

Topological Phase Transitions

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(Nature abhors complexity)



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What is a phase transition?

ISING MODEL

What is topology?

Starling murmuration, Rahat, Israel



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The wonderful world of geotopology

SIMPLICIAL TOPOLOGY

Simplices, complexes,
cycles, numbers of simplices,
Betti numbers

$$\sum_k (-1)^k \# \{k\text{-dimensional simplices}\}$$

$$\sum_k (-1)^k \beta_k$$

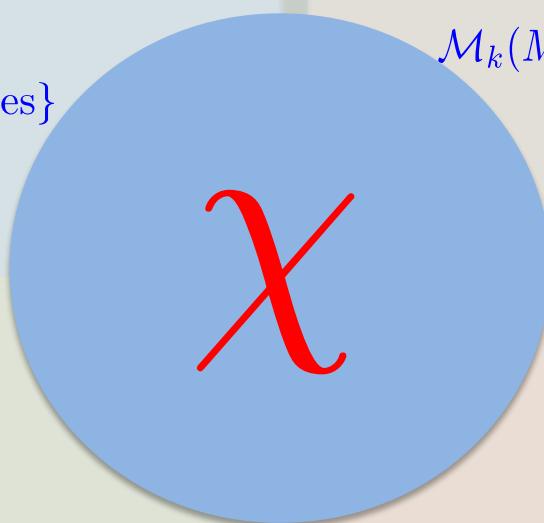
ALGEBRAIC TOPOLOGY

Homology, homotopy,
dimensions of groups,
Betti numbers, persistence

INTEGRAL GEOMETRY

Convexity, convex ring
kinematic formulae
Minkowski functionals

$$\mathcal{M}_k(M) = c_{dk} \int_{\text{Graff}(d,d-k)} \chi(M \cap V) d\mu_{d-k}^d(V)$$



$$\sum_k (-1)^k \# \{\text{critical points of index } k\}$$

$$\int_M \text{Tr}(R^{m/2}) \text{Vol}_g$$

DIFFERENTIAL TOPOLOGY

Curvature, forms, Betti numbers,
Morse theory, integration,
Lipschitz-Killing curvatures

The Gaussian kinematic formula

A 1-slide course on Gaussian random fields

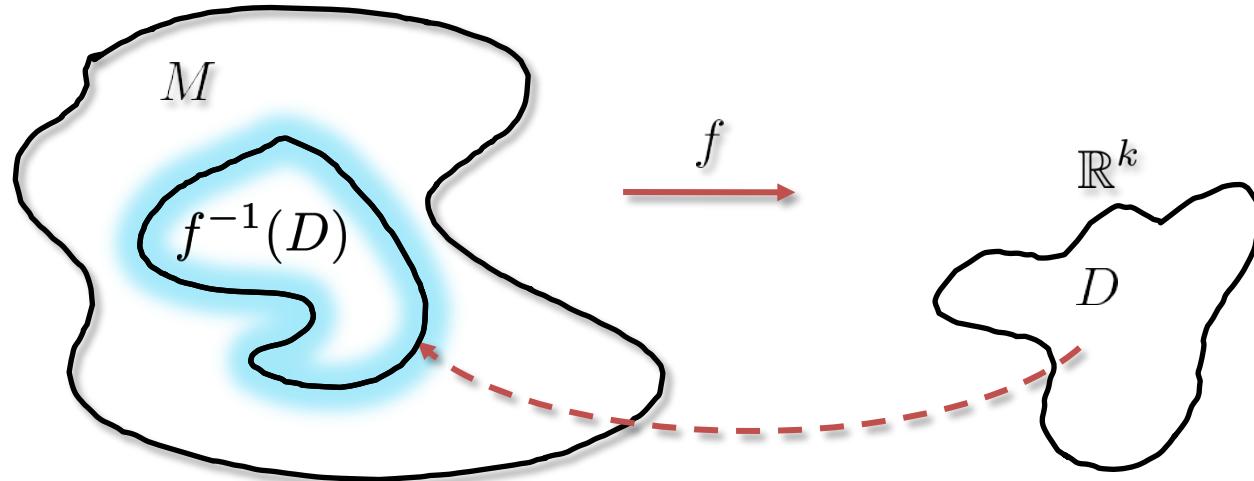
- On a topological space M
(maybe a stratified Riemannian manifold)
- choose a set $\{\varphi_k\}$ of dense functions on M
(e.g. Eigenfunctions of the Laplacian)
- Then take independent Gaussian random variables, ξ_1, ξ_2, \dots

$$\mathcal{P}\{(\xi_{j_1}, \dots, \xi_{j_k}) \in A\} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}} \int_A e^{-\|x\|^2/2} dx$$

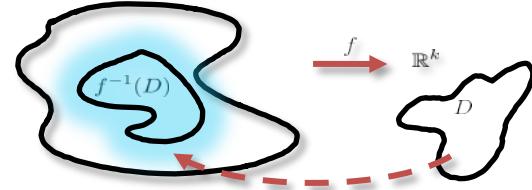
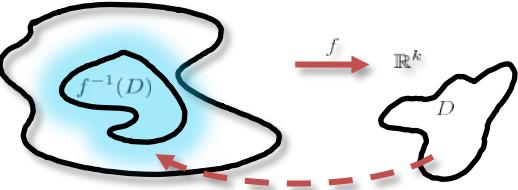
- and define a Gaussian random field:

$$f(p) = \sum_j a_j \xi_j \varphi_j(p)$$

Excursion sets



The Gaussian Kinematic Formula



Theorem

Let \$M \subset \mathbb{R}^N\$ and \$D \subset \mathbb{R}^d\$ be nice stratified spaces. Let \$f = (f_1, \dots, f_d) : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d\$ be a \$d\$-dimensional Gaussian field, with *iid* components all having zero mean, unit variance and a nice covariance function. Then,

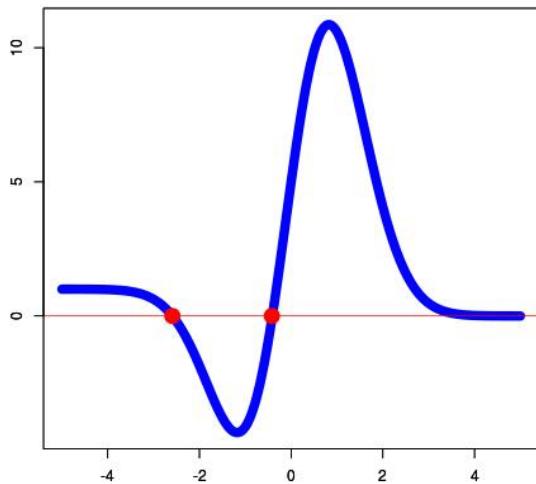
$$\mathbb{E} \left\{ \chi(f^{-1}(D)) \right\} = \sum_{j=0}^{\dim M} (2\pi)^{-j/2} \mathcal{L}_j(M) \mathcal{M}_j(D)$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left\{ \mathcal{L}_i(f^{-1}(D)) \right\} = \sum_{j=0}^{\dim M - i} \binom{i+j}{j} (2\pi)^{-j/2} \mathcal{L}_{i+j}(M) \mathcal{M}_j(D)$$

GKF - Examples

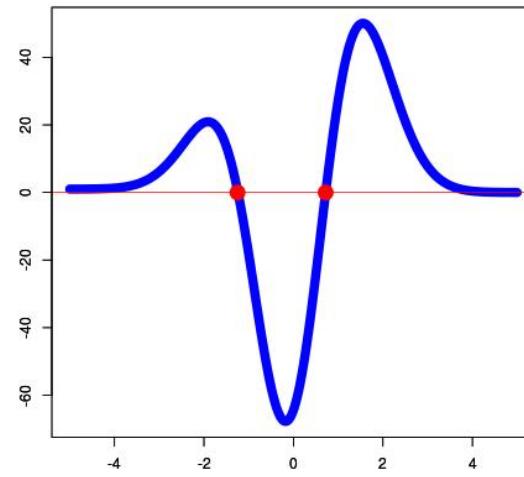
$$E \left\{ \chi ([0, T]^2 \cap f^{-1}[u, \infty)) \right\}$$

$$= \left[\frac{T^2 \lambda}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} u + \frac{2T\lambda^{1/2}}{2\pi} \right] e^{-u^2/2} + \Psi(u)$$



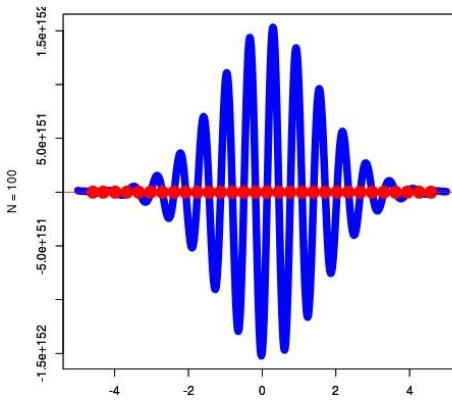
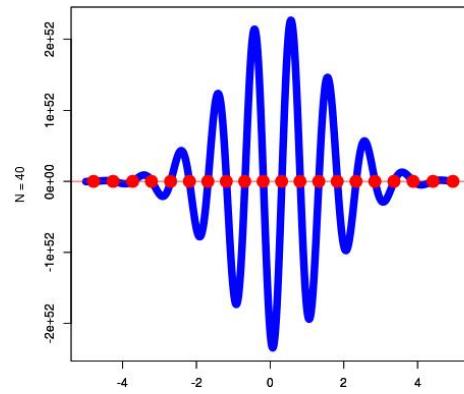
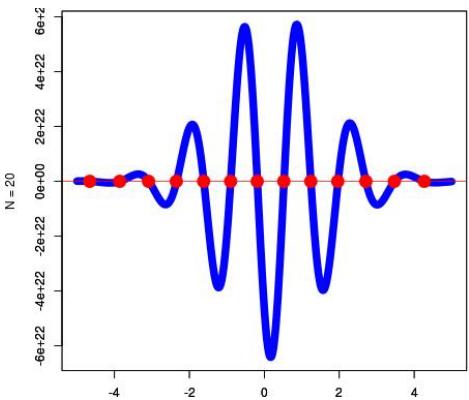
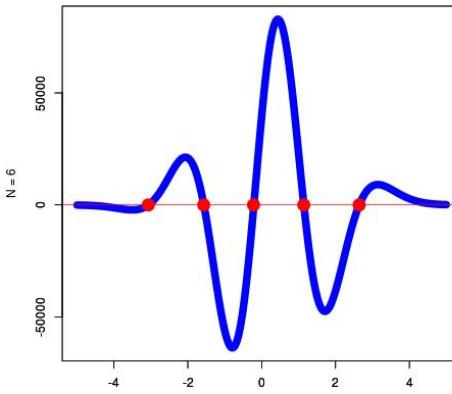
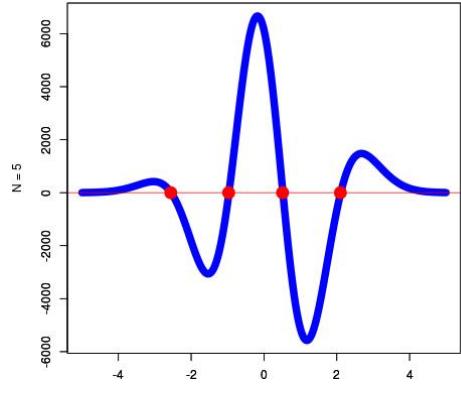
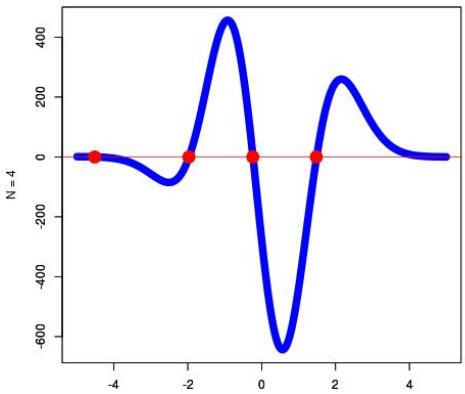
$$d = 2$$

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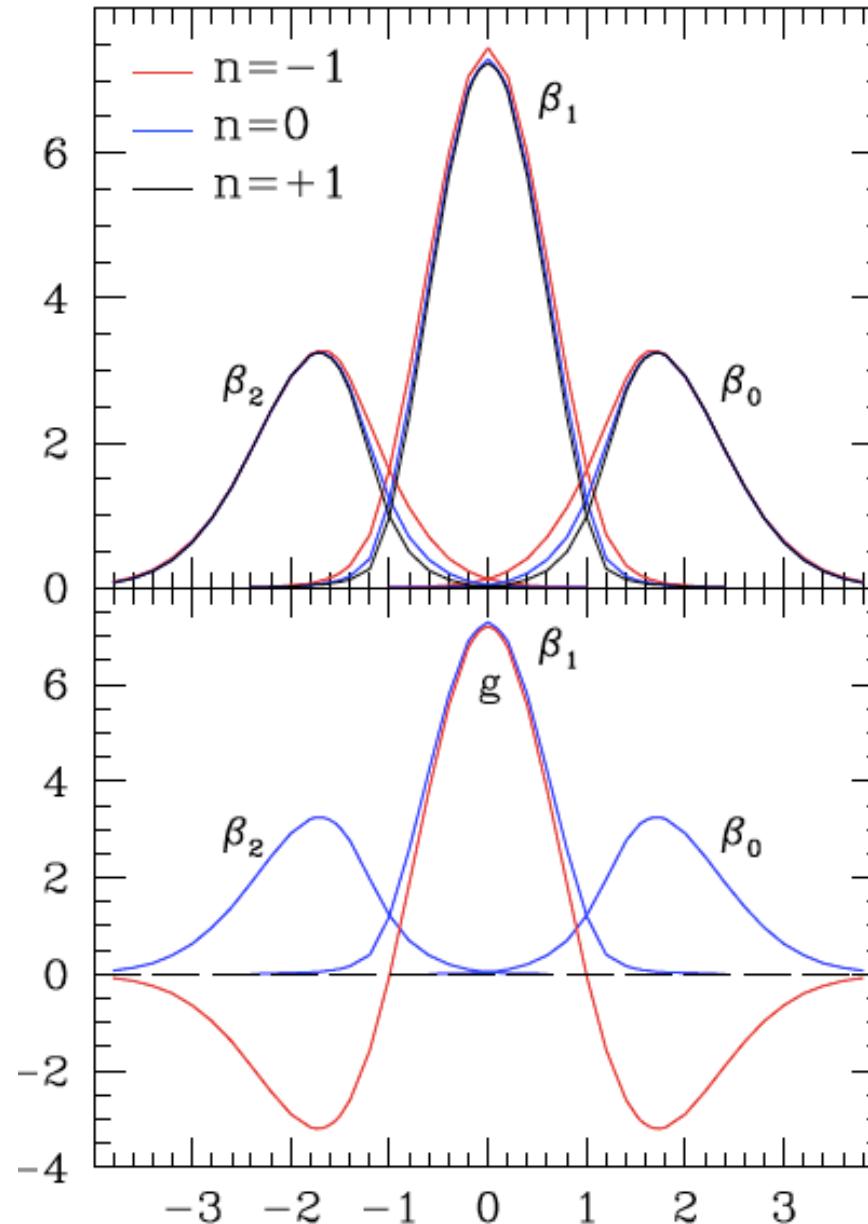


$$d = 3$$

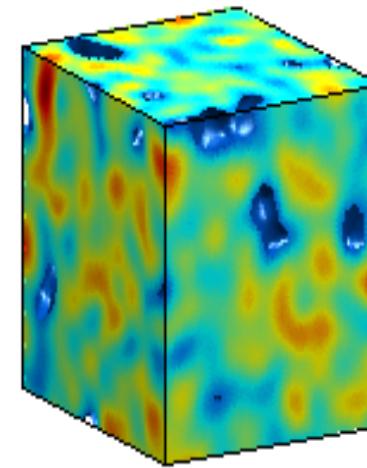
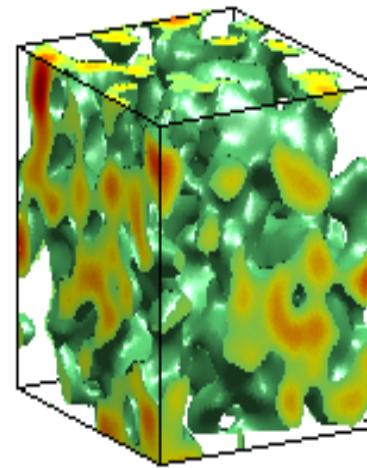
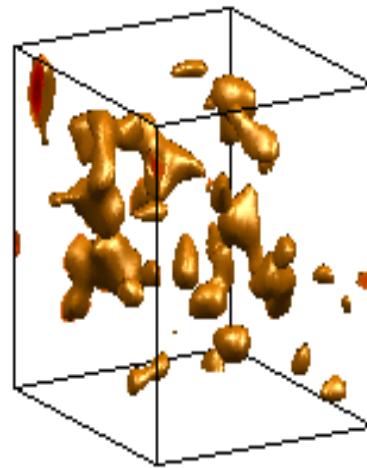
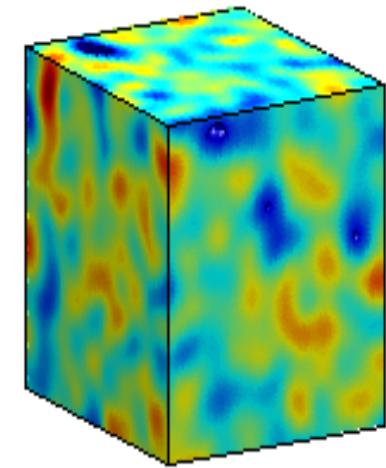
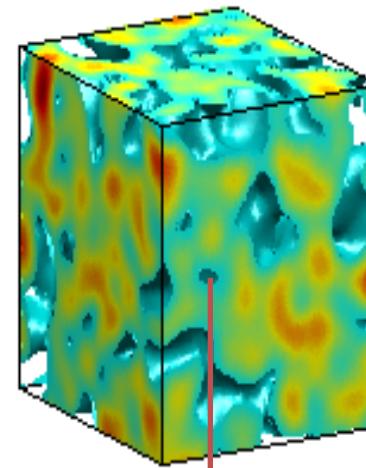
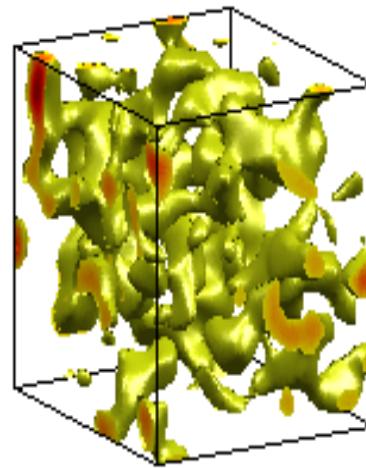
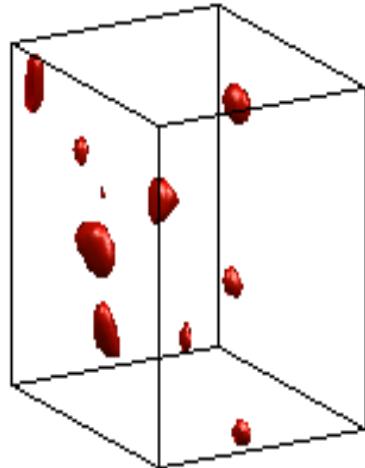
GKF and phase transitions



The separation of homologies



An example



A Gaussian
topological
(classical)
phase transition

Spin glasses and Gaussian critical points

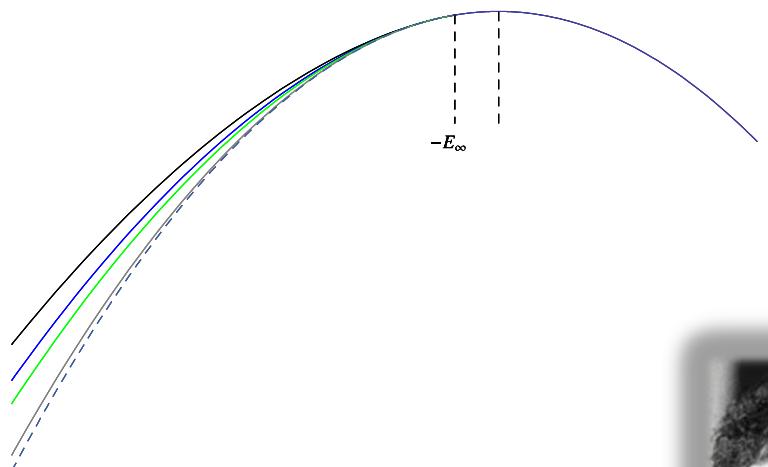
$$\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_p=1}^N J_{i_1, \dots, i_p} \sigma_{i_1} \dots \sigma_{i_p}$$

$$(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_N) \in S^{N-1}(\sqrt{N}) \quad \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i \sigma'_i \right)^p$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log \mathbb{E} \operatorname{Crt}_{N,k}(B) = \sup_{u \in B} \theta_{k,\nu}(u)$$

METHOD OF PROOF

- Rice formula for mean
- Exploitation of specific covariance
- Variance for concentration



The Euler characteristic heuristic

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}\left\{\sup_M f \geq u\right\} &\sim \mathbb{E}\{\chi(A_u(f, M))\} \\ &\sim u^{\dim M - 1} e^{-u^2/2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\liminf_{u \rightarrow \infty} u^{-2} \log |\mathbb{P} - \mathbb{E}| \geq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2(f)}$$

As well as a general theory of the critical points
a Gaussian and related via Kac-Slepian models

Random simplicial complexes

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Euler characteristics

The Čech Complex

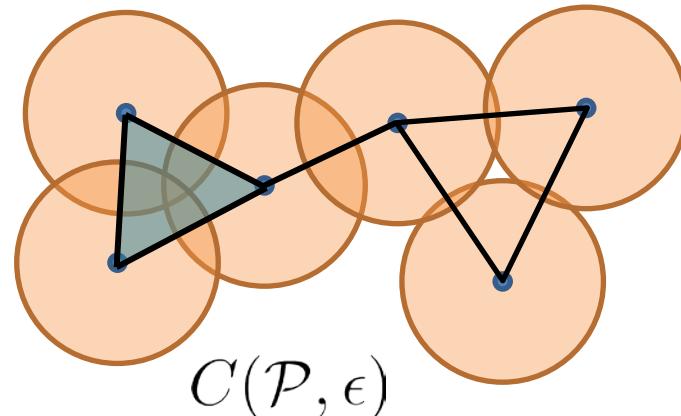
Take a set of vertices P (0-simplexes) •

Draw balls with radius • ϵ

Intersection of 2 balls → an edge (1-simplex) •

Intersection of 3 balls → a triangle (2-simplex) •

Intersection of n balls → a $(n-1)$ -simplex •



NERVE THEOREM

The Čech complex
and union of balls
have the same
homology

$E(EC)$ for Čech complexes on T^d

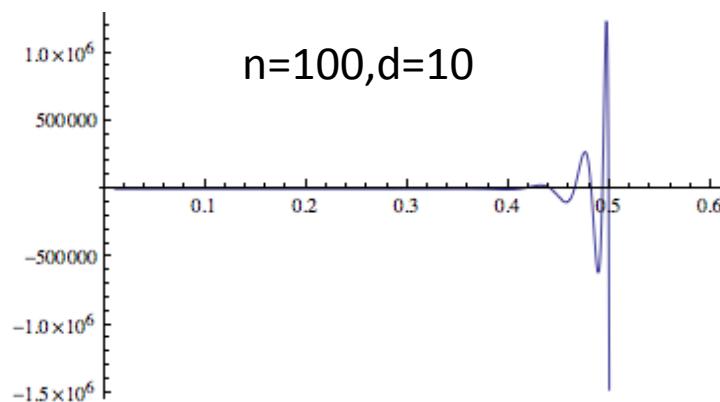
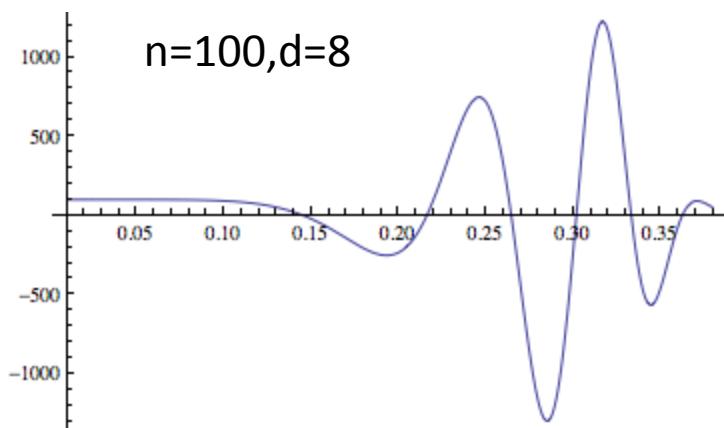
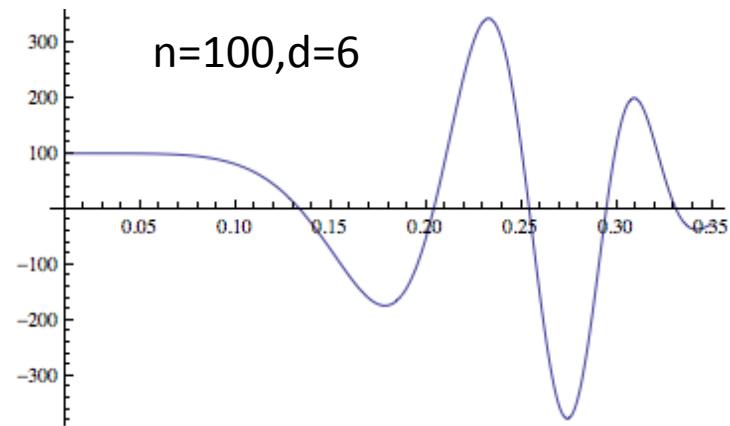
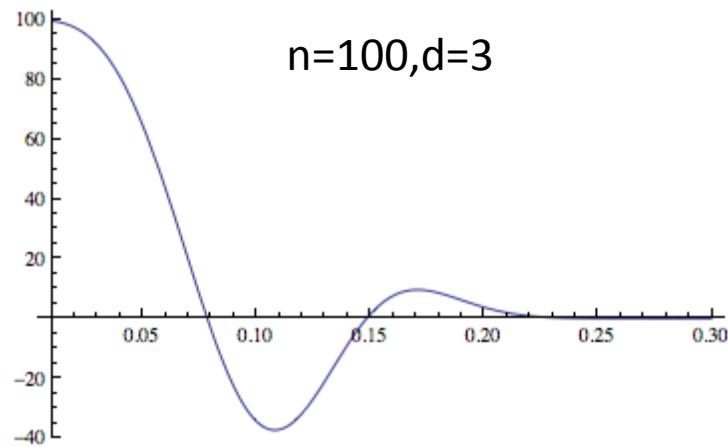
1: Points (n) chosen at random

$$\mathbb{E}\{\chi\} = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{k+1} \binom{n}{k} k^d (2r)^{d(k-1)}$$

2: Poisson process

$$\mathbb{E}\{\chi\} = -(2r)^{-d} e^{-\lambda(2r)^d} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\lambda(2r)^d)^k k^d}{k!}$$

$E(EC)$ for Čech complexes



Čech complex on 1000 points in $[0,1]^3$

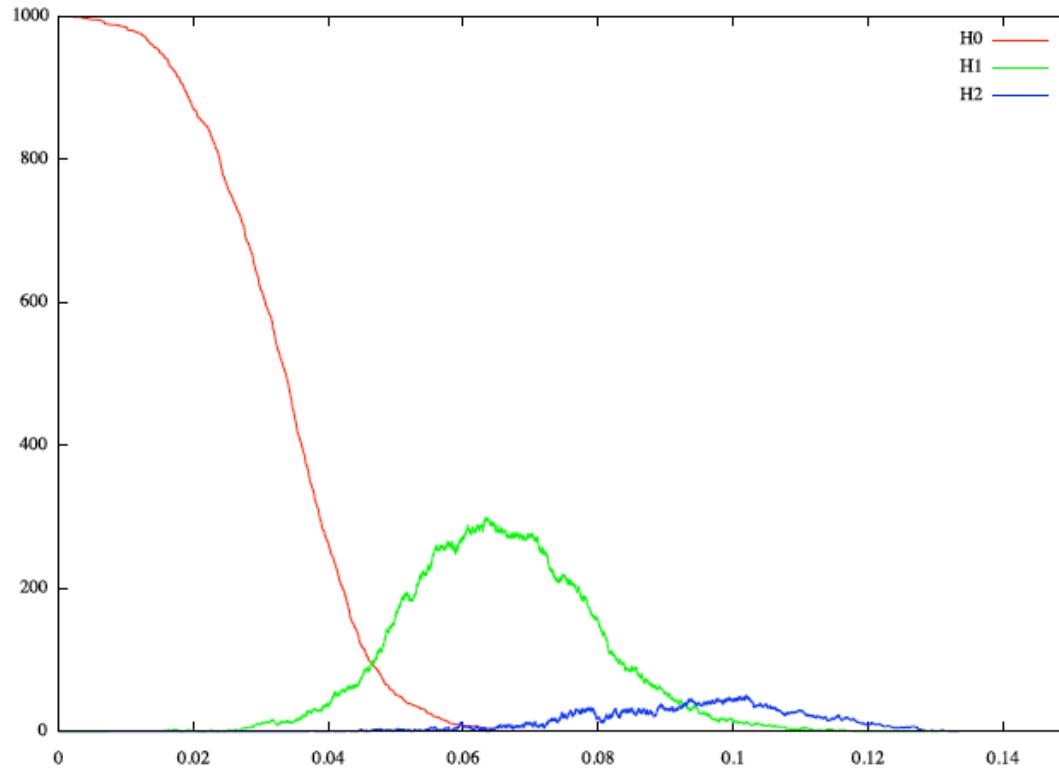
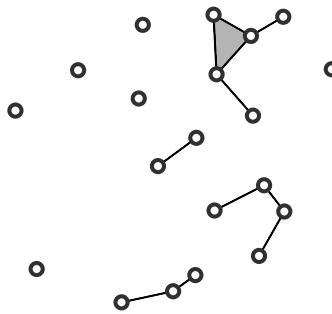
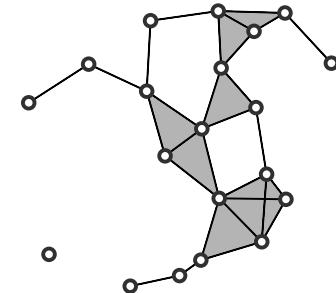


FIGURE 2. The Betti numbers of a random Čech complex on $n = 1000$ points versus the radius r . Computation and image courtesy of Dmitriy Morozov and his Dionysus library [39].

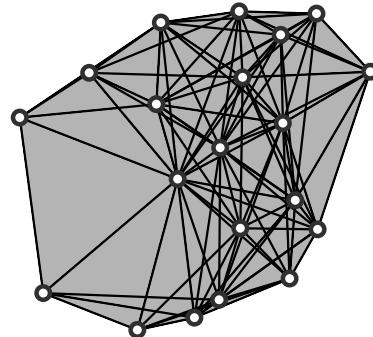
Phase transitions/persistence for complexes



*Dust, or
subcritical phase*



*Thermodynamic,
or critical, or
percolation phase*



*Connectivity, or
supercritical phase*

Theory: MK, EM, OB, YD, inter alia

Dust, subcritical

$$r_n = o\left(n^{-1/d}\right)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \mathbb{E} \{N_k(r_n)\} = 0 \quad ; \quad \mathbb{E} \{N_k(r_n)\} = \theta(n^{k+1} r_n^{dk})$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \mathbb{E} \{\beta_k(r_n)\} = 0 \quad ; \quad \mathbb{E} \{\beta_k(r_n)\} = \theta(n^{k+2} r_n^{d(k+1)})$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \mathbb{E} \{\chi_n(r_n)\} = 1$$

Critical, percolative,
thermodynamic

$$r_n = cn^{-1/d}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \mathbb{E} \{N_k(r_n)\} = \frac{c^{dk}}{(k+1)!} C_k$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \mathbb{E} \{\beta_k(r_n)\} = const > 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \mathbb{E} \{\chi_n(r_n)\} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^d \frac{(-c^d)^k}{(k+1)!} C_k$$

Dense, supercritical

$$r_n = \omega\left(n^{-1/d}\right)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \mathbb{E} \{N_k(r_n)\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \mathbb{E} \{N_k\}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \mathbb{E} \{\chi_n(r_n)\} = 0$$

Three phases of rigorous results (OB)

Recall: $N_{n,k} = \# \text{ critical points } p \text{ with } d_{\mathcal{X}_n}(p) \leq r_n$

Theorem

- $nr_n^d \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (n^{k+1}r_n^{dk})^{-1}\mathbb{E}\{N_{k,n}\} \rightarrow \mu_k$
- $nr_n^d \rightarrow \lambda \in (0, \infty) \quad \Rightarrow \quad n^{-1}\mathbb{E}\{N_{k,n}\} \rightarrow \gamma_k(\lambda)$
- $nr_n^d \rightarrow \infty \quad \Rightarrow \quad n^{-1}\mathbb{E}\{N_{k,n}\} \rightarrow \gamma_k(\infty)$

$$\mu_k = \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)^{k+1} dx \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^k} h_1(0, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}$$

•
•

$$\gamma_k(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^k}{(k+1)!} \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^{k+1}} f^{k+1}(x) h_1(0, \mathbf{y}) e^{-\lambda \omega_d R^d(0, \mathbf{y}) f(x)} dx d\mathbf{y}$$

•

$$\gamma_k(\infty) = \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^k} h_\infty(0, \mathbf{y}) e^{-\omega_d R^d(0, \mathbf{y})} dx d\mathbf{y}$$

$$h_\epsilon(0, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbb{1}\{C(0, \mathbf{y}) \in \text{int}(\text{conv}(0, \mathbf{y})) \text{ and } R(0, \mathbf{y}) \leq \epsilon\}$$

Subcritical (dust) phase

$$(n^{k+1}r_n^{dk})^{-1}\mathbb{E}\{N_{k,n}\} \rightarrow \mu_k$$

Theorem

If $nr_n^d \rightarrow 0$, and $k \geq 1$,

- $(n^{k+1}r_n^{dk})^{-1}\text{Var}(N_{k,n}) \rightarrow \mu_k$
- $n^{k+1}r_n^{dk} \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad N_{k,n} \xrightarrow{L^2} 0$
- $n^{k+1}r_n^{dk} \rightarrow a \in (0, \infty) \quad \Rightarrow \quad N_{k,n} \xrightarrow{D} \text{Poisson}(a\mu_k)$
- $n^{k+1}r_n^{dk} \rightarrow \infty \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{N_{k,n} - \mathbb{E}\{N_{k,n}\}}{\sqrt{n^{k+1}r_n^{dk}}} \xrightarrow{D} \mathcal{N}(0, \mu_k)$

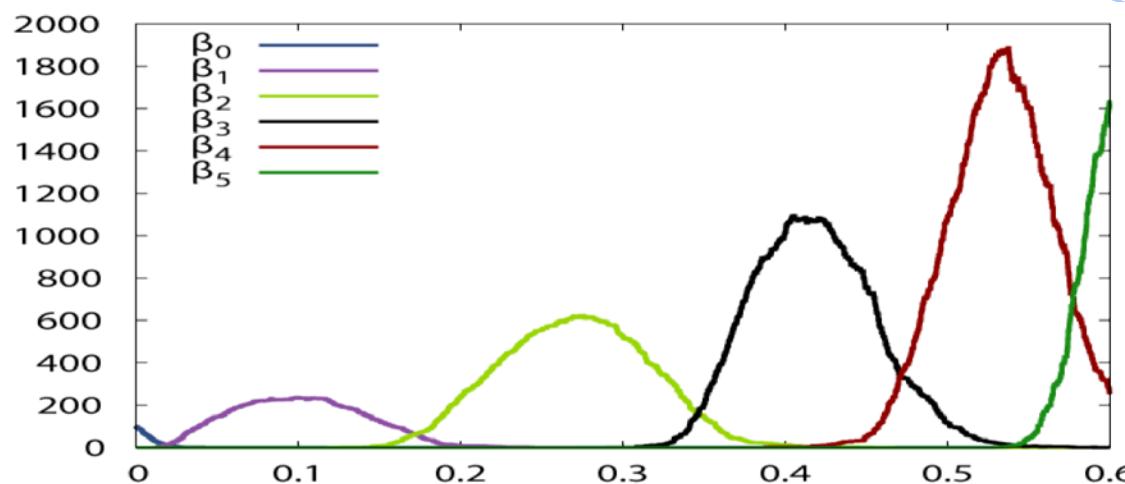
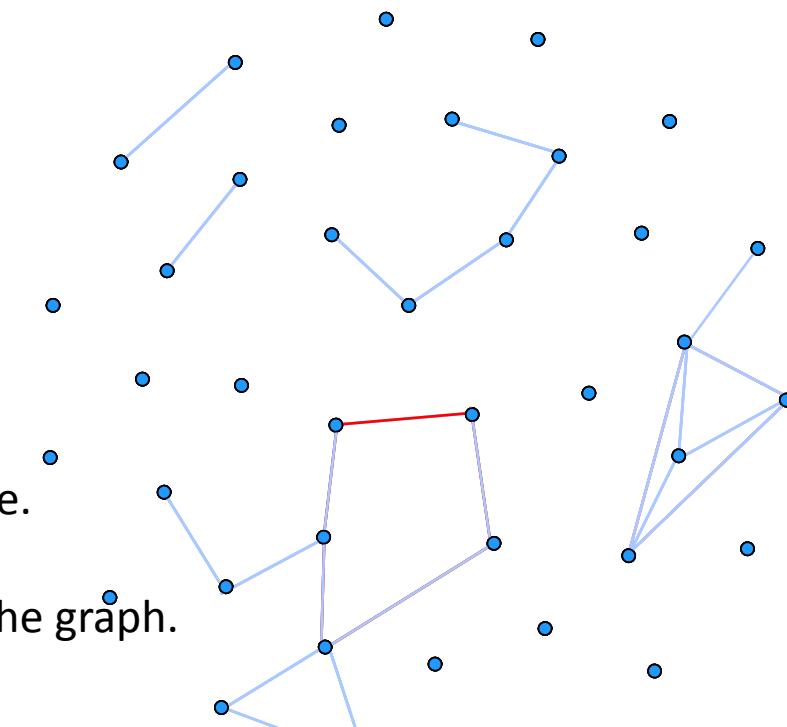
Erdos-Renyi graphs and complexes

The **graph** is on n vertices where each edge appears with probability p , **independently** for each edge.

Traditionally, only the graph structure is studied.
The literature is extensive and rich

This is a **mean field** model. Unrealistic, but mathematically tractable and often representative.

Increasing p increases the **topological nature** of the graph.



Linial-Meshulam model

- $X(d, n, p)$: A generalization of the Erdos-Renyi graph $G(n, p)$
- Start with a full $(d - 1)$ -dimensional skeleton.
- For each d -dimensional face, independently and with probability p , decide whether to include it in $X(d, n, p)$ or not.



$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr \{ H_{k-1}(X(d, n, p)) = 0 \} = \begin{cases} 0 & p = \frac{k \log n - \omega(n)}{n} \\ 1 & p = \frac{k \log n + \omega(n)}{n} \end{cases}$$

In the **evolution** of these complexes, with $d \geq 2$, the first occurring cycle is, almost surely, either

- The boundary of a $(d + 1)$ -dimensional simplex, or
- A cycle that includes $\Omega(n^d)$ faces of dimension d .

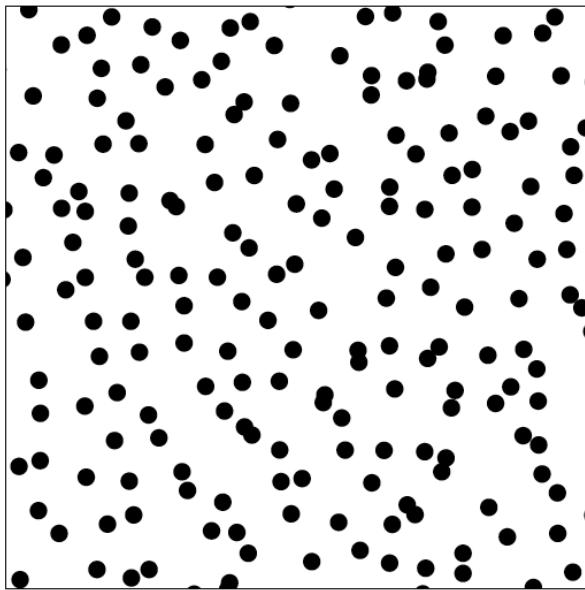
Consequently, when $d \geq 2$, different kinds of phase transitions occur.



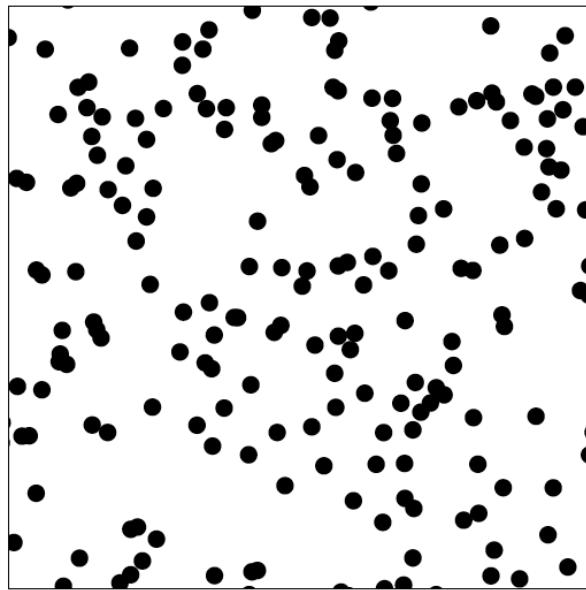
Bobrowski
and Kahle.
*Topology of
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Random simplicial complexes generated by point processes

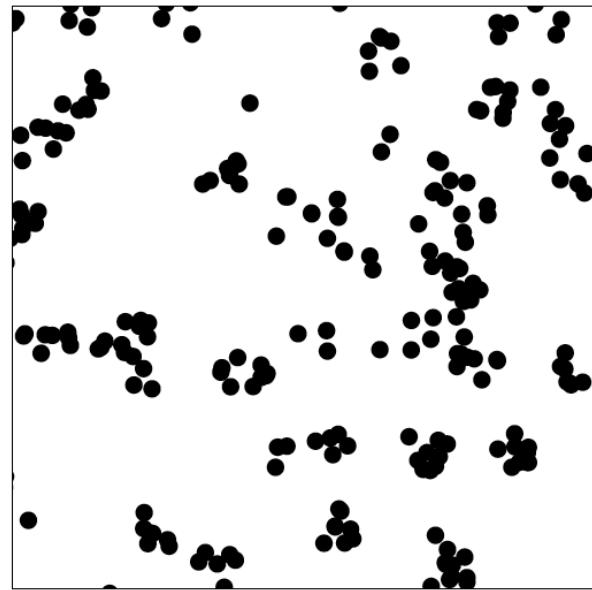
Different local structures



Simple perturbed lattice

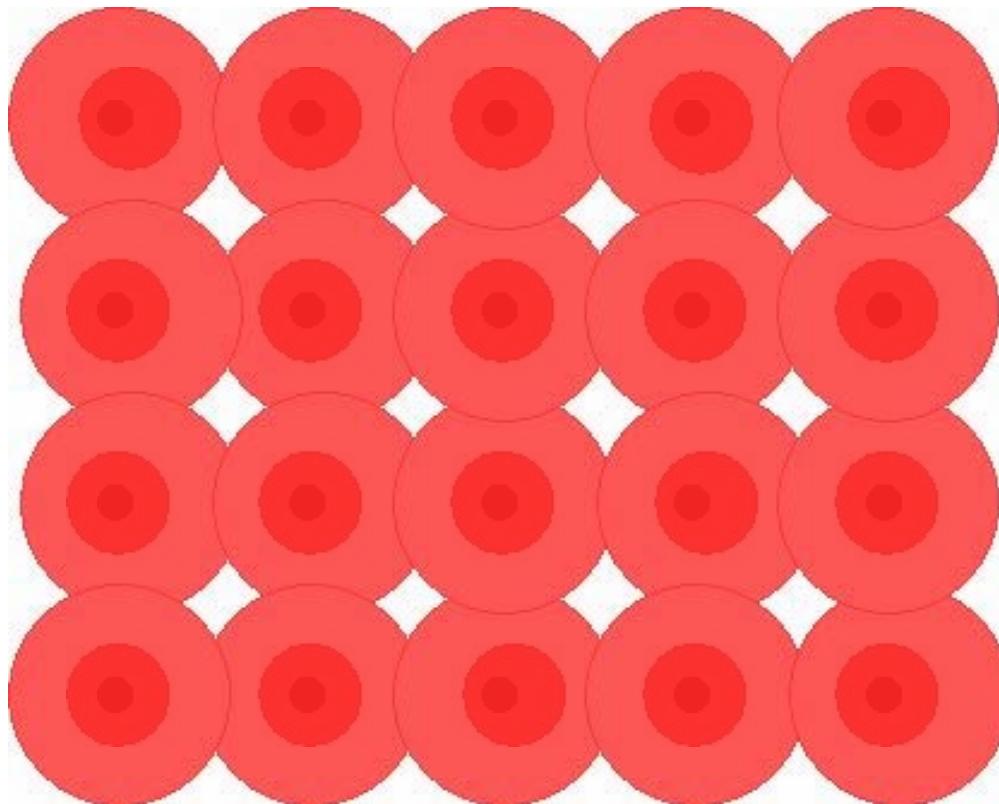


Poisson point process



Cox point process

(Un) Perturbed lattices



Structured point processes lead to a narrower range of topological behaviour

Models for clouds of interacting points

Poisson point process Φ :

$$\Phi(B_1), \dots, \Phi(B_k)$$

are independent for disjoint sets with distribution $\text{Pois}(|B_i|)$.

Perturbed lattice:

$$\bigcup_{z \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \{z + U_z\}, \quad U_z \sim \text{Unif}([0, 1]^d)$$

Ginibre point process: Eigenvalues of $N \times N$ matrix with i.i.d. standard complex Gaussian entries as $N \rightarrow \infty$.

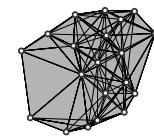
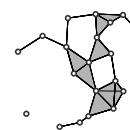
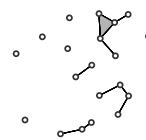
Zeros of Gaussian analytic functions:

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \xi_n z^n / \sqrt{n!}$$

Growth of Betti numbers (YD)

Betti numbers taken over the Čech complex with radii r_n over growing regions of the form

$$\left[\frac{-n^{1/d}}{2}, \frac{n^{1/d}}{2} \right]^d$$



	Sparse regime	Thermo–Perc	Connected
Radii r_n	$\rightarrow 0$	$\rightarrow (0, \infty)$	$\geq C(\log n)^{\frac{1}{d}}$
Poisson	$\sim nr_n^{d(k+1)}$	$\sim n$	0
Perturbed lattice	$o(nr_n^{d(k+1)})$	$\sim n$	$r_n \geq 2^d$
Ginibre	$\sim nr_n^{(k+1)(k+4)}$	$\sim n$	$\geq C(\log n)^{\frac{1}{4}}$
GAF	$\sim nr_n^{(k+1)(k+4)}$	$O(n)$	$\geq C(\log n)^{\frac{1}{4}}$

Two fluctuation theorems (DY, ES)

Theorem 4.5. Let $1 \leq k \leq d - 1$, \mathcal{X}_n be a binomial point process, and assume that $nr_n^d \rightarrow r \in (0, \infty)$. Then, for any $a > \frac{1}{2}$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, for n large enough,

$$\mathbb{P} \left\{ \left| \beta_k(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X}_n, r_n) - \mathbb{E}\{\beta_k(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X}_n, r_n)\}) \right| \geq \varepsilon n^a \right\} \leq \frac{C}{\varepsilon} n^{2k+2-a} \exp(-n^\gamma),$$

where $\gamma = (2a - 1)/4k$ and $C > 0$ is a constant depending only on a, r, k, d and the density f .

Theorem 4.7. Let $\{B_n\}$ be a sequence of sets in \mathbb{R}^d satisfying conditions (A)–(D) above, and let \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{U}_n , $n \geq 1$, respectively, be the unit intensity Poisson process and the extended binomial point process described above. Take $k \in \{1, \dots, d - 1\}$ and $r \in (0, \infty)$. Then there exists a constant $\sigma^2 > 0$ such that, as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$n^{-1}\text{VAR}(\beta_k(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{P} \cap B_n, r))) \rightarrow \sigma^2,$$

and

$$n^{-1/2} (\beta_k(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{P} \cap B_n, r)) - \mathbb{E}\{\beta_k(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{P} \cap B_n, r))\}) \Rightarrow N(0, \sigma^2).$$

Furthermore, for $r \notin I_d(\mathcal{P})$, there exists a τ^2 with $0 < \tau^2 \leq \sigma^2$ such that

$$n^{-1}\text{VAR}(\beta_k(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{U}_n, r))) \rightarrow \tau^2,$$

and

$$n^{-1/2} (\beta_k(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{U}_n, r)) - \mathbb{E}\{\beta_k(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{U}_n, r))\}) \Rightarrow N(0, \tau^2).$$

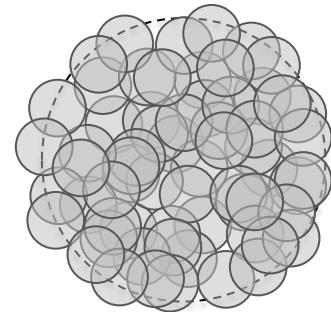
Crackle

(Boborowski, Owada, Weinberger, YT)

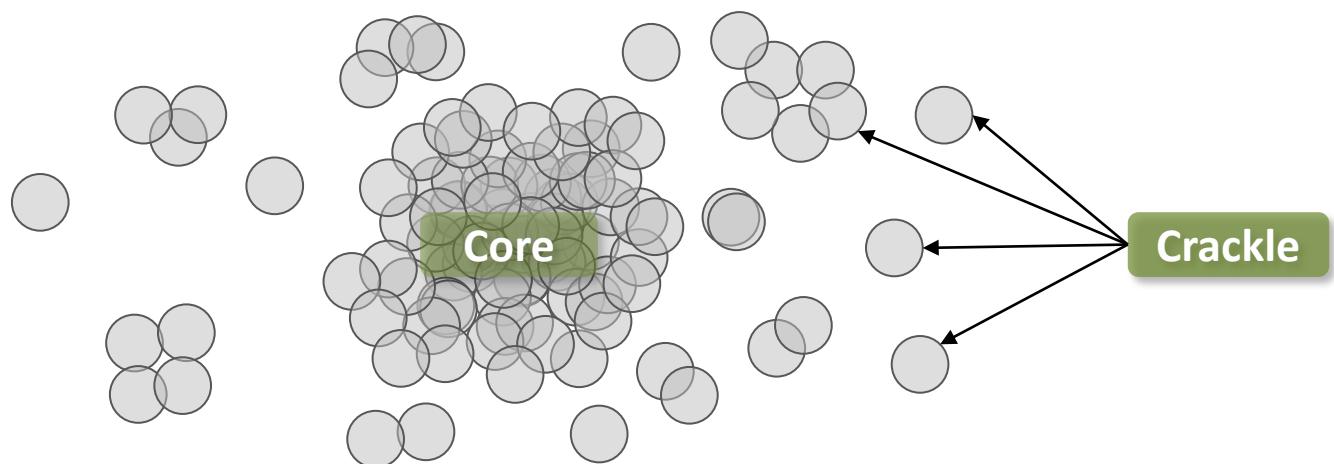
What is crackle, and why would one care?

Draw random balls with a fixed radius

Distributions with compact support on $\bullet \mathbb{R}^d$



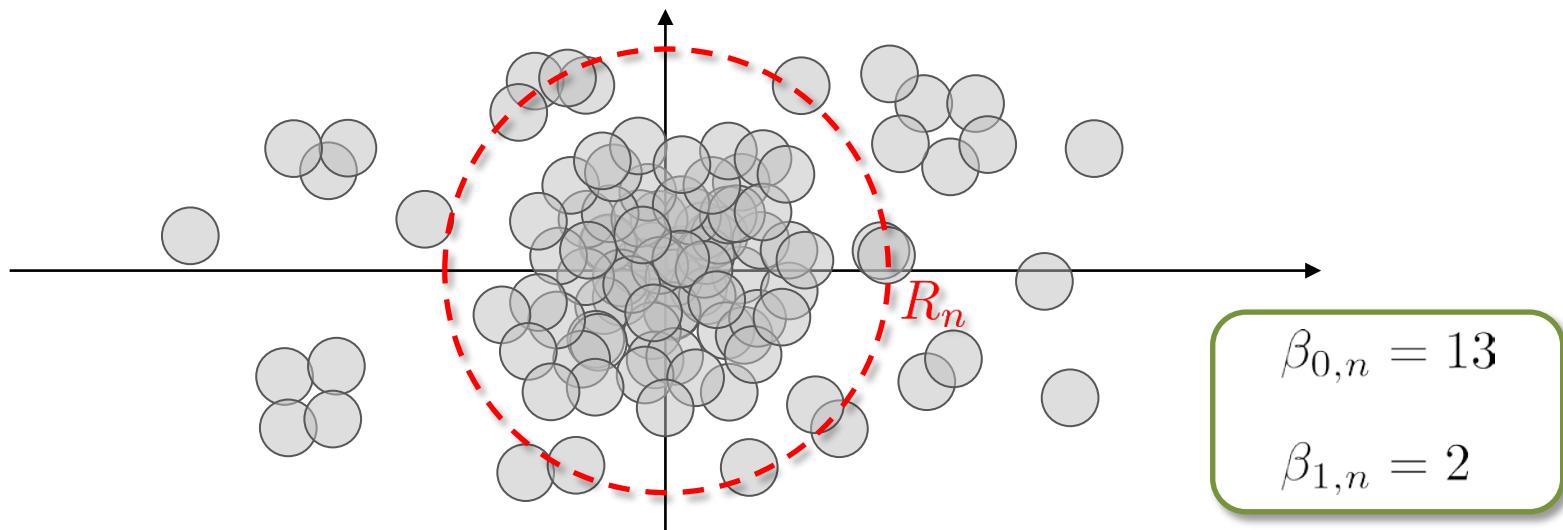
Distributions with unbounded support on $\bullet \mathbb{R}^d$



Crackle - Definitions

$$U_{n,R_n} = \bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{X}_n \cap (B_{R_n}(0))^c} B_1(X)$$

$$\beta_{k,n} \triangleq \beta_k(U_{n,R_n})$$



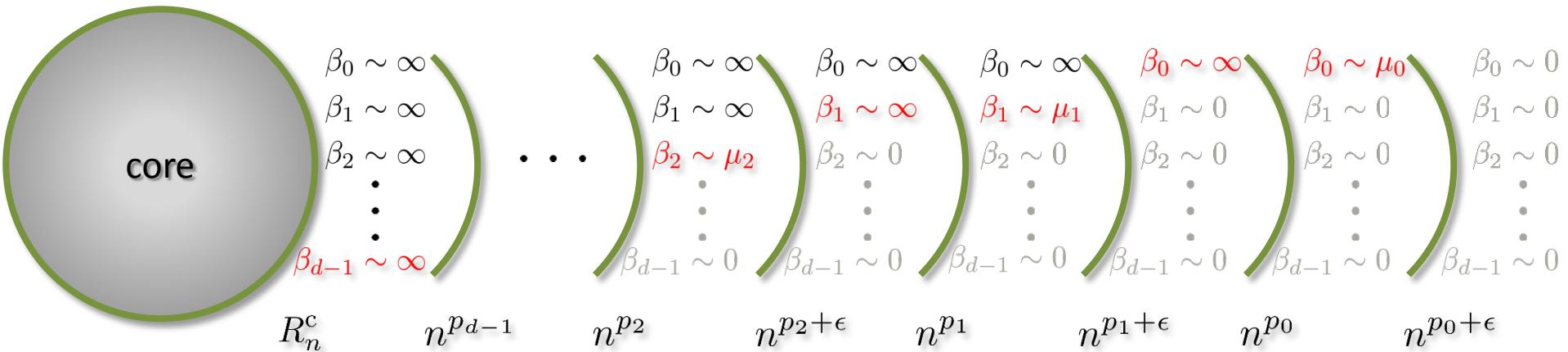
How Power-Law Noise Crackles

Theorem

If $f(x) = \frac{c}{1+\|x\|^\alpha}$, then for $0 \leq k \leq d-1$ and $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}\{\beta_{k,n}\} = \begin{cases} 0 & R_n \geq n^{p_k + \epsilon}, \\ \mu_{p,k} & R_n = n^{p_k}, \\ \infty & R_n \leq n^{p_k - \epsilon}, \end{cases}$$

where: $p_k \triangleq \frac{1}{\alpha - d/(k+2)}$ $\Rightarrow p_{d-1} < \dots < p_1 < p_0$



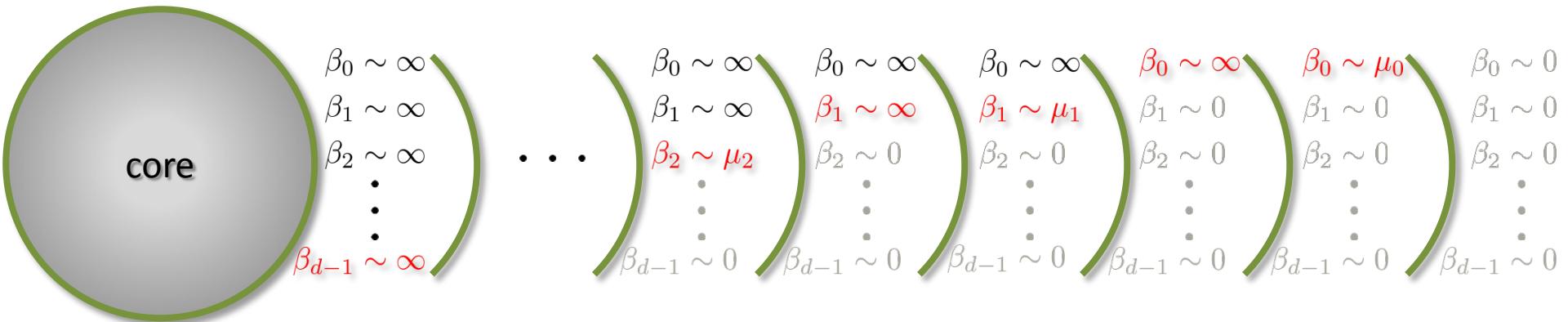
How Exponential Noise Crackles

Theorem

If $f(x) = ce^{-\|x\|}$, then for $0 \leq k \leq d - 1$ and $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} \{\beta_{k,n}\} = \begin{cases} 0 & R_n \geq \log n + (\delta_k + \epsilon) \log \log n, \\ \mu_{p,k} & R_n = \log n + \delta_k \log \log n, \\ \infty & R_n \leq \log n + (\delta_k - \epsilon) \log \log n, \end{cases}$$

where: $\delta_k \triangleq \frac{d-1}{k+2} \Rightarrow \delta_{d-1} < \dots < \delta_1 < \delta_0$



Gaussian Noise Does Not Crackle

Theorem

If $f = ce^{-\|x\|^2/2}$, for $\epsilon > 0$ set

$$R_n = R_n^\epsilon \triangleq \sqrt{2 \log n + (d - 2 + \epsilon) \log \log n},$$

then for $0 \leq k \leq d - 1$

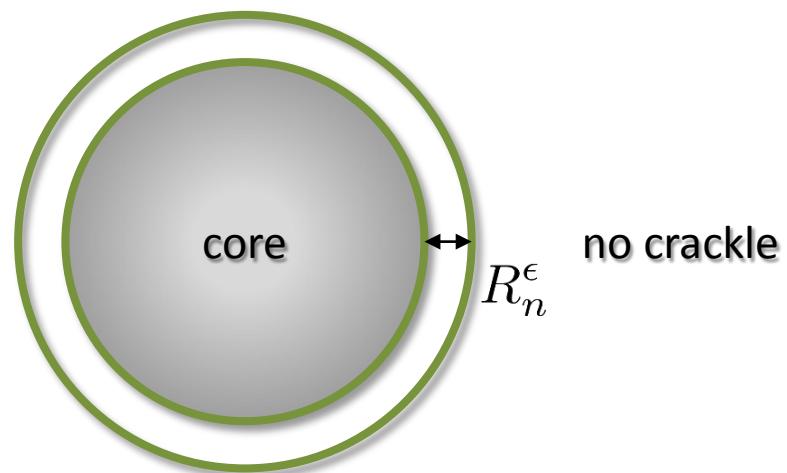
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} \{\beta_{k,n}\} = 0.$$

Recall:

$$R_n^c = \sqrt{2 (\log n - \log \log \log n - \delta_g - \epsilon)}$$

So:

$$(R_n^\epsilon - R_n^c) \rightarrow 0$$



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