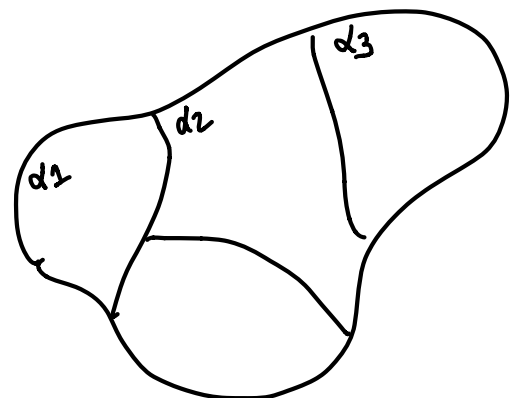
PARAMAGNET ($T \geq T_c$): $m=0, q_{EA}=0$

SPIN-GLASS ($T \leq T_c$): $m=0, |q_{EA}| > 0$

PURE STATES

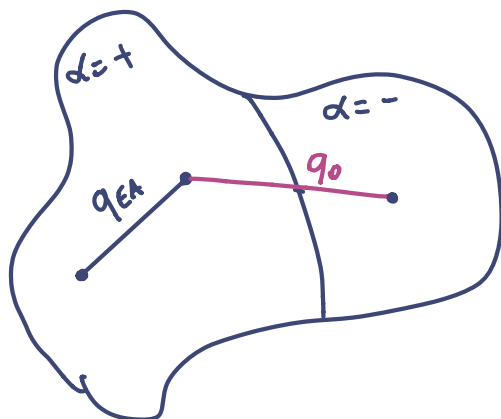


- Two pure states, $d = \pm$
- Related by symmetry ($\mathbb{Z}_2$)
- Selected by field h



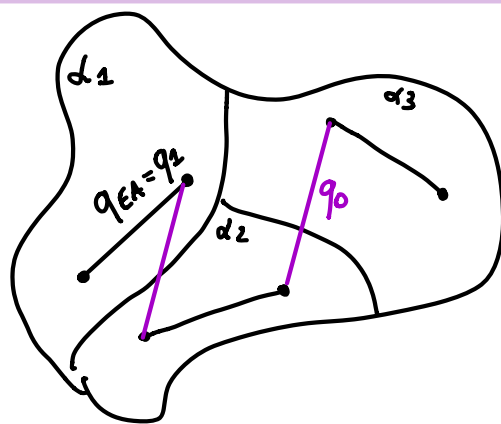
- More pure states
- Not related by symmetry
- To select one: couple to other equilibrium configuration

OVERLAPS



$$q_{EA} = m^2, \quad q_0 = -m^2$$

$$P_B(q) = \frac{1}{2} [\delta(q - m^2) + \delta(q + m^2)]$$



$$q_{EA} = q_{\alpha\alpha} \quad \text{for all } \alpha$$

$$P_B(q) = \begin{cases} \text{sums of } \delta(\cdot) & \text{for K-RSB} \\ \text{continuous} & \text{for full-RSB} \end{cases}$$

Always includes $q=0$.

BROKEN SYMMETRY

$$\mathbb{Z}_2$$

Replica symmetry
(permutation symmetry)
when $n \rightarrow 0$

COMMENTS

meaning, with hierarchical structure of states into states...

- How to break replica symmetry understood by

G. PARISI in the 70s.

- Different RSB correspond to different physics (response to perturbations,...)

- The Low-T solution of the SK model: $\sigma_i = \pm 1$

$$E[\vec{\sigma}] = - \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j \quad \text{is full-RSB.}$$

PARISI '79. Mathematically proven.

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- Mean-field models of structural glasses have a RS-1RSB transition ("random 1st order") and a 1RSB-full RSB transition ("Gardner transition").

Solved $\simeq$ 2014: **PARISI, URBANI, ZAMPONI**

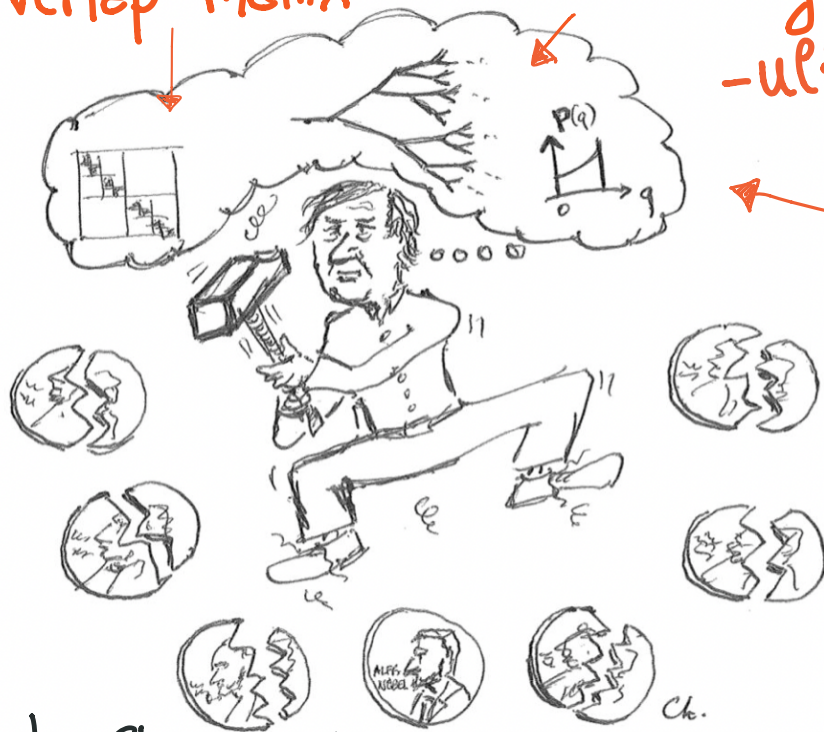
- In these days: replica theory used in several other disciplines, e.g., Machine Learning ...

overlap matrix

hierarchy of states
-ultrametricity

overlap
distribution
(full RSB)

breaking
replica
symmetry



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