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specific  
= per unit volume

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Specific?

$P, Q$  "infinite-vol." objects

$P_n, Q_n$  "finite-vol."  
restrictions

usual  
rel.  
ent.

$$E(P|Q) := \lim_{|N| \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{H(P_n|Q_n)}{|N|} \leftarrow \text{volume}$$

↑  
specific  
rel. ent.

[ cf. "Shannon's entropy" for stationary processes (J.R. Chazottes' talk) ]

Log-gases? ( $d = \underline{1}$  or  $\underline{\underline{2}}$ )

$$\Sigma_N = \left[ -\frac{N}{2}, \frac{N}{2} \right] \text{ or } D(0, \sqrt{\frac{N}{\pi}}) \left( \frac{|\Sigma_N|}{= N} \right)$$

$X_N = N$ -tuple  $(x_1, \dots, x_N)$  of points in  $\Sigma_N$

$$f_N = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{x_i}}_{\text{state}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{N} \sum_N dx}_{\text{negative uniform background}}$$

purely atomic  $\geq 0$  measure

$$\underbrace{F_N(X_N)}_{\text{energy}} := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \neq y} (-\log |x-y|) df_N(x) df_N(y)$$

state

# Log-gas Gibbs measure

$X_N, F_N(X_N)$  energy +  $\beta > 0$   
inverse temp.

$$dP_N^B(X_N) = \frac{1}{Z_N} e^{-\beta F_N(X_N)} dX_N$$

Gibbs measure  
of the log-gas partit° fund°

Boltzmann's  
factor

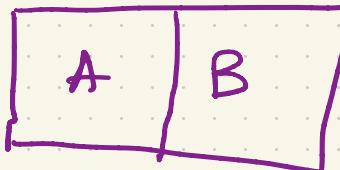
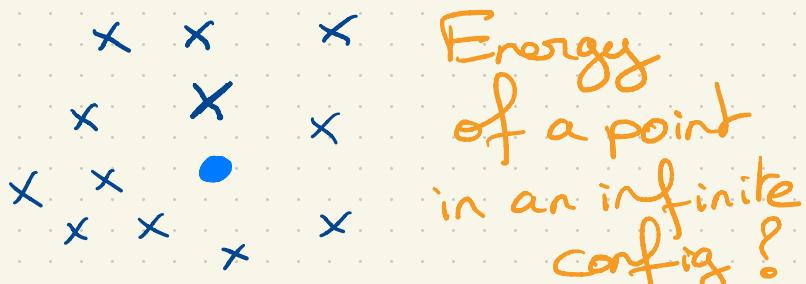
Prob. Measure on  $\sum_N \times \dots \times \sum_N C(\mathbb{R}^d)^N$ .

# Why?

( electrostatics ... )

- $-\log$  is Coulomb kernel in  $d=2$
- $P_N^B \leftrightarrow$  random eigenvalues in  $d=1$
- Long-range + singular interaction

many classical results fail to apply

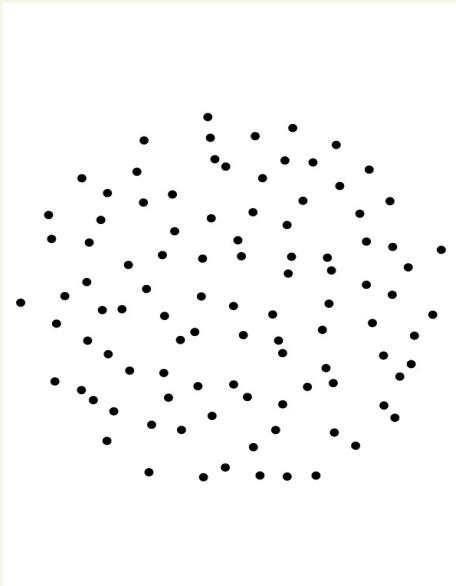


vs.

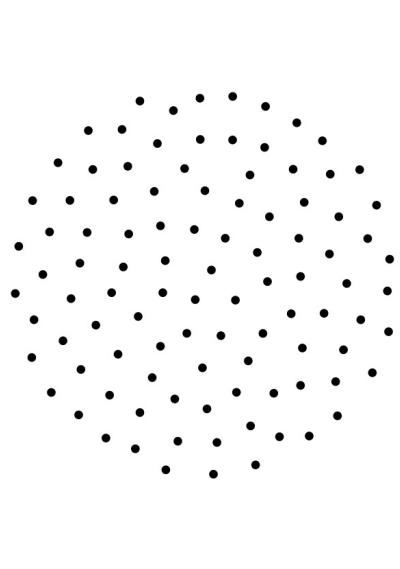
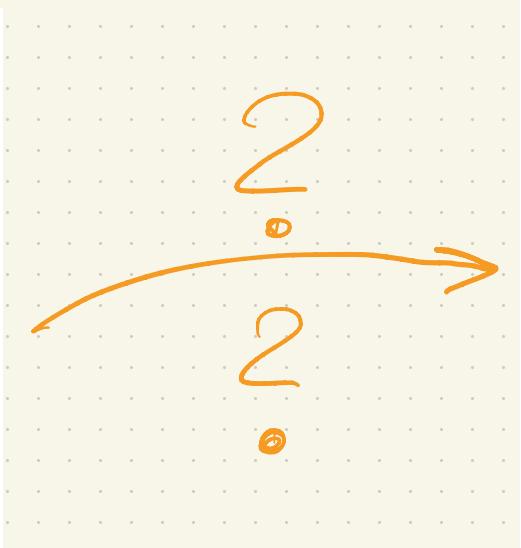
Energy A + Energy B?

# Questions

Dependency //  $\beta$  of the microscopic behavior?



$$\beta = 5$$



$$\beta = 400$$

# Large N limit?

$$P_N^B \in \mathcal{P}\left(\sum_N\right)$$

density

$$e^{-\beta F_N} dx^{\otimes N}$$

$$(unique) \rightarrow \underset{\mu \in \dots}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left( \beta E_\mu [F_N] + H(x) dx^{\otimes N} \right)$$

free energy

a)  $x \in \sum_N \rightarrow ?$

As  $N \rightarrow +\infty$

b)  $dx^{\otimes N} \rightarrow$

Ref. measure?  
for  $x$ ?

c)  $F_N \rightarrow F ?$

d)  $P_N^B \rightarrow P ?$

e)  
unique min of

$$\beta E_p [F] + H(\cdot) ?$$

Large N limit (I) : Point config.

$X_N \in \Sigma_N^n \rightarrow$  finite point config  $\text{Conf}_N$

$X_N \longleftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{x_i}$  purely atomic(loc.) finite measure

$\text{Conf}_N \subset \text{Conf}$  ("point configurations")

⊕ Local topology on  $\text{Conf}$ , allowing

$X_N \xrightarrow[N \rightarrow \infty]{} X$  in  $\text{Conf}$ .

## Large N limit (II) : Poisson

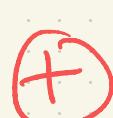
$\text{d}\sigma^{\otimes N}$  Lebesgue measure on  $\Sigma_N$  (box of size  $n$ )  
= law of  $N$  iid uniform points on  $\Sigma_N$

$\xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty}$  Poisson point process

(Think of  $\text{Ber}(n, \frac{1}{n}) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Poisson}(1)$ )



law of #points in  $\Lambda$  = Poisson ( $|\Lambda|$ )



if  $\Lambda \cap \Lambda' = \emptyset$   
the config in  $\Lambda, \Lambda'$  are  $\perp\!\!\!\perp$

# Large N limit (III) : Energy

$$X_N \rightarrow F_N(X_N) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \neq y} -\log(x-y) df_N(x) df_N(y)$$

$\downarrow$

$X$  infinite  
point config

$\downarrow$

?

$$\frac{F_N(X_N)}{N}$$

maybe ?

(yb's)  
(Sandier-Serfaty)

There exists an energy functional  $F: \text{Conf} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

such that  $\frac{F_N}{N}$   $\Gamma$ -converges to  $F$

① " $\Gamma$ -lim"

$X_N \rightarrow X \Rightarrow$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_N(X_N)}{N} \rightharpoonup F(X)$$

② " $\Gamma$ -Lim"  $X$  given

$\exists (X_N \rightarrow X)$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_N(X_N)}{N} \leq F(X)$$

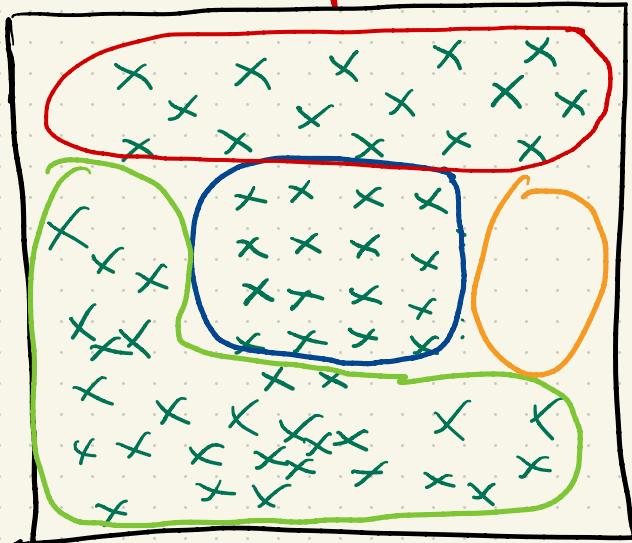
Large  $N$  limit (IV): infinite vol. limit

$P_N^B \in \beta(\text{Conf}_N)$

$\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty}$

$P \in \beta(\text{Conf})?$

Local top. on Conf  $\Leftrightarrow$  information near 0 only



Square lattice



triangular lattice



Poisson



empty

# Empirical field

Corresponds to "average" microscopic behavior

$$X_N \in (x_1, \dots, x_N) \in \underline{\Sigma_N^N}$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_N = \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{x_i} \in \underline{\text{Conf}_N^N}$$

$$t \in \mathbb{R}^d, \text{ let } \mathcal{Q}_{N,t} = \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{x_i - t} \in \underline{\text{Conf}_N}$$

$x_i$  "seen from"  
"centered at"  $t$

$$\boxed{\text{Emp}_N := \frac{1}{|N|} \int_N \delta_{\mathcal{Q}_{N,t}} dt} \in \mathcal{P}(\text{Conf}_N) \subset \mathcal{Q}(\text{Conf})$$

# Large deviations for emp.-fields?

$X_N \mapsto \text{Emp}_N \in \mathcal{S}(\text{Conf})$  random

$P_N^B (\text{Emp}_N \approx P)$  for  $P \in \mathcal{S}(\text{Conf})$  fixed?

$$= \frac{1}{Z_N^B}$$

$$\sum_{\sum_N x_1 \dots \sum_N x_N} \text{Emp}_N \approx P$$

$$e^{-\beta F_N(X_N)} dx \otimes N$$

- ① Guess  $F_N$  from " $\text{Emp}_N \approx P$ "?
- ② Large dev for  $\text{Emp}_N$  without interactions?

# Large dev without interactions

$\sum_{n=1}^N \dots \sum_{n=1}^N$  It  $\text{Emp}_N \approx P$  does  $\otimes_N$  ?

$N$   
iid points  
 $\rightarrow X_N$

$\text{Emp}_N$  ?

Should look like Poisson

Large deviations ( $P \neq \text{Poisson}$ ) ?

# Reminder: Sanov's theorem

$\mu$  prob. meas on  $X$

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  iid r.v. of law  $\mu$

Empirical measure  $\hat{\mu}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{X_i} \in \mathcal{P}(X)$

$\hat{\mu}_n \approx \mu$  (LLN)

Sanov  $P[\hat{\mu}_n \approx r] \approx e^{-nH(r|\mu)}$

$H(r|\mu)$  rel. entropy  $\geq 0$  as "rate function"

(cf. C. Mouhot's talk) cf. Boltzmann's formula

# Sanov for empirical fields

$\pi$  Poisson process (measure on Conf) <sup>prob.</sup>

Empirical field  $\frac{1}{|N_N|} \int_{t \in N_N} \delta_{x-t} dt$

"Sanov" [Föllmer, ?]

$$P[\text{Emp. field} \approx P] \approx e^{-|N| \mathcal{E}(P|\pi)}$$

$$\mathcal{E}(P|\pi) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|N_n|} H(P_{N_n} | \pi_{N_n})$$

= specific relative entropy

Existence? Yes (Fekete)

(Extension: replace  $\Pi$  in  $\Lambda_N$  by  $(\Lambda_N)$  iid points)

$$\sum_{\Sigma_N} \prod_{x \in \Sigma_N} \underset{\text{Emp}_N \approx P}{\underset{?}{\approx}} dx^{\otimes N}$$

" = "  $e^{-\underset{= N}{(\Lambda_N)} \underset{\text{Poisson}}{\underset{\text{specific relative entropy}}{\mathcal{E}(P|\Pi)}}$

- Comment:
- ①  $\mathcal{E}(P|\Pi) = 0 \Rightarrow P = \Pi$
  - ②  $P$  really needs to be stationary
  - ③  $P$  not abs. cont //  $\Pi$  !!!

$$P_N^B \left( E_{\text{mp}_N} \approx P \right) \text{ for } P \in \beta(\text{Conf})$$

fixed?

$= \frac{1}{Z_N^B}$

$\int_{\sum_N \times \dots \times \sum_N} e^{-\beta F_N(x_N)} dx^{\otimes N}$

Guess  $F_N$  from " $E_{\text{mp}_N} \approx P$ "? If yes:

$$= \frac{1}{Z_N^B} e^{-\beta \text{Energy}_{\text{when } E_{\text{mp}_N} \approx P}}$$

?

$$\int_{\sum_N \times \dots \times \sum_N} e^{-\beta E_{\text{mp}_N}} dx^{\otimes N}$$

LDP without interact.

$\Gamma$ -lim for  $\frac{F_N}{N} \rightarrow F : \text{Conf} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow$  if  $E_{\text{ap}_N} \approx P$  then

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_N}{N}(X_N) \geq E_P[F] \quad \in \beta(\text{Conf})$$

Converse is false: not enough information in " $E_{\text{ap}_N} \approx P$ ".

- ① local vs. global info  $\leftrightarrow$  Screening (Sandier - Serfaty)
- ② Singularity  $\leftrightarrow$  Quasicontinuity

Replace Config-wise statement

"If  $X_N$  is s.t.  $E_{\text{sys}} \approx P$  then  $\frac{f_N(x_N)}{N} \leq F(x) + \varepsilon$ "

by "quasi continuity" (Bodineau-Guionnet)

"Among all  $X_N$ 's s.t.  $E_{\text{sys}} \approx P$ , a significant fraction is s.t.  $\frac{f_N(x_N)}{N} \leq F(x) + \varepsilon'$

The volume must be comparable to the specific entropy

$$-\log L \text{ good microstates } = -\log \{ \text{all microstates} \} + O(N)$$

(Rem. this is analogous to the  $\Gamma$ -tim construction  
of a "recovery sequence"  
but you need a volume of good microstates,  
that matches the total volume  
at log. scale )

$P_n^B$  finite Gibbs measure of a bg-gas



Empirical field = average micro. behavior



(LDP, L.-Serfaty '15)

Concentrates on minimizers of rate function

(Free energy)  
of  $P$

$$\beta E_P[F]$$

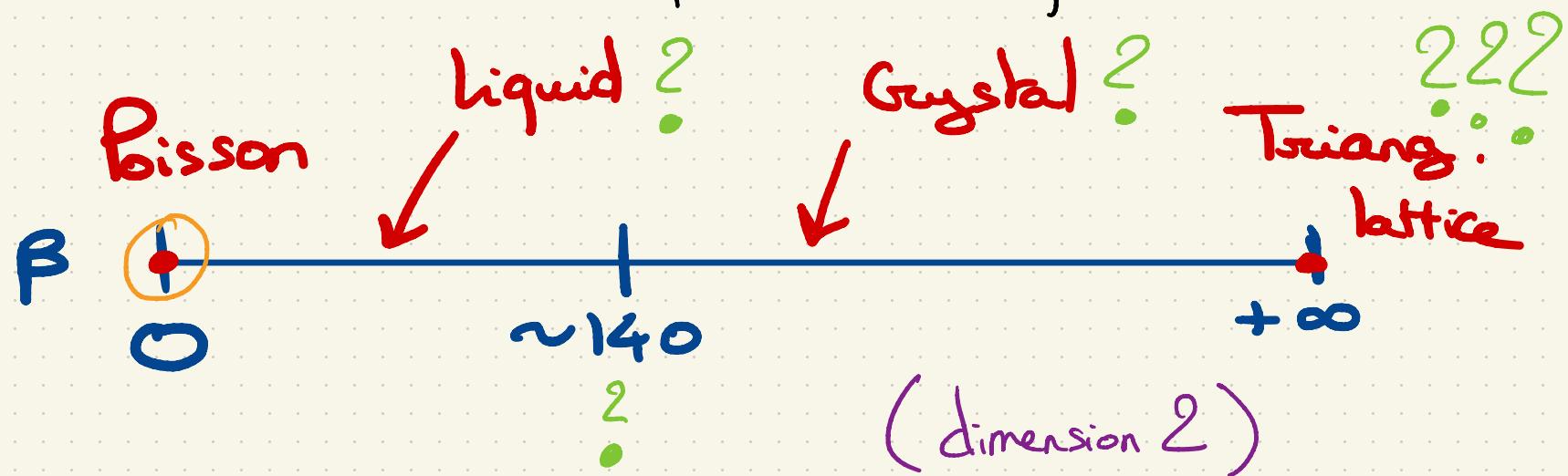
$\in \mathcal{S}(\text{Conf})$

$F: \text{Conf} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

specific  
sel.  
entropy  
Poisson

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In principle, one could understand (some of)  
the phase portrait by minimizing  
the free energy functional.



- For  $\beta \in (0, +\infty)$  the entropy is finite  
 $\rightarrow$  No "perfect" order. <sup>energy</sup> —

$\rightarrow$  Not Poisson

However

- As  $\beta \rightarrow 0$ , minimizers satisfy

$$E(P_\beta | \pi) \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{L.'16})$$

$$E(P | \pi) = \sup_{\Lambda} \frac{H(P_\Lambda | \pi_\Lambda)}{|\Lambda|} \quad (\text{subadditivity})$$

$\Rightarrow P_\beta |_\Lambda \xrightarrow[\beta \rightarrow 0]{TV} \pi_\Lambda$  by Pinsker's inequality,  $\forall \Lambda$ .

It suffices to construct candidates  $(Q_n)_n$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}(Q_n | \pi) &\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \\ \text{and } \mathbb{E}_{Q_n}[F] \text{ is finite } \forall n. & \quad \text{not trivial} \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\beta \mathbb{E}_{P_\beta}[F] + \mathcal{E}(P_\beta | \pi)$

$$\leq \beta \mathbb{E}_{Q_n}[F] + \mathcal{E}(Q_n | \pi)$$

$(\oplus)$  ( $F$  bounded below) adjust  $n, \beta$  as desired ...  
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{E}(P_\beta | \pi) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\beta \rightarrow 0$

"Fun fact" for 1d case

the limit of  $P_N^\beta$  is known (without averaging)

"Sine  $\beta$  process" [Valko-Virág]

(Coupled SDE's, counting explosions ...)

$\text{Sine}_\beta \xrightarrow{\beta \rightarrow 0} 0$  [Allez-Dumaz '14]

$\text{argmin}$  free energy  $\xrightarrow{\beta \rightarrow 0} 0$

$$\beta = +\infty ?$$

$X =$

- In  $d=1$ ,  $F$  is minimized at  $\mathbb{Z}$  (lattice) and  $\operatorname{argmin} \mathbb{E}_P[F]$  among stationary  $P$  is  $P = P_{\mathbb{Z}}$  = randomly shifted lattice.
- As  $\beta \rightarrow +\infty$ , minimizers of free energy tend to  $P_{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

"Of course"  $\mathcal{E}(P_{\mathbb{Z}} | \Pi) = +\infty$

Need to construct  $(P_n)_n$  s.t.  $\mathcal{E}(P_n | \Pi) < +\infty$   
 $\mathbb{E}_{P_n}[F] \rightarrow$  minimal energy.

OK  
to estimate

$$\beta = +\infty \quad (d=2)$$

- In  $d=2$ , the minimization of  $F$  is a major open problem.

Conjecture: triangular lattice is minimizing.

(true among lattices...)

- We know that minimizers have some good properties
  - × Minimal separation between points
  - × "Small fluctuations"

Question: If stationary  
minimizing  $\mathbb{E}_P[F] \Rightarrow P$  has infinite  
entropy ??

One difficulty is that  $\mathcal{E}(P|\pi)$  grows "slowly" with the weirdness of  $P$ .

- $P = \text{lattice} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}(P|\pi) = +\infty$
- $P = \delta$ -perturbation of a lattice  $\parallel$  Impossible for Poisson  
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{E}(P|\pi) \approx -\log \delta$
- "All the points separated by  $c$ "  $\parallel$  impossible for Poisson!  
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{E}(P|\pi) \geq c' > 0 \dots$

$$\beta \in (0, +\infty)$$

Basic question : (non)-uniqueness of  
free energy minimizers  $\leftrightarrow$  "phase"  
 $\leftrightarrow$  "Gibbs state"

$$\text{In finite vol. } \mu \mapsto \beta E_{\mu} [F_N] + H(\mu | dx^{\otimes N})$$

linear strict-convex  
 ↗ ↗

$$\text{In inf. vol. } P \mapsto \beta E_P [F] + \boxed{E(P|\pi)}$$

↗ ↗  
 -P-

$\Rightarrow$  Possibly many minimizers. Need to find convexity elsewhere (Displacement convex?)

# Role of specific sel. entropy (in general)

- Finite Gibbs measure  $\mathbb{P}_N^F$  energy, ref. measure (finite volume)

$$\sup_N E(\mathbb{P}_N^F | \pi) < +\infty \Rightarrow \exists \text{ of limit points}$$

$$\cdot \mathbb{P}_\beta = \lim \mathbb{P}_N^F \text{ (up to subsequence)} = e^{-\beta \text{Energy}} d\text{Vol}?$$

- DLR equations ("Gibbs states")  
 (sol. of)  $\mathbb{P}$   $\hat{\alpha}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P Gibbs state} &\iff \text{P minimizes free energy} \\ &\iff E(P | P_\beta) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

"Var. pple"  
for Gibbs states.

For log gases  $\hat{\alpha}$   $\hat{\beta}$  make  
sense ... separately ...



# Some rigidity properties (I)

- "Number variance"

$$\frac{\text{Var}[|X \cap N|]}{|N|} \xrightarrow[|N| \rightarrow \infty]{} ?$$

\*  $\varphi$  is "hyperuniform" when  
(S. Torquato)

"or  
"superhomogeneous"  
(J. Lebowitz) (Poisson case =  $|B(0, R)|$ )

Variance in  $B(0, R)$

$$\overline{o(R^d)}$$

## Some rigidity properties (II)

$\varphi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  test function  
↳ "linear statistic"  $\sum_{x \in X} \varphi(x)$

$\chi_{\cap A}) = \text{lin. stat. for } \varphi = \mathbf{1}_A.$

What about  $\text{Var} \left[ \sum_{x \in X} \varphi(x) \right]$  for other / more general functions  $\varphi$ ?

In particular if  $\varphi = \varphi_R = \overline{\varphi}(\cdot/R)$ ?

## Some rigidity properties (III)

"Ak Ghosh-Peres" [ S. Ghosh's PhD Thesis - '12 ]

- $\mathbb{P}$  point process,  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  bounded
  - Take an observable  $\varphi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\Lambda$ -local
  - $\mathbb{P}$  is  $\varphi$ -rigid if  $\exists g$ ,  $\Lambda^c$ -measurable

$$\varphi(X) = \varphi(X_\Lambda) \stackrel{?}{=} g(X_{\Lambda^c})$$

$\stackrel{?}{=}$  (  $\mathbb{P}$  a.s. )

Ex. Number rigid, center-of-mass-rigid ...

# Entropy vs. rigidity

Predicted  
in physics  
literature

	Poisson	Lattice	Log-gas
Number variance in $B(0, R)$	$R^2$	$R$	$O(R^2)$ * $R^{??}$
Variance of $\sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \varphi_R(x) \varphi_R = \bar{\varphi}(\cdot/R)$ , smooth	$R^2$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$ **
Rigidity a la G-P	$\emptyset$	Fully	Number rigid
Entropy // Poisson	$0$	$+\infty$	$\in (0, +\infty)$

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## Comments / questions

- Those rigidity properties hold for the Gibbs measure (minimizer of free energy), not simply under the condition of finite energy.
- Strong forms of rigidity are not incompatible with finite specific relative entropy.
- What is "too rigid for Poisson"?
- Does "P is center-of-mass rigid"  
 $\Rightarrow$  P has infinite entropy?

Thank you for your attention!