

# Multi-state condensation in Berlin–Kac spherical models

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## Bose–Einstein condensation: ideal gas

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Consider an *ideal gas* of  $N$  bosons, confined into a box ( $d \geq 3$ ):

supercritical density  $\rho > \rho_c$

↓ ( $N \gg 1$ )

condensation of “extra” mass

↓  $\rho - \rho_c$

lowest energy state  
(in the box)

↘  $\rho_c$

~ quasifree state  
with critical density  $\rho_c$

- Boundary conditions affect the lowest energy state
- What happens if the ground state is not unique?
- How accurate is the quasifree approximation?  
Is error  $O(N^{-p})$  for some  $p > 0$ ?

# Berlin–Kac spherical model

Berlin and Kac proposed in 1952 a *spherical model* as a modification of the Ising model of a ferromagnet:

- *Nearest neighbour interactions* on a finite lattice  $\Lambda$ ,  $N = |\Lambda|$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow$  energy given by  $E_\Lambda[s] := J \sum_{x \sim y} s_x s_y$ ,  $J > 0$
- *Continuum spin* variables  $s_x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \in \Lambda$   
(instead of discrete  $s_x = \pm 1$ )
- Just as for Ising spins, require that

$$\sum_{x \in \Lambda} s_x^2 = N$$

- $\Rightarrow$  spin configurations lie on the sphere of radius  $\sqrt{N}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^\Lambda$
- $\Rightarrow$  Hence, the name *spherical model*

Explicitly, Berlin and Kac consider  $N \rightarrow \infty$  limit of the *partition function*  $Z = Z_{\text{BK},\Lambda,\beta}$  normalizing the measure

$$\mu_{\text{BK},\beta}[ds] = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta E_{\Lambda}[s]} \delta\left(\sum_{x \in \Lambda} s_x^2 - V\right) \prod_{x \in \Lambda} ds_x$$

for inverse temperature  $\beta > 0$  and at  $d = 3$ . They showed that

- There is a phase transition corresponding to spontaneous magnetisation
- In the phase with spontaneous magnetisation, the fluctuations cannot be Gaussian

Later (1965), Yan and Wannier studied single site marginal for  $N \rightarrow \infty$ :

- In the phase without magnetisation (*subcritical*), the distribution is centred Gaussian
- Otherwise (*supercritical*), the distribution is sum of a random constant (“condensate”) and a centred Gaussian

# Generalized spherical model

To better emulate the bosonic case, slightly modify the BK-model:

- Take a *complex-valued* field,  $\phi_x \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $x \in \Lambda$
- Consider an equal-sided box (*length*  $L$ ) with *periodic BC*,  $\Lambda_L = (\mathbb{Z}/L)^d$
- Allow for arbitrary densities  $\rho > 0$
- Take an arbitrary *translation invariant* interaction and include  $\beta$  in its definition:

$$\beta E_\Lambda[\phi] = H_L[\phi] := \sum_{x,y \in \Lambda_L} \phi_x^* \alpha(x-y; L) \phi_y$$

## Generalized spherical model

$$\mu_{\rho,\beta}[\mathbf{d}\phi] = \frac{1}{Z_{\rho,\beta}} e^{-H_L[\phi]} \delta\left(\sum_{x \in \Lambda} |\phi_x|^2 - \rho V\right) \prod_{x \in \Lambda} [d(\operatorname{Re} \phi_x) d(\operatorname{Im} \phi_x)]$$

# Summary of the main results

Consider the generalized spherical model:

- 1 There is a natural definition of a critical density  $\rho_c$
- 2 There is a finite collection of condensate modes  $\Lambda_0^*$ , determined by their **relative energy gap**

*supercritical density*  $\rho > \rho_c$

↓  $(L \gg 1)$

condensation of “extra” mass

↓  $\rho - \rho_c$

modes in  $\Lambda_0^*$   
(nontrivial fluctuations?)

↘  $\rho_c$

“normal fluid” modes  
~ critical field  
(grand canonical, Gaussian)

- All finite moments of  $\phi_x$  agree up to errors which are  $O(L^{-p})$

The problem can be “diagonalized” by discrete Fourier transform:

- Define the *dual lattice* by  $\Lambda^*(L) = \Lambda_L/L \subset ]-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]^d$  and set

$$\widehat{f}(k) = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} f(x) e^{-i2\pi k \cdot x}, \quad k \in \Lambda^*$$

- Denote *volume*  $V = |\Lambda| = L^d$

- With the *shorthand notation*  $\int_{\Lambda^*} dk \dots = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{k \in \Lambda^*} \dots$

we may rewrite

$$H_L[\phi] = \int_{\Lambda^*} dk \omega(k) |\Phi_k|^2, \quad N[\phi] := \int_{\Lambda^*} dk |\Phi_k|^2 = \sum_{x \in \Lambda_L} |\phi_x|^2$$

where  $\Phi = \widehat{\phi}$ , and  $\omega = \widehat{\alpha}$  is real-valued

- Analogy with the bosonic system:*  $N$  corresponds to the *number operator*;  $k \in \Lambda^*$  labels the eigenvectors and  $\omega(k)$  the eigenvalues of the self-adjoint operator “ $\beta H$ ”

- Let  $\mu_0$  denote the spherical model measure after the Fourier transform  $\phi \rightarrow \Phi$ ,

$$\mu_0[d\Phi] = \frac{1}{Z_\rho} e^{-H[\Phi]} \delta(N[\Phi] - \rho V) \prod_{k \in \Lambda^*} [d\Phi_k^* d\Phi_k]$$

- Goal is to find a simplified translation invariant measure  $\mu_1$  such that its 2-Wasserstein distance from  $\mu_0$  is  $O(L^{-p+d/2})$  for some  $p > 0$
- Reminder:*  $p$ -Wasserstein distance between probability measures  $\mu_0$  and  $\mu_1$  on  $Y$  is defined by

$$W_p(\mu_0, \mu_1)^p := \inf_{\gamma} \int_{Y \times Y} \gamma(dy_1, dy_2) \|y_1 - y_2\|^p$$

where the infimum is taken over *couplings*  $\gamma$  between  $\mu_0$  and  $\mu_1$

- Then by using translation invariance, for any **finite moment of  $\phi_x$**  the difference between the expectations under  $\mu_0$  and  $\mu_1$  is bounded by  $\text{const.} \times L^{-p}$



# Identification of the condensate modes

- *Minimum energy*  $\omega_0 := \min_{k \in \Lambda^*} \omega(k)$
- *Shifted energies*  $e_k := \omega(k) - \omega_0, k \in \Lambda^*$
- We call a pair  $(\Lambda_0^*, \Lambda_+^*)$  of nonempty disjoint subsets of  $\Lambda^*$  whose union covers the whole  $\Lambda^*$ , a *split of  $\Lambda^*$*
- The split is *separated by the energy interval*  $[a, b]$ , if  $e_k \leq a, k \in \Lambda_0^*$ , and  $e_k \geq b, k \in \Lambda_+^*$
- *Relative energy gap of the split* is defined as  $\delta^{-1}$  where

$$\delta := \frac{\max_{k \in \Lambda_0^*} e_k}{\min_{k \in \Lambda_+^*} e_k} \leq \frac{a}{b} < 1$$

- If  $b > 0$ , may define the *critical density* as  $\rho_c(L) := \int_{\Lambda_+^*} dk \frac{1}{e_k}$

## Condensate on a finite lattice

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- 1  $(\Lambda_0^*, \Lambda_+^*)$  is a split with  $0 \leq a < b$ , and has a relative energy gap  $\delta^{-1} \geq 2$ ; denote  $V_0 = |\Lambda_0^*|$ ,  $V_+ = |\Lambda_+^*| = V - V_0$
- 2  $\rho > \rho_c$ ; denote  $\Delta = \rho - \rho_c$
- 3  $\varepsilon := \max\left(2\delta, \frac{1}{V^2 \rho_c^2} \sum_{k \in \Lambda_+^*} \frac{1}{e_k^2}\right) \leq \frac{\Delta^2}{2^5 V_0^2 \rho^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1[d\Phi] &:= \frac{1}{Z_1} \prod_{k \in \Lambda_+^*} [d\Phi_k^* d\Phi_k] e^{-E_+[\Phi]} \\ &\times \prod_{k \in \Lambda_0^*} [d\Phi_k^* d\Phi_k] e^{-E_0[\Phi](1 - \frac{\rho_c}{\Delta})} \prod_{k \in \Lambda_+^*} \left(1 - \frac{E_0[\Phi] L^{-d}}{e_k \Delta}\right)^{-1} \delta(\rho_0[\Phi] - \Delta) \end{aligned}$$

$$E_+ = \int_{\Lambda_+^*} dk e_k |\Phi_k|^2, \quad E_0 = \int_{\Lambda_0^*} dk e_k |\Phi_k|^2, \quad \rho_0 = V^{-1} \int_{\Lambda_0^*} dk |\Phi_k|^2$$

Then the 2-Wasserstein distance  $W_2(\mu_0, \mu_1) \leq C_2 L^{\frac{d}{2}} \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{4}}$ , at least for  $C_2 = 2^4 (\rho/\Delta)^{V_0/2} \sqrt{(\rho + \Delta) V_0}$

## Simplified condensate fluctuations

Let  $\Phi^+$  denote the *Gaussian lattice field* distributed by

$$\mu_+[d\Phi] := \frac{1}{Z_+} \prod_{k \in \Lambda_+^*} [d\Phi_k^* d\Phi_k] e^{-L^{-d} \sum_{k \in \Lambda_+^*} (\omega(k) - \omega_0) |\Phi_k|^2}$$

- If  $V_0 = 1$ , then  $\Phi = \Phi^+ + L^d \sqrt{\Delta} e^{i\theta}$  in distribution,  $\theta$  is independent and uniformly distributed on  $[0, 2\pi]$
- If  $\omega(k)$  is a constant for  $k \in \Lambda_0^*$ , then in distribution  $\Phi = \Phi^+ + L^d \sqrt{\Delta} X$ , where  $X$  is independent and uniformly distributed on the unit sphere  $S^{2V_0-1}$
- If  $e_k \leq \frac{1}{2\rho} L^{-d} \sqrt{\varepsilon}$  for  $k \in \Lambda_0^*$ , then the previous item can also be realised, possibly needing a larger  $C_2$

# Condensate with a fixed dispersion relation

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Consider energies  $\omega(k)$ ,  $k \in \Lambda^*$ , which are obtained from a fixed continuum *dispersion relation*  $\omega : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose that

- 1  $d \geq 3$
- 2 The periodic extension of  $\omega$  into a function  $\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is twice continuously differentiable
- 3 Then  $\omega$  has a unique minimum value  $\omega_{\min}$ . We assume that the set of global minima,  $T_0 := \{k \in \mathbb{T}^d \mid \omega(k) = \omega_{\min}\}$ , is finite and whenever  $k_0 \in T_0$  the Hessian  $D^2\omega(k_0)$  is invertible

## Theorem

Then for all large enough  $L$ , we can find a split  $(\Lambda_0^*, \Lambda_+^*)$  of  $\Lambda^*$  for which  $|\Lambda_0^*|$  remains bounded by  $M_0 < \infty$  and the required Wasserstein bound can be satisfied with

$$p = \frac{d/2 - 1}{2M_0 + 1}$$

## Nearest neighbour interactions

$$\omega(k) = a + b \sum_{i=1}^d \sin^2(\pi k_i), \quad a \in \mathbb{R}, \quad b > 0$$

- $k = 0$  is the unique minimum point on  $\mathbb{T}^d$  and  $\omega_{\min} = \omega(0) = a$
- $\Lambda_0^* = \{0\}$  and  $\Lambda_+^* = \Lambda^* \setminus \{0\}$ , results in a split of  $\Lambda^*$  which is separated by the energy interval  $[0, 4bL^{-2}] \Rightarrow \delta_L = 0$
- $W_2(\mu_0, \mu_1) \leq C_2 L^{\frac{d}{2}-p}$  with  $p = \frac{d}{4}$  for  $d \geq 5$   
( $p = \frac{1}{2}$ , for  $d = 3$ )
- Acoustic phonon -type dispersion relation obtained by replacing  $\omega \rightarrow \sqrt{\omega}$  can be used already for  $d \geq 2$

## Dispersion relation with several minima

$$\omega(k) = \sum_{i=1}^d \sin^2(2\pi k_i)$$

- Has  $2^d$  global minima at points with components  $k_i \in \{0, \frac{1}{2}\}$
- $k = 0$  is a minimum and thus for all  $L$  the minimum value is reached,  $\omega_{\min} = 0 = \omega_0$
- If  $L$  is odd,  $e_k \geq L^{-2}$  for all  $k \in T_0 \setminus \{0\}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  one finds a *single-component condensate*,  
 even though  $|T_0| = 2^d$
- If  $L$  is even,  $T_0 \subset \Lambda_L/L \Rightarrow \Lambda_0^* = T_0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  the condensate is  *$2^d$ -fold degenerate*
- Since odd and even lattice sizes behave differently, it does not make sense to talk about  $L \rightarrow \infty$  limit of  $\mu_0$

# More complex examples

$$\omega(k; \zeta) = \sum_{i=1}^d \sin^2(\pi(k_i - \zeta_i))$$

- The minimum point is unique ( $k = \zeta$ ) on the torus. However, if  $\zeta \neq 0$ , it does not need to belong to  $\Lambda^*$  and then there might be several minimum points in  $\Lambda^*$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Multi-state condensate but unique continuum minimum

Other examples:

- It is possible to have nontrivial condensate fluctuations
- For anisotropic dispersion relations, the minimum does not need to be the nearest point on the lattice;  $V_0$  might also be surprisingly large

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