

Compressible Cell Gas Models and Yang-Yang Critical Anomalies

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Asymmetry features of liquid-gas criticality in pure fluids are analyzed with the aid of exactly soluble lattice gas models in which individual cell volumes are allowed to fluctuate. Such *compressible cell gases* CCG's obey *complete scaling* theory with pressure mixing,^{1,2} and thereby display, in accord with experimental evidence,^{1,3} Yang-Yang anomalies. This means that, in the exact thermodynamic relation for the isochoric heat capacity C_V ⁴

$$C_V = \tilde{C}_p + \tilde{C}_\mu, \quad (1)$$

$$\tilde{C}_p = \frac{T}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial T^2} \right)_V, \tilde{C}_\mu = -T \left(\frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial T^2} \right)_V, \quad (2)$$

not only \tilde{C}_p diverges at criticality like $|t|^{-\alpha}$ [where $t \equiv (T - T_c)/T_c$, with T_c denoting the critical temperature and $\alpha \simeq 0.109$] but so also \tilde{C}_μ does, that is,

$$\tilde{C}_p(T) \sim \tilde{A}_p |t|^{-\alpha}, \tilde{C}_\mu(T) \sim \tilde{A}_\mu |t|^{-\alpha}, \quad (3)$$

with $\tilde{A}_p \neq 0$ and $\tilde{A}_\mu \neq 0$. Complete scaling also predicts that the coexistence-curve diameter in the density-temperature plane, $\rho_d \equiv (\rho^{liq} + \rho^{gas})/2$, behaves like

$$\rho_d(T) = \rho_c \{1 + A_{2\beta} |t|^{2\beta} + A_{1-\alpha} |t|^{1-\alpha} + A_1 |t| + \dots\}, \quad (4)$$

where $\beta \simeq 0.326$. The existence of the $|t|^{2\beta}$ singularity, which is supported by simulations⁵ and experiments,^{6,7}

is intimately related to the Yang-Yang anomaly. Specifically, $\tilde{A}_\mu \neq 0$ and $A_{2\beta} \neq 0$ as long as the *crucial* pressure mixing coefficient j_2 is nonzero, and so the Yang-Yang ratio $\mathcal{R}_\mu \equiv \tilde{A}_\mu / (\tilde{A}_p + \tilde{A}_\mu) = -j_2 / (1 - j_2)$.

Complete scaling remains a phenomenological theory with no physical insights regarding microscopic origins, signs, or magnitudes. Here we show that for the models under consideration \mathcal{R}_μ ranges from $-\infty$ to $1/2$. When cell volumes fluctuate independently, nonvanishing \mathcal{R}_μ values emerge as a result of *local free volume fluctuations*. Among the various decorated CCG's explored, simple versions in which energies and cell volumes are coupled reveal *local void volume fluctuations* associated to interactions as another source of Yang-Yang and related anomalies. A previously reported model for hydrogen bonding in water⁸ appears as a relevant example.

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