

Universality of the third-order pushed-to-pulled transition

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joint work with

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- ◆ Largest Eigenvalue of Gaussian ensembles
- ◆ Our result for symmetric walls
- ◆ Electrostatic interpretation and generalizations
- ◆ Sketch of the proof (symmetric case)
- ◆ Interesting questions

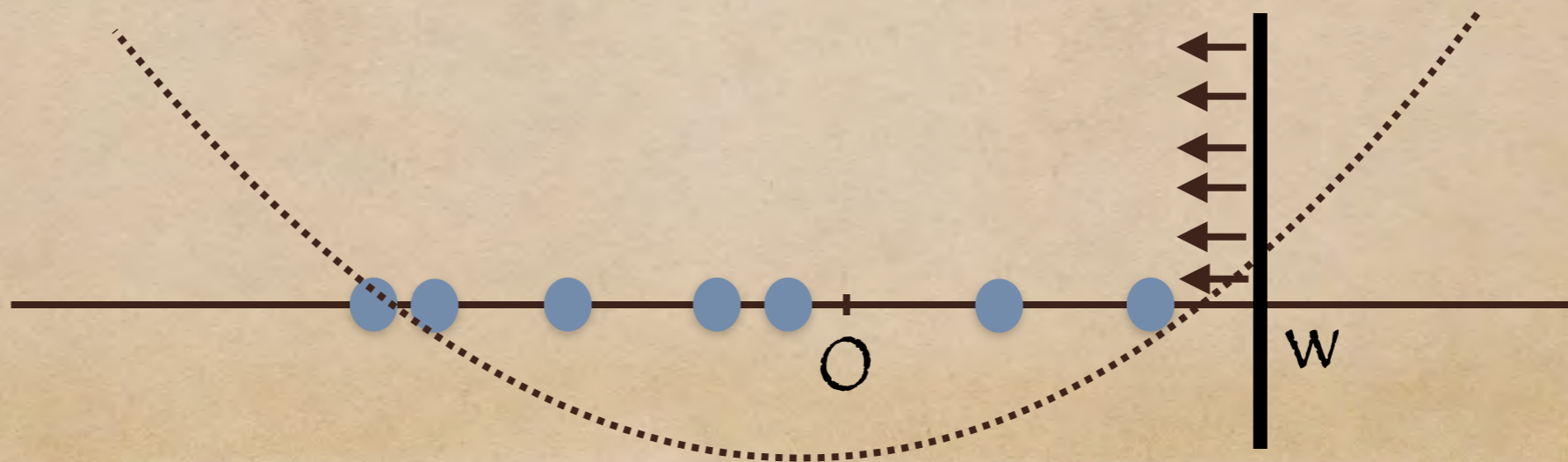
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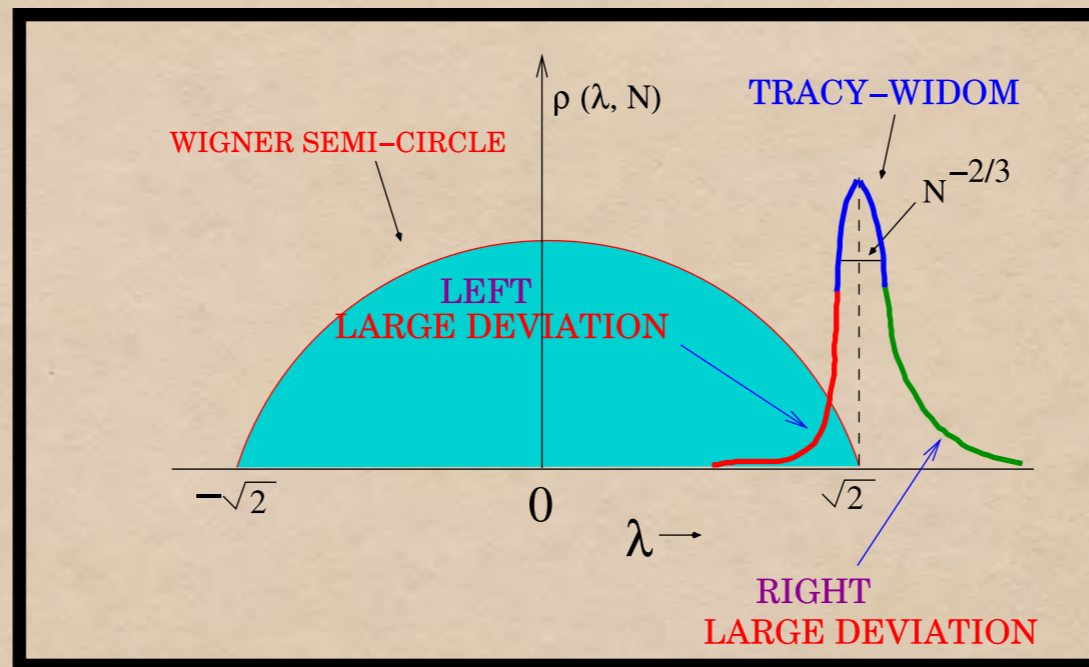
$$Z_N(w) = \int_{-\infty}^w dx_1 \cdots \int_{-\infty}^w dx_N \exp \left[-\frac{\beta}{2} \left(N \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 - \sum_{i \neq j} \ln |x_i - x_j| \right) \right]$$

Canonical partition function



Largest eigenvalue of Gaussian ensembles

taken from
Majumdar & Schehr
JSTAT 2014



[Tracy & Widom, 1994-1996]

[Dean & Majumdar, 2006-2008]

$$F_N(w) \approx \begin{cases} \exp[-\beta N^2 \Phi_-(w)], & w < \sqrt{2} \text{ and } |w - \sqrt{2}| \sim O(1) \\ \mathcal{F}_\beta \left(\sqrt{2} N^{2/3} (w - \sqrt{2}) \right), & |w - \sqrt{2}| \sim O(N^{-2/3}) \\ 1 - \exp[-\beta N \Phi_+(w)], & w > \sqrt{2} \text{ and } |w - \sqrt{2}| \sim O(1) \end{cases}$$

[Majumdar & Vergassola, 2009]

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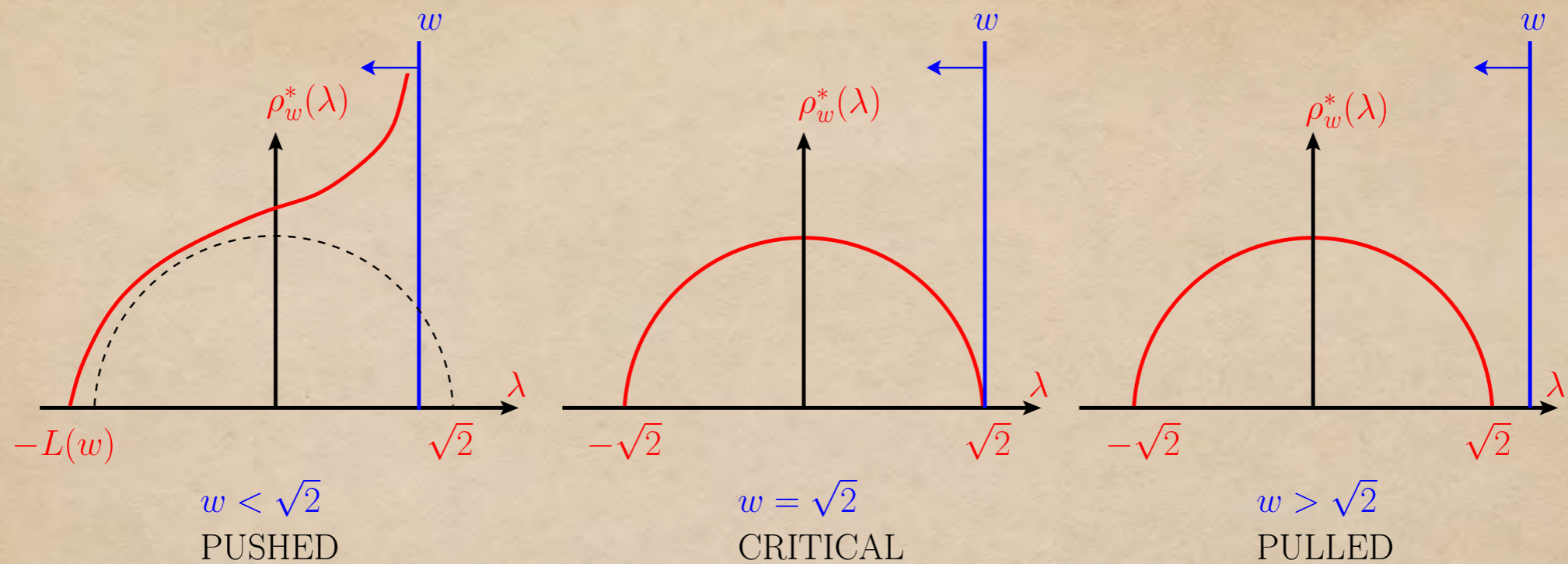
$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{N^2} \ln F_N(w) = \begin{cases} \Phi_-(w), & w < \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & w > \sqrt{2} \end{cases}$$

Free energy of a Coulomb gas with a hard wall at 'w'

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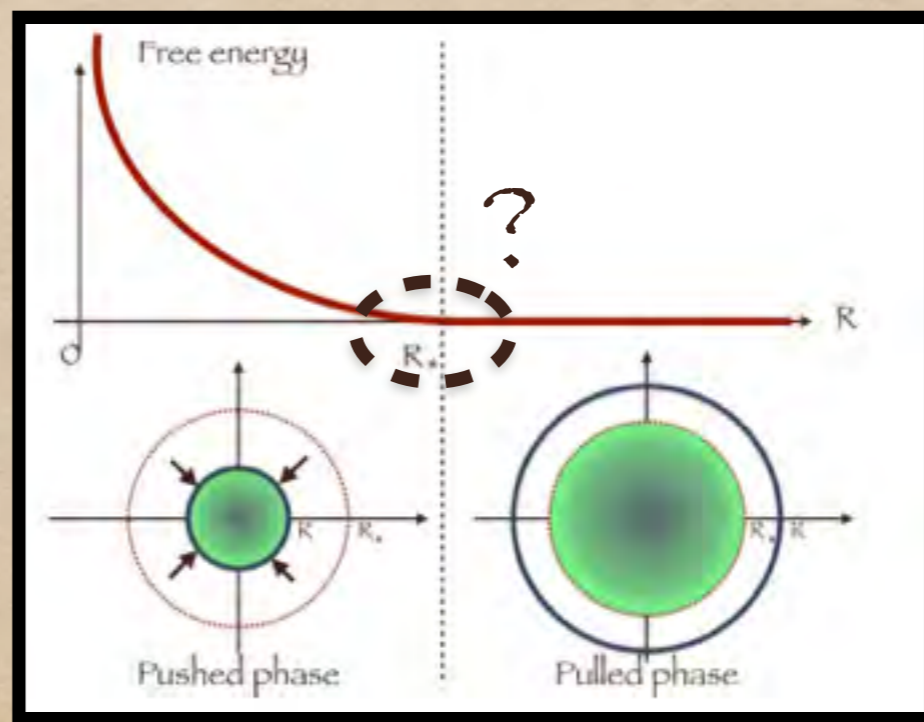
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$$\Phi_-(w) \sim \frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}}(\sqrt{2} - w)^3, \quad w \rightarrow \sqrt{2}$$

3rd order phase transition



Ubiquity of the 3rd order “pushed-to-pulled” transition

- $U(N)$ lattice QCD [Gross & Witten, Wadia 1980]
- Maximum height of non-intersecting Brownian walkers [Forrester, Majumdar, Schehr & Comtet 2011]
- Extreme eigenvalues for Wishart [PV, Majumdar & Bohigas 2007; Deift, Its and Krasovsky 2006] and Jacobi ensembles [Ramli, Katzav & Castillo 2012]
- Conductance and other observables in mesoscopic cavities [PV, Majumdar & Bohigas 2008-10; Grabsch & Texier 2015-16]
- Entanglement entropy for bipartite random pure states [Nadal, Majumdar & Vergassola 2010]
- Multiple Input Multiple Output (MIMO) channels [Karadimitrakís et al 2013]
- Minima of random landscapes [Fyodorov & Nadal 2012]
- Random Tilings [Colomo & Pronko 2013]
- Height in 1d KPZ growth models at late times [Le Doussal, Majumdar & Schehr 2016]
- Rightmost particle of 1-d Coulomb gas [Dhar, Kundu, Majumdar, Sabhapandit & Schehr 2017]
- Truncated linear statistics [Grabsch-Majumdar- Texier 2018]



Top eigenvalue of a random matrix: large deviations and third order phase transition

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$$\rho(x) \sim \sqrt{R_{\star} - x}$$

“off-critical” case



3rd order

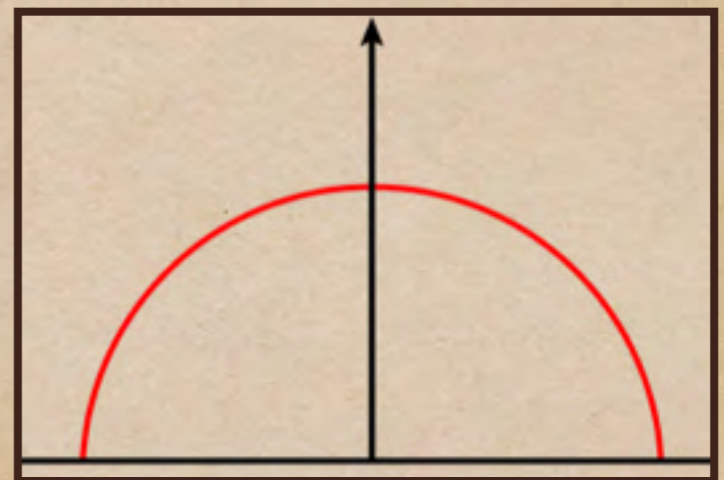
Our setting

$$p_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{1}{Z_N} e^{-\beta E_N(x_1, \dots, x_N)}$$

$$E_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \log |x_i - x_j| + N \sum_k V(x_k), \quad x_i \in \mathbb{R}.$$

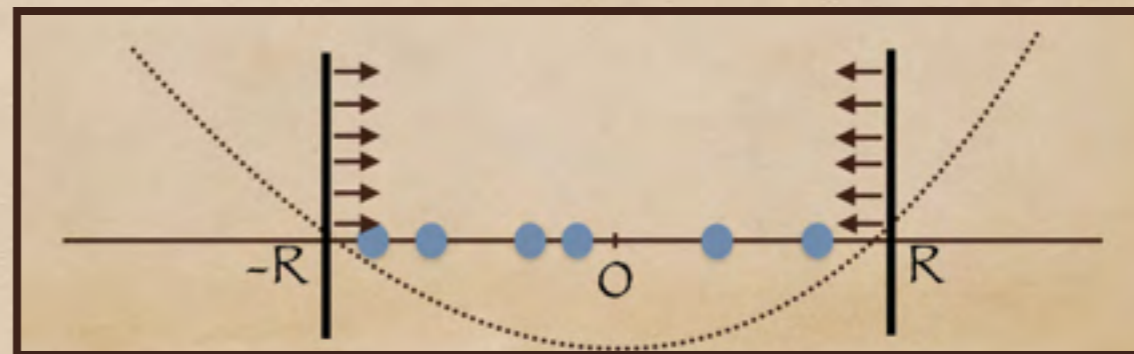
Assumption 1 $V(x)$ is $C^3(\mathbb{R})$, symmetric $V(x) = V(-x)$, strictly convex and satisfies $\liminf_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V(x)}{\log |x|} > 1$.

“one-cut” and “off-critical”



Symmetric walls

$$\text{Prob}(\max |x_i| < R) \quad ?$$



Related works

- $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{Pr} \left(\max |x_i| \leq R_{\star} + \frac{t}{\sqrt{2N^{2/3}}} \right) = \mathcal{F}_2^2(t) \quad \text{for GUE}$

[Dean - Le Doussal - Majumdar - Schehr 2017]

- d-dimensional Coulomb (jellium) model

[Cunden - Facchi - Ligabo' - PV 2017]

$$\text{Prob}(\max |x_i| < R) \approx \exp(-\beta N^2 F(R))$$

In general

Equilibrium density of the fluid
constrained between two walls

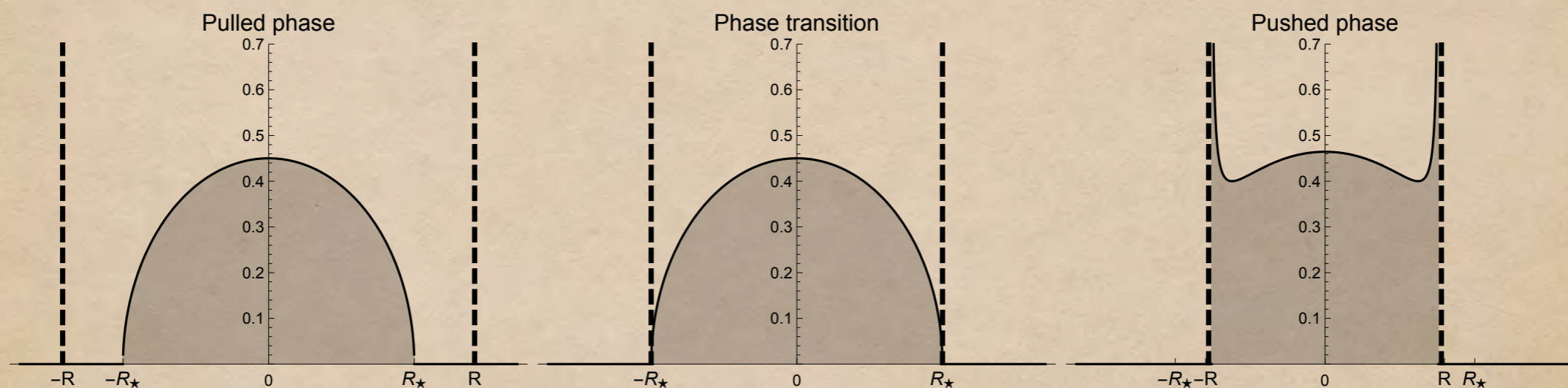
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[‘continuum’ version of the ‘granular’ energy

$$E_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \log |x_i - x_j| + N \sum_k V(x_k)]$$

Density of particles constrained between symmetric walls



$$d\rho_R(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{P_R(x)}{\sqrt{R^2 - x^2}} \mathbb{1}_{|x| < R} dx & \text{if } R < R_* \text{ (pushed phase)} \\ \frac{1}{\pi} Q(x) \sqrt{R_*^2 - x^2} \mathbb{1}_{|x| \leq R_*} dx & \text{if } R \geq R_* \text{ (pulled phase) ,} \end{cases}$$

$$P_R(x) = 1 - \int_{-R}^R \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\sqrt{R^2 - t^2} V'(t)}{x - t} dt$$

[Trícomí 1957]

Our result

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$$V(x) \rightarrow \rho_R(x) \rightarrow P_R(x) \rightarrow F(R)$$

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$$\lim_{R \uparrow R_*} F(R) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{R_*}^{R_*} \frac{P_r(r)^2}{r} dr = 0 ,$$

$$\lim_{R \uparrow R_*} F'(R) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{P_{R_*}(R_*)^2}{R_*} = 0 ,$$

$$\lim_{R \uparrow R_*} F''(R) = -\frac{2P_{R_*}(R_*)P'_{R_*}(R_*)R_* - P_{R_*}(R_*)^2}{2R_*^2} = 0 .$$

but $\lim_{R \uparrow R_*} F'''(R) = -\frac{P'_{R_*}(R_*)^2}{R_*} < 0 .$ off-criticality



fully in line with M-S criterion!

Check: Gaussian ensembles

$$\rho_R(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{2 + R^2 - 2x^2}{2\sqrt{R^2 - x^2}} \mathbb{1}_{|x| < R} & \text{if } R < R_\star \text{ (pushed phase)} \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{2 - x^2} \mathbb{1}_{|x| \leq R_\star} & \text{if } R \geq R_\star \text{ (pulled phase) ,} \end{cases}$$

$$F_{G\beta E}(R) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{32} (8R^2 - R^4 - 16\log R - 12 + 8\log 2) & \text{if } R < R_\star = \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & \text{if } R \geq R_\star = \sqrt{2} \end{cases}$$

[Dean & Majumdar, PRE 2008]


$P_R(x)$

$$F_{G\beta E}(R) = \frac{1}{2} \int_R^{\sqrt{2}} \frac{(2 - r^2)^2}{4r} dr = \frac{1}{32} (8R^2 - R^4 - 16\log R - 12 + 8\log 2) \quad R < \sqrt{2}$$


Electrostatic interpretation and generalizations

Electrostatic interpretation

The increase in free energy must match the work done
in compressing the fluid

$$F(R) = -W_{R_\star \rightarrow R} \quad \text{with} \quad W_{R_\star \rightarrow R} = \int_{\text{vol}_i}^{\text{vol}_f} P dV = 2 \int_{R_\star}^R p(r) dr$$


Electrostatic pressure: normal force per unit length



surface charge x electric field generated by all other charges



$$p(r) = \frac{\pi^2}{2} |\text{Res}_{z=r} \rho_r^2(z)|$$

Not limited
to spherical symmetry!

The electrostatic interpretation allows us to
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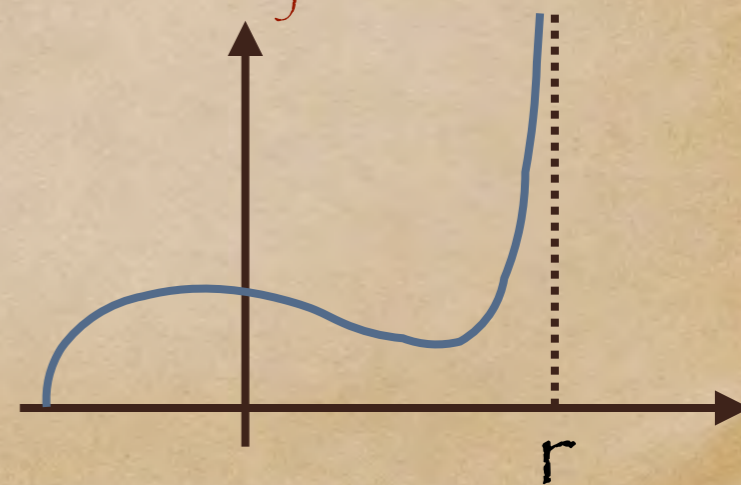
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[Dean & Majumdar, 2006-2008]




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Example

$$\Phi_-(w) = \frac{1}{108} \left[36w^2 - w^4 - (15w + w^3)\sqrt{w^2 + 6} + 27 \left(\ln 18 - 2 \ln \left(w + \sqrt{w^2 + 6} \right) \right) \right],$$

$$F_1 \quad w < \sqrt{2}.$$

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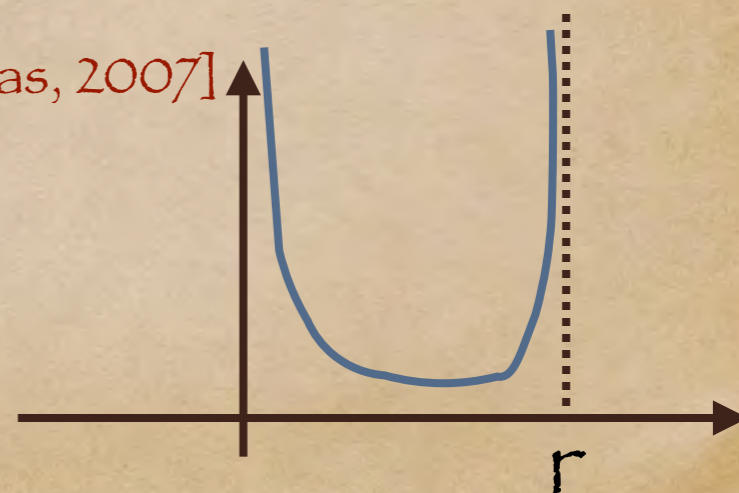
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[PV, Majumdar & Bohigas, 2007]



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Example 2: large

$$\Phi_{-}(x; 1) = \begin{cases} 2 \log 2 - \log(4 - x) - \frac{x}{4} - \frac{x^2}{32} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$F_N(w) = P$$

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Sketch of the proof (symmetric case)

$$F(R) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\min(R, R_\star)}^{R_\star} dr \frac{P_r(r)^2}{r}$$

A remarkable formula

$$-\log |x - y| = \log 2 + \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{2}{n} T_n(x) T_n(y) \quad x, y \in [-1, 1], x \neq y$$

Chebyshev Polynomials

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{T_n(x) T_m(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \delta_{nm} h_n \quad \text{with} \quad h_n = \begin{cases} \pi & \text{if } n = m = 0 \\ \pi/2 & \text{if } n = m \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

used already by Fyodorov, Khoruzhenko, Simm [Ann Prob 2016]
and Garoufalidis and Popescu [Ann Henri Poincare' 2013] -
unpublished notes by Uffe Haagerup

where

$$V(Ru) = \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n(R) T_n(u) ,$$

$$P_R(Ru) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n(R) T_n(u) ,$$

$$a_n(R) = \frac{1}{h_n} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{P_R(Ru) T_n(u)}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} du ,$$

$$c_n(R) = \frac{1}{h_n} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{V(Ru) T_n(u)}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} du .$$

At electrostatic equilibrium (pushed phase)

$$- \int_{-R}^R \log |x-y| \rho_R(y) dy + \underline{V(x)} = \mu(R) \quad |x| \leq R$$

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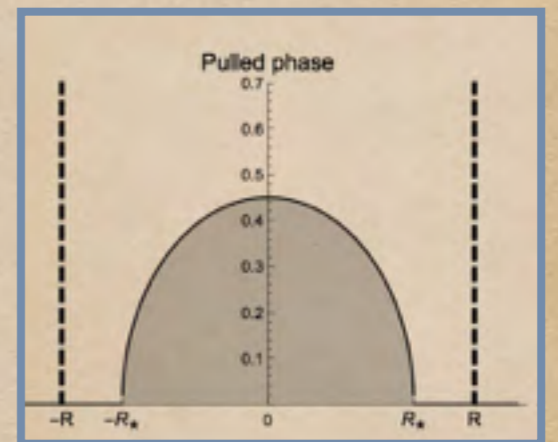
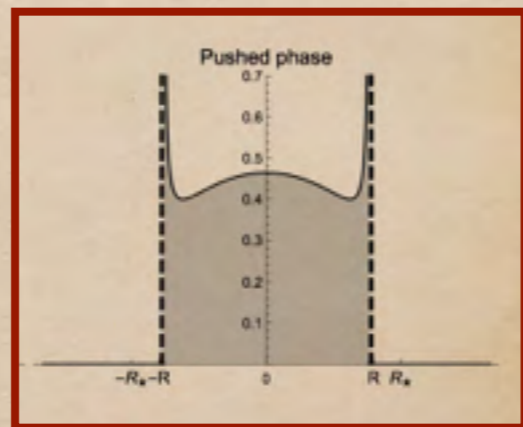


$$-\log \frac{R}{2} + a_0(R)c_0(R) + \underbrace{\sum_{n \geq 1} \left(\frac{1}{n} a_n(R) + c_n(R) \right) T_n \left(\frac{x}{R} \right)}_{\approx 0} = \mu(R) \quad \text{if } |x| \leq R$$

Now, expand the excess free energy in Chebyshev

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$$F'(R) = -\frac{1}{2R} \left(1 - 2Rc'_0(R) + R \sum_{n \geq 1} nc_n(R)c'_n(R) \right) \stackrel{?}{=} -\frac{P_R(R)^2}{2R}$$

How to prove this?

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$$P_R(Ru) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n(R)T_n(u) \longrightarrow P_R(R) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n(R)T_n(1) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n(R) = 1 - \sum_{n \geq 1} nc_n(R)$$

so the identity to prove is

$$1 - 2Rc'_0(R) + R \sum_{n \geq 1} nc_n(R)c'_n(R) \stackrel{?}{=} \left(1 - \sum_{n \geq 1} nc_n(R) \right)^2$$


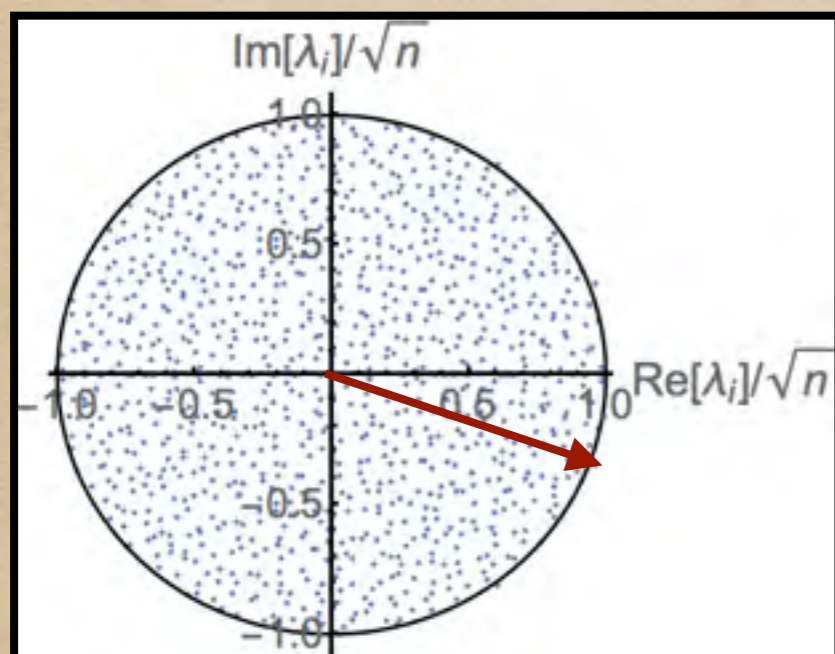
which can be established using

$$\frac{1}{u} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} V(Ru) = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial u} V(Ru) \quad \square$$

Interesting questions

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$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \Pr \left(\max |x_i| \leq R_* + \frac{\gamma_N + t}{\sqrt{4N\gamma_N}} \right) = G(t)$$

[Rider 2003; Chafaï and Peche' 2014]

$$F_{\text{GinUE}}(R) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8}(4R^2 - R^4 - 4\log R - 3) & \text{if } R < R_* \\ 0 & \text{if } R \geq R_* . \end{cases}$$

[Cunden, Mezzadri & PV 2016; Allez, Touboul & Wainrib 2014]

Matching between Gumbel and large deviation function: novel intermediate regime

[Lacroix-A-Chez-Toine, Grabsch, Majumdar, Schehr 2017]

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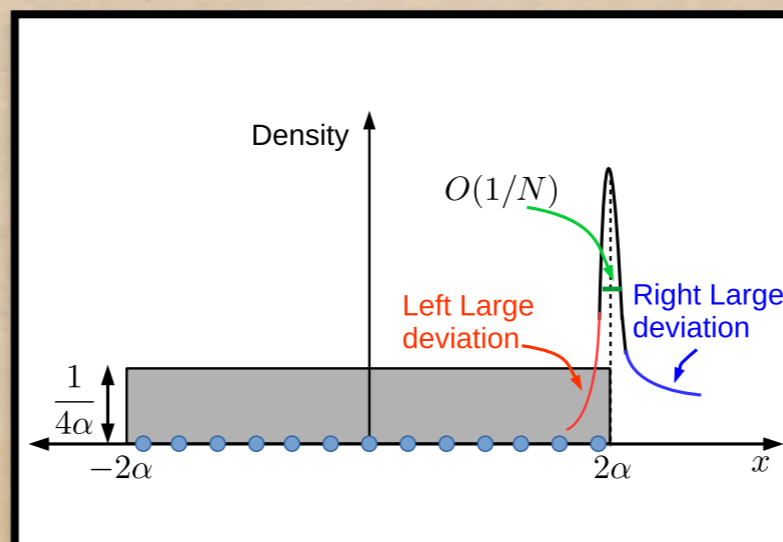
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$$E_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \Phi_d(x_i - x_j) + N \sum_k V(x_k), \quad x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

$$D\Phi_d(x) = \Omega_d \delta(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \text{where} \quad D = -a^2 \Delta + m^2.$$

$$\Pr(x_i \in B_R, i = 1, \dots, N) = \frac{\int_{x_i \in B_R} e^{-\beta E_N} dx_1 \cdots dx_N}{\int_{x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d} e^{-\beta E_N} dx_1 \cdots dx_N} = \frac{Z_N(R)}{Z_N(\infty)}.$$

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recovers GinUE for $d=2, a=1, m=0$

Summary and Outlook

- Exact formula for the excess free energy of a log-gas on a line constrained between two walls
- Electrostatic interpretation: order parameter is the electrostatic pressure of the constrained fluid
- Under rather general conditions, the excess free energy of the constrained gas has always a 3rd order discontinuity, in all dimensions. The spatial extent of the repulsion plays no role.

Third-order phase transition: random matrices and screened Coulomb gas with hard walls

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Letter

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Scope

2018 marks the 90th birthday of Random Matrix Theory (RMT). Originally introduced in multivariate statistics by Wishart, random matrices were first employed in physics at the end of the 50s to model Hamiltonians of heavy nuclei. In recent years, RMT techniques and insights have proven invaluable in deepening our understanding of:

- Fermions in harmonic traps
- Models of interface growth (e.g. KPZ equation and Tracy-Widom), also from the experimental point of view
- Models of delocalized, non-ergodic phases in quantum systems
- Financial applications, like cleaning of correlation matrices
- Condensed matter, like topological insulators
- Stability of ecosystems
- Wireless telecommunications

to mention just a few. This special issue is devoted to recent theoretical advancements, with a focus on universal and cross-disciplinary results. With this issue, we hope to extend the traditional boundaries of the discipline and to stimulate discussions about the most interesting directions for future cross-fertilized research.

Extra slides

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Possible third-order phase transition in the large- N lattice gauge theory

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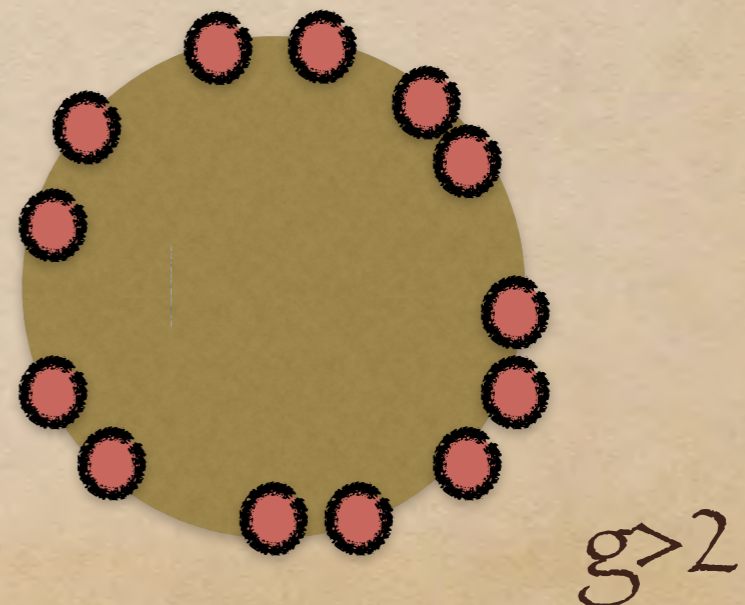
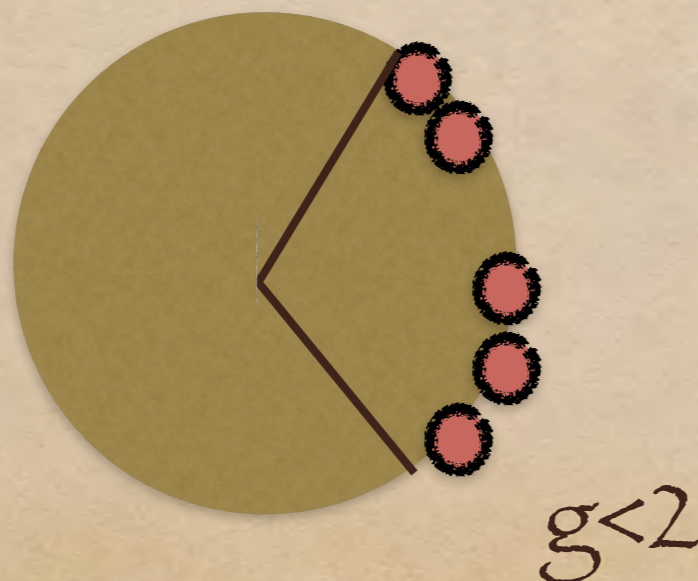
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2-d lattice QCD with Wilson action

$$\zeta = \int \mathcal{D}U \exp[(N/g) \text{Tr}(U + U^\dagger)]$$



[2]

GENERAL

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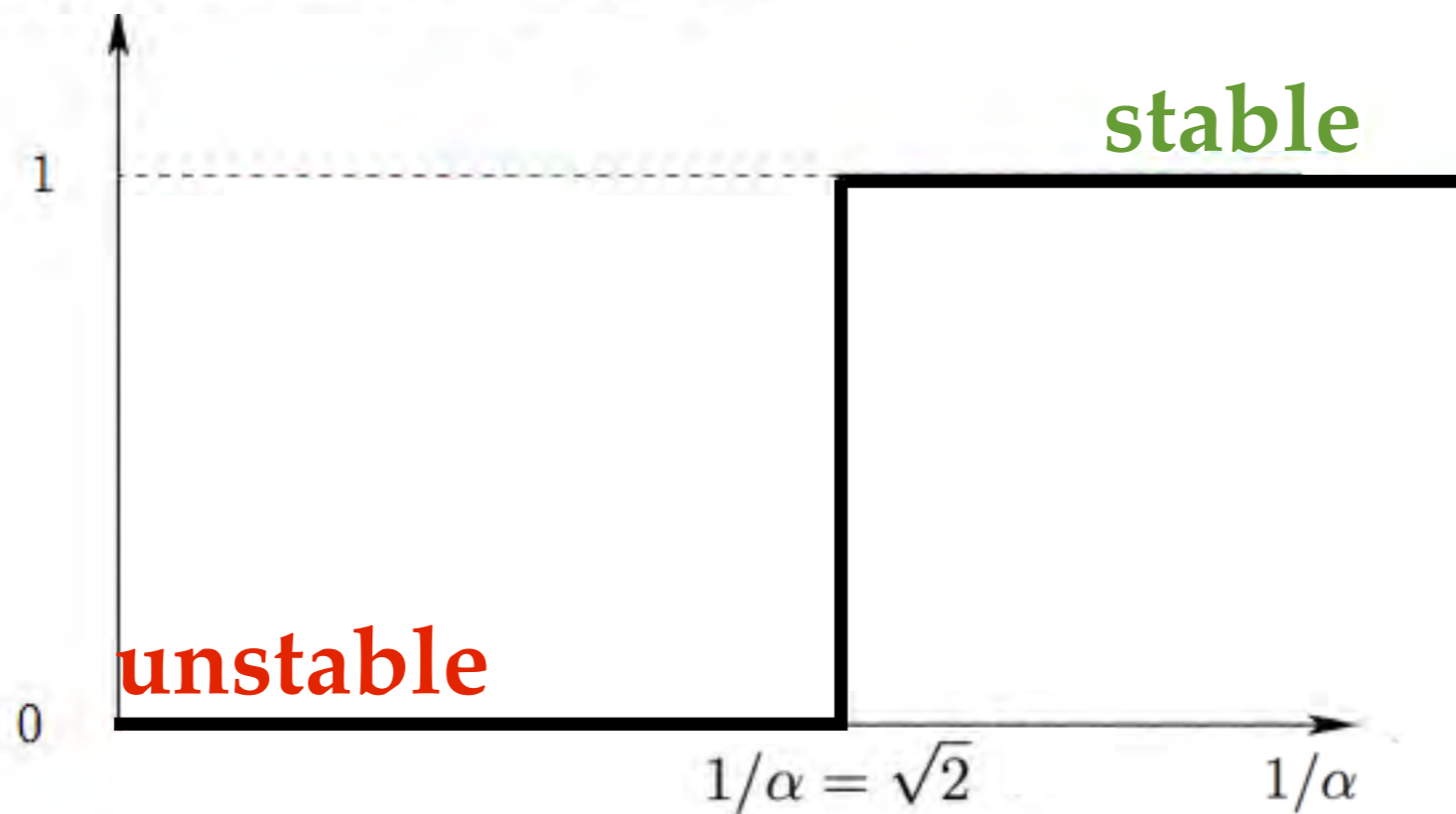
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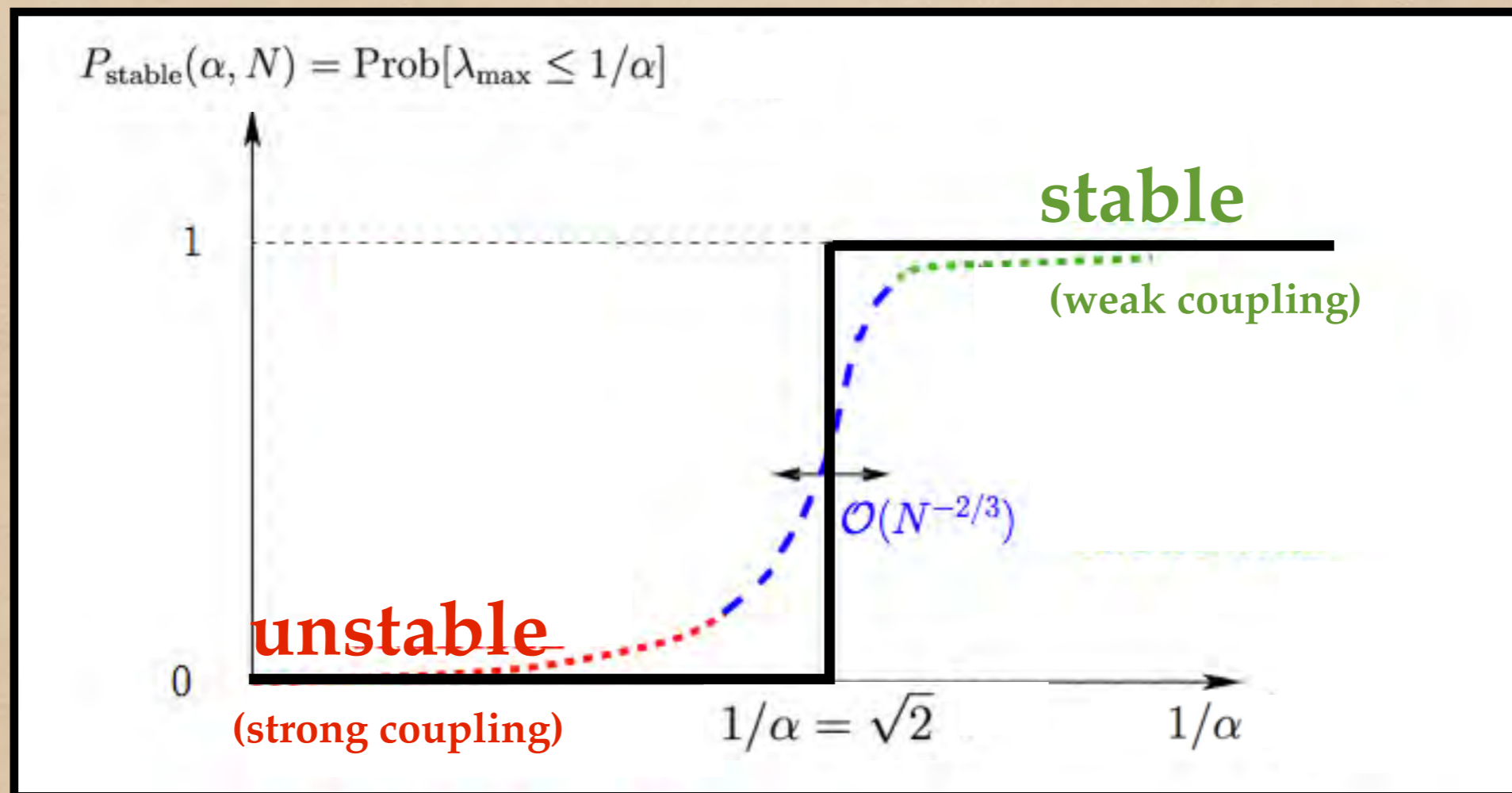
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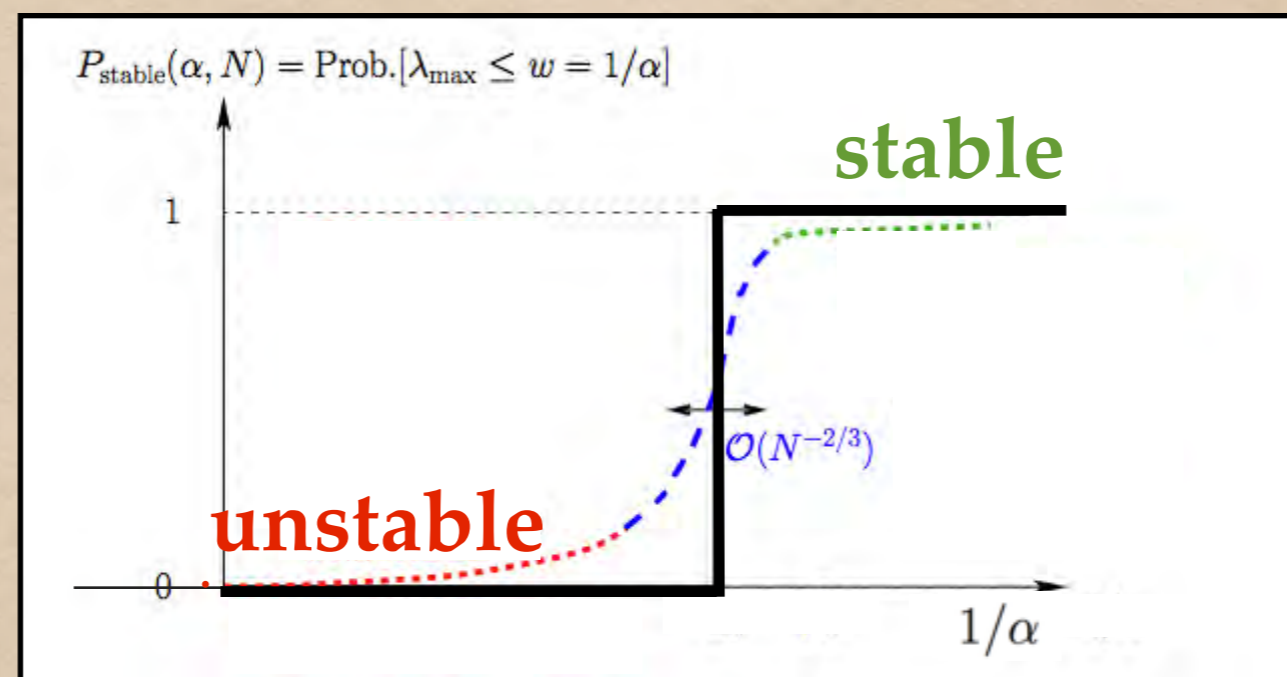
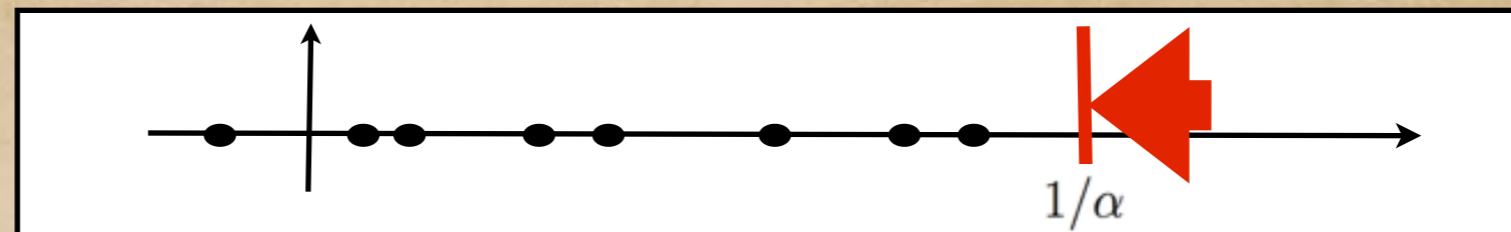
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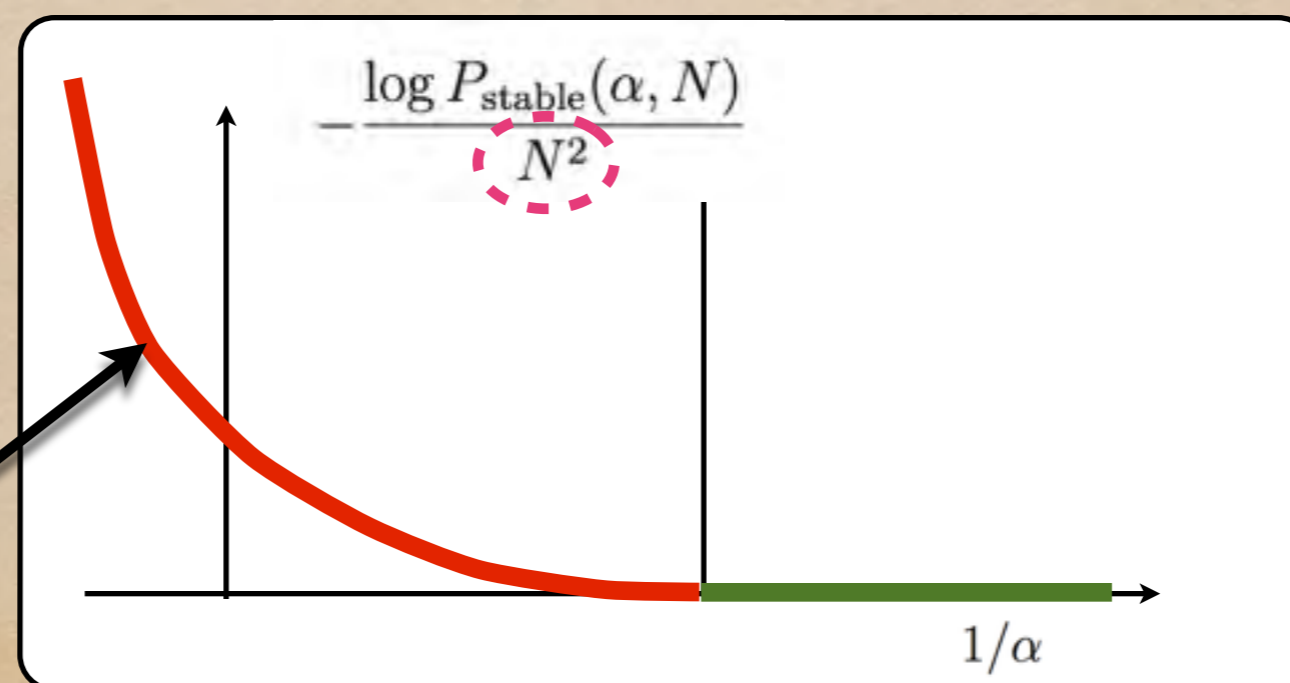
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“...too large an average interaction strength...leads to instability. The larger the number of species, the more pronounced the effect.”



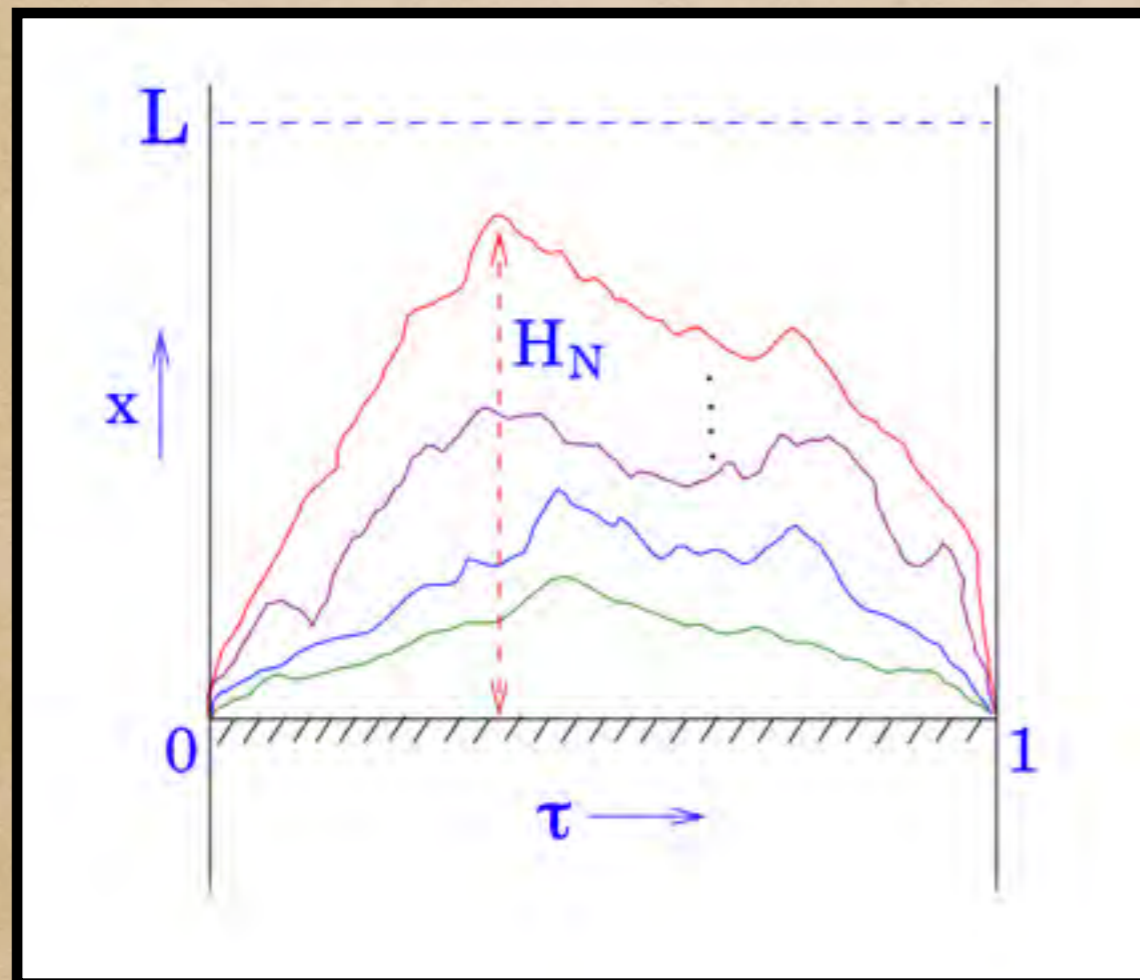
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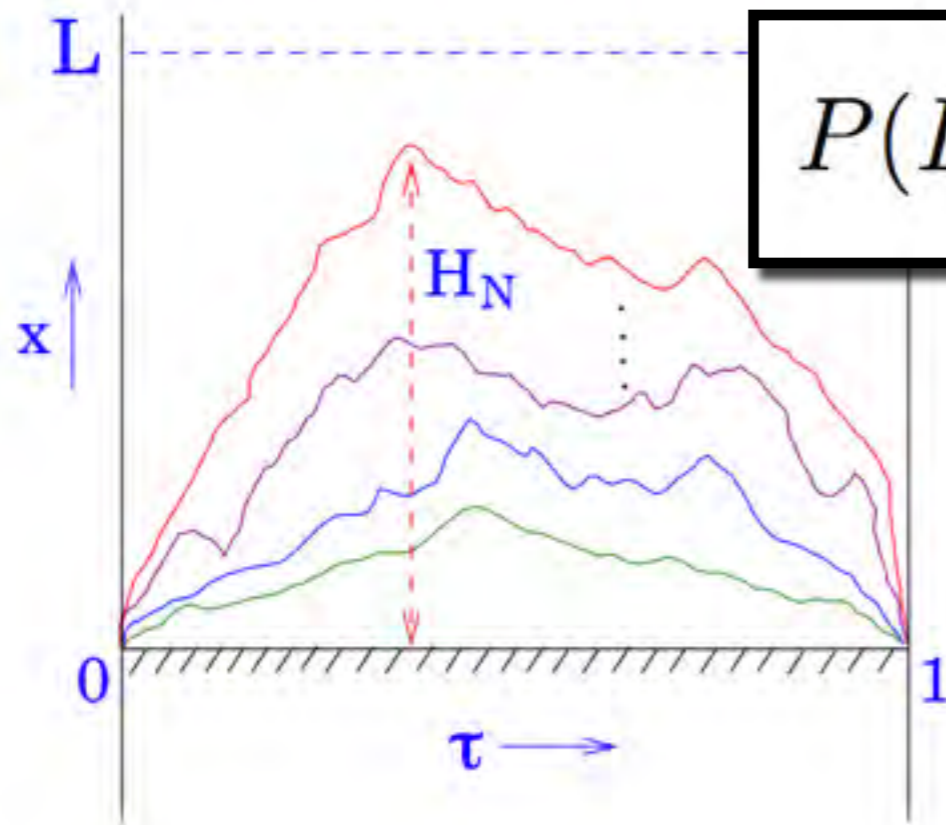
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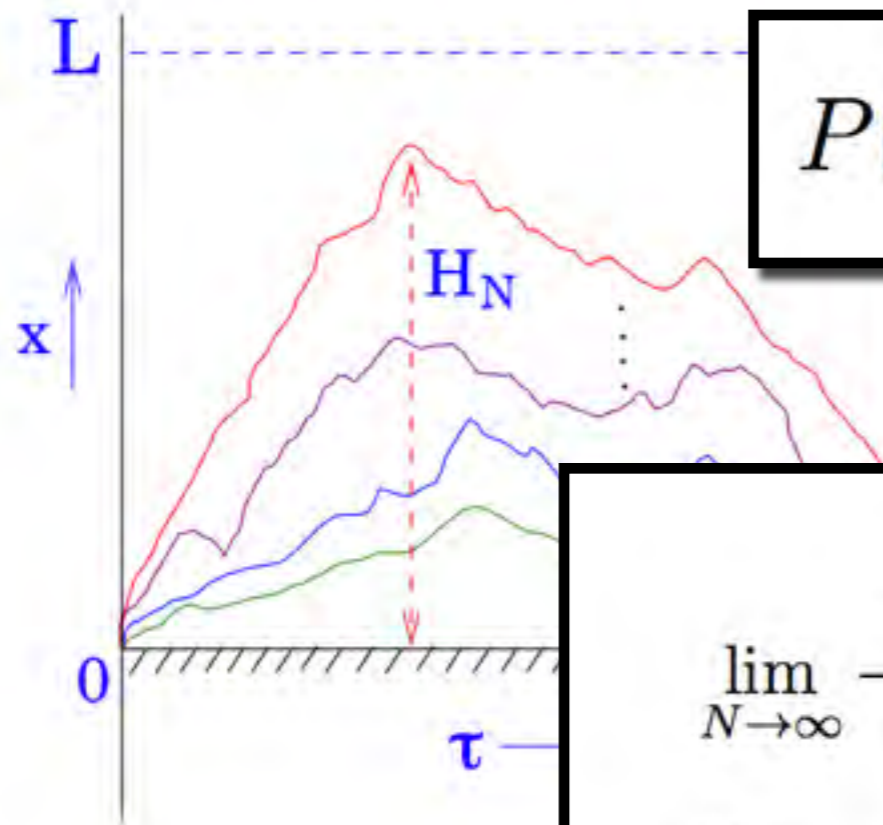


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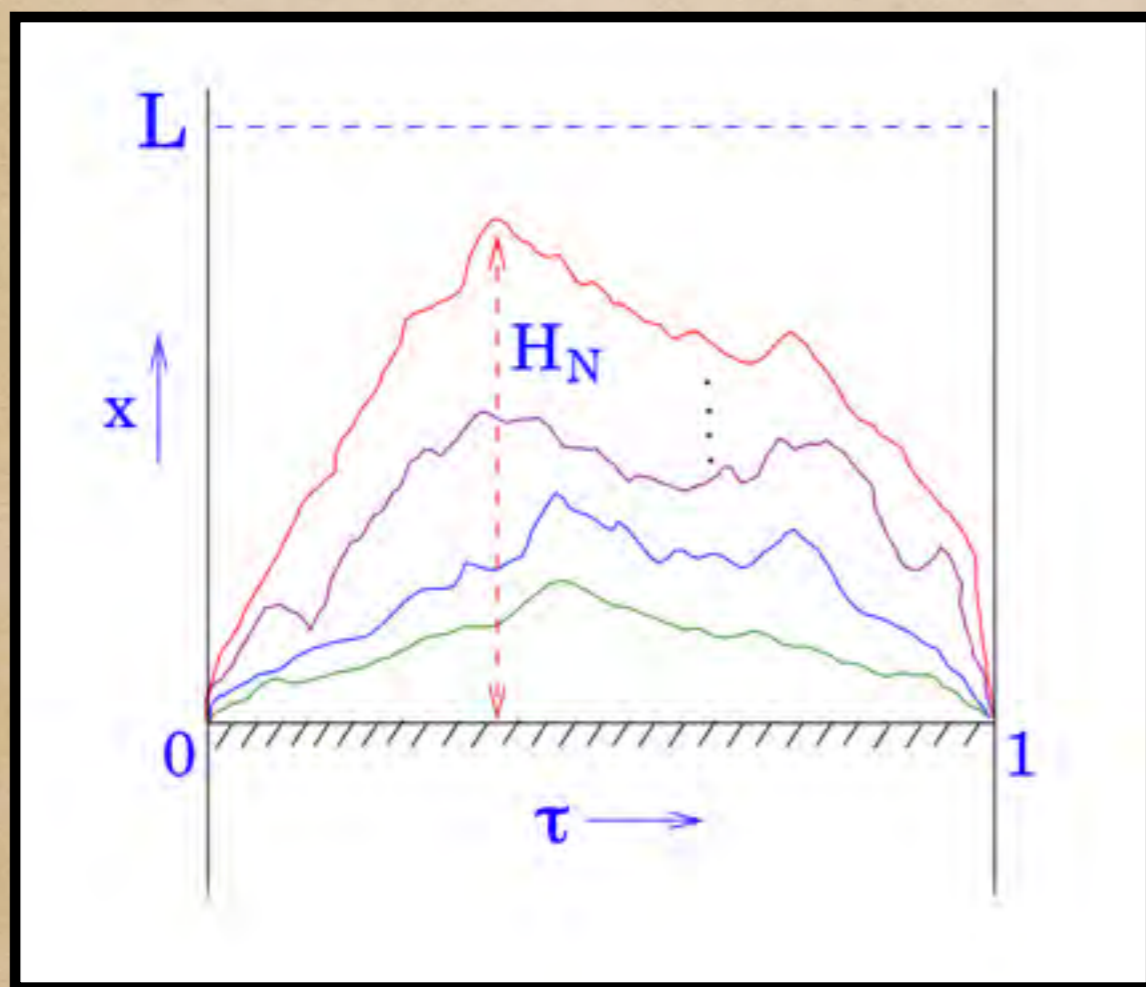


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$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{\log P(x\sqrt{2N}, N)}{N^2} = \begin{cases} \psi(x), & x < 1 \\ 0, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\psi(x \rightarrow 1^-) \sim \frac{16}{3}(1-x)^3$$



Largest eigenvalue of Gaussian ensembles

$$F_N(w) = \text{Prob}[x_{\max} \leq w]$$

$$F_N(w) = \frac{Z_N(w)}{Z_N(w \rightarrow \infty)}$$

$$Z_N(w) = \int_{-\infty}^w dx_1 \cdots \int_{-\infty}^w dx_N \exp \left[-\frac{\beta}{2} \left(N \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 - \sum_{i \neq j} \ln |x_i - x_j| \right) \right]$$

