

Localization-delocalization transitions in random matrix models: a SPDE approach

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The localization-delocalization challenge

Understand the various facets of metal-insulator transitions in disordered systems, e.g. in the random matrix context:

Power-Law Random Band Matrices (PRBM)

Mirlin/Fyodorov/Dittes/Quezada/Seligman '96

Real, symmetric $N \times N$ matrix (H_{xy}) with Gaussian rv's as entries

$$\mathbb{E}[H_{xy}] = 0$$

$$\mathbb{E}[H_{xy}^2] \sim \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } d(x, y) \leq 1 \\ d(x, y)^{-2\alpha} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Simple limiting cases:

- **Random diagonal ensemble** $V = \text{diag}(V_x)$ with iid rv's (V_x)
- **Gaussian orthogonal ensemble (GOE)** Real, symmetric $N \times N$ matrix $(\Phi_{x,y})$
 - $\Phi_{x,y}$ are centered Gaussian rv's with $\mathbb{E}[\Phi_{x,y}^2] = \frac{1 + \delta_{x,y}}{N}$
 - $\Phi_{x,y}$ are independent for $x \leq y$.

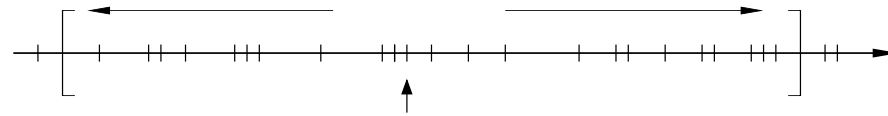
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Predicted features – as a function of parameters in the model (α) and/or energy:

- **Eigenvectors** ψ undergo **localization-delocalization transition**

Inverse participation ratios for ℓ^2 -normalized function: $\|\psi\|_\infty = \begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(1) & \text{localization} \\ \mathcal{O}(N^{-1/2}) & \text{delocalization} \end{cases}$

- **Eigenvalue statistics** changes from Poisson to Random Matrix (GOE)



Rescaled random process of eigenvalues close to some energy E :

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \sigma(H)} \delta_{N(\lambda-E)} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \begin{cases} \text{Poisson process} & \text{localization} \\ \text{GOE process} & \text{delocalization} \end{cases}$$

Rosenzweig-Porter Ensemble

$$H(t) = V + \sqrt{t} \Phi \quad t \geq 0$$

with $N \times N$ GOE matrix Φ and initial matrix V (wlog $V = \text{diag}(V_x)$)

Possible assumptions on random initial conditions:

A1 $V = \text{diag}(\omega_x)$ with iid (ω_x) with density $\varrho \in L^\infty$, or

A2 $V = A + \text{diag}(\omega_x)$ with $A = A^*$ and (ω_x) as in **A1**.

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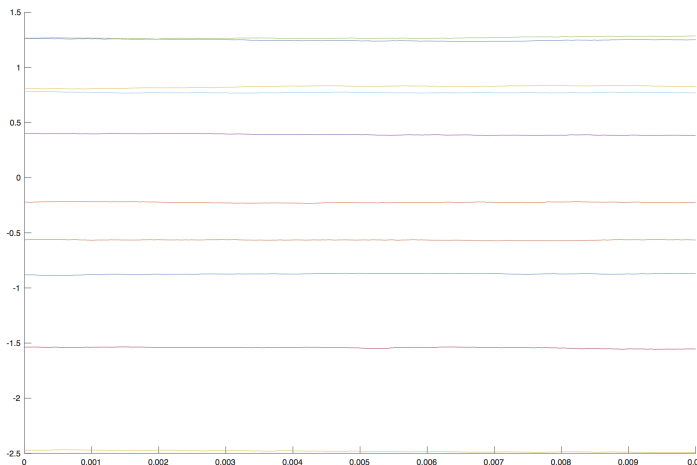
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- Eigenvalues undergo **Dyson Brownian Motion (DBM)**

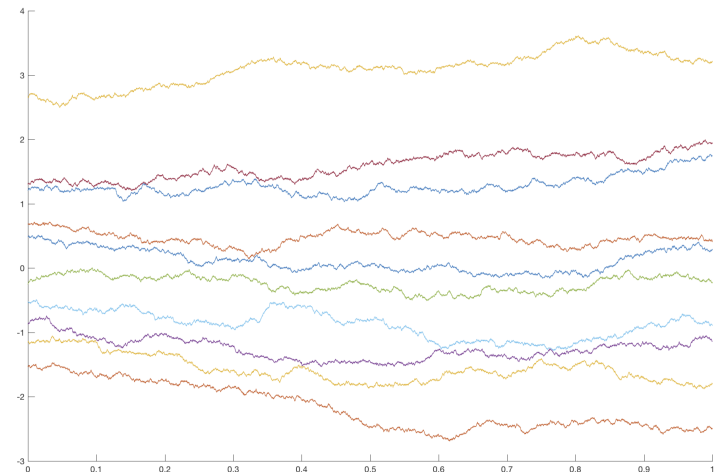
$$d\lambda_j(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{N}} dB_j(t) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{dt}{\lambda_j(t) - \lambda_i(t)}$$

$$\sqrt{t} \Phi_{x,y} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1 + \delta_{xy}}{N}} B_{xy}(t)$$

Dyson '62



10 Trajectories until $t = N^{-1}$ of 100-particle DBM with independent initial conditions



Trajectories until $t = 1$ of 10-particle DBM with independent initial conditions

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Time scales		Results
$t \ll N^{-1}$	perturbative regime	Soosten/W. '17
$N^{-1} \ll t$	local equilibration regime	Erdős, Yau, ..., Landon, Sosoie \geq '12
$1 \ll t$	global equilibration regime delocalisation of eigenvectors	Erdős, Schlein, Yau, ..., Bourgade ... Lee, Schnelli, ... \geq '09
$N^{-1} \ll t \ll 1$	intermediate regime	Soosten/W. '17, Begnini '17

Further reading: *Dynamical approach to random matrix theory* by Erdős and Yau.

Physics papers: [Kravtsov/Khaymovich/Cuevas/Amini '15](#), [Facoetti/Vivo/Biroli '16](#),
[Bogomolny/Sieber '18](#)

Spectral information

Green function: $G(x, z) = \langle \delta_x, (H - z)^{-1} \delta_x \rangle \quad x \in \{1, \dots, N\}, z \in \mathbb{C}^+.$

- Relation to normalized eigenfunctions ψ_j corresponding to ev λ_j :

$$G(x, z) = \sum_j \frac{|\psi_{\lambda_j}(x)|^2}{\lambda_j - z}$$

- Upper bound on normalized eigenfunction with eigenvalue in I :

$$|\psi_{\lambda_j}(x)|^2 \leq \sup_{E \in I} \sum_k \frac{\eta^2}{(\lambda_k - E)^2 + \eta^2} |\psi_{\lambda_k}(x)|^2 = \eta \sup_{E \in I} \text{Im } G(x, E + i\eta)$$

for any x and $\eta > 0$.

Stieltjes trafo of empirical eigenvalue measure: $S(z) = \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} (H - z)^{-1}$

- Local **density of states measure** μ : $\int (x - z)^{-1} \mu(dx) = \mathbb{E} [S(z)]$

- Rescaled eigenvalue process at E is captured by $S(E + z/N) = \sum_j \frac{1}{N(\lambda_j - E) - z}$.

Flow of $S_t(z)$ under DBM

Itô's lemma yields:

Viscous complex Burger's equation

$$dS_t(z) = \left[S_t(z) \partial_z S_t(z) + \frac{1}{2N} \partial_z^2 S_t(z) \right] dt + dM_t(z)$$

with an (explicit) martingal term $dM_t(z)$.

Lemma (Soosten/W. '17)

Assuming A2 for all $t \leq N^{-(1+\varepsilon)}$ with $\varepsilon > 0$ and $z \in \mathbb{C}^+$

(*'Perturbative regime'*)

$$\mathbb{E} |S_t(z) - S_0(z)| \leq CN^{-\varepsilon/2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{N \operatorname{Im} z} + \frac{1}{(N \operatorname{Im} z)^3} \right)$$

Poof idea: Use regularizing effect of the random potential on the drift, diffusion and martingale term through *Wegner & Minami-type estimates*.

Thus: **Rescaled eigenvalue process** remains **Poisson** if one started with Poisson as in A1.

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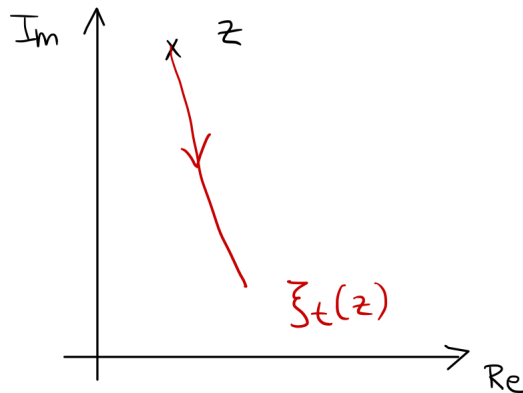
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Inviscous case: $\partial_t S_t(z) = S_t(z) \partial_z S_t(z)$



Method of characteristics:

Pastur flow

$$\dot{\xi}_t = -S_t(\xi_t), \quad \xi_0 = z \in \mathbb{C}^+$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} S_t(\xi_t(z)) = 0 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \xi_t(z) = z - tS_0(z)$$

Example $V = 0$: $S_0(z) = -z^{-1}$ and hence $t S_t(w)^2 + w S_t(w) + 1 = 0$, i.e. semicircular law.

Local law: $S_t(z)$ down to scale $\text{Im } z \gg N^{-1}$

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For any $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\text{Im } z \geq \eta > 0$, let $\xi_t(z)$ be the **random characteristics** given by

$$\dot{\xi}_s = -S_s(\xi_s), \quad \xi_0 = z \in \mathbb{C}^+$$

stopped at $\text{Im } \xi_t(z) = \eta/2$.

Theorem (Soosten/W. '17)

For any $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\text{Im } z \geq \eta > 0$:

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{\substack{|z| \leq \eta^{-1} \\ \text{Im } z \geq \eta}} \sup_{s \in [0, t]} |S_s(\xi_s(z)) - S_0(z)| \geq \frac{6}{\sqrt{N\eta}} \right) \leq \frac{4N\eta}{\eta^{10}} e^{-N\eta/2}.$$

Key idea: Integration trick & large deviation estimate for BM.

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Remaining task: Control & invert the characteristics $\xi_s(z)$. This is done by **assuming regularity of S_0** in some window $W \subset \mathbb{R}$, i.e. for some $K_u, K_l \in (0, \infty)$

$$K_l \leq \text{Im } S_0(z) \leq |S_0(z)| \leq K_u$$

uniformly for $z \in W + [-K_u t, K_u t] + i[K_l t, 2]$.

Assumption is satisfied in case:

- if $t \gg N^{-1}$ under assumption **A1** with $0 < \inf_{v \in W} \varrho(v)$
- if $t \gg N^{-1/2}$ under assumption **A2** with $0 < \inf_{z \in W_t} \mathbb{E} [\text{Im } S_0(z)]$

Cramer's concentration bound

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Excursion: Local laws for Schrödinger matrices

Consider $N \times N$ matrix of the form

$$V = A + \text{diag}(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_N)$$

with any $A = A^*$ non-random and iid (ω_x) with density $\varrho \in L^\infty$.

Lemma (Soosten/W. '18)

Let $z = E + i\eta$. Then for any $\mu > 0$

$$\mathbb{P}(|S_0(z) - \mathbb{E}[S_0(z)]| > \mu) \leq C \exp(-c\mu^2 N\eta^2)$$

and

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{Im } S_0(z) > e\pi\|\rho\|_\infty + \mu) \leq \exp(-\mu N\eta).$$

Proof idea: McDiarmid concentration inequality + rank-one perturbation theory & spectral averaging.
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Delocalization of eigenvectors

Green function satisfies an SDE

Advection equation

$$dG_t(x, z) = \left(S_t(z) \partial_z G_t(x, z) + \frac{1}{2N} \partial_z^2 G_t(x, z) \right) dt + dM_t(x, z)$$

with an explicit martingal $dM_t(x, z)$.

The method of characteristics suggests:

$$G_t(x, \xi_t(z)) \approx G_0(x, z) = (V_x - z)^{-1}$$

and hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta \operatorname{Im} G_t(x, E + i\eta) &\approx \frac{\eta \operatorname{Im} \xi_t^{-1}(w)}{(V_x - \operatorname{Re} \xi_t^{-1}(E + i\eta))^2 + (\operatorname{Im} \xi_t^{-1}(E + i\eta))^2} \\ &\approx \begin{cases} C \frac{\eta}{t} & \text{if } |V_x - E| \leq Ct \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Intermediate regime

Theorem (Soosten/W. '17)

Let $t = N^{-1+\delta}$ with $\delta \in (0, 1)$ and set $\kappa > \delta > \theta$,

$$X_\lambda = \{x \in \{1, \dots, N\} : |\lambda - V_x| > N^{-1+\kappa}\},$$

and $W \Subset \text{supp } \varrho$. Then under assumption A1 there exists $\gamma > 0$ such that for any $p > 0$ and all sufficiently large N the ℓ^2 -normalized eigenvectors in W carry only negligible mass inside X_λ :

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{\lambda \in \sigma(H_T) \cap W} \sum_{x \in X_\lambda} |\psi_\lambda(x)|^2 > N^{-\gamma} \right) \leq N^{-p}$$

and are maximally extended outside X_λ :

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\sup_{\lambda \in \sigma(H_T) \cap W} \|\psi_\lambda\|_\infty > N^{-\theta/2} \right) \leq N^{-p}.$$

Extension to deformed Wigner matrices: Begnini '17

Outlook: Ultrametric ensemble

$N \times N$ random matrices $(N = 2^n)$

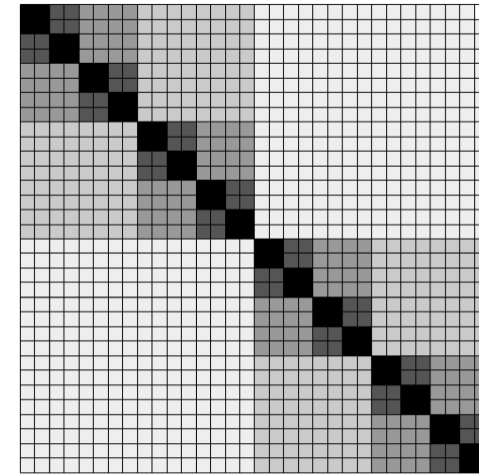
$$H_n = \frac{1}{Z_{n,c}} \sum_{r=0}^n 2^{-\frac{(1+c)r}{2}} \sum_{B \in \mathcal{P}_r} \Phi_B$$

with $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and (Φ_B) independent **GOE matrices**.

- Normalization $Z_{n,c}$ is chosen s.t. the variance matrix is doubly stochastic, *i.e.*

$$\sum_y \mathbb{E} \left[|\langle \delta_y, H_n \delta_x \rangle|^2 \right] = 1.$$

- Hierarchical analogue of PRBM $\alpha = 1$ corresponds to $c = 0$.



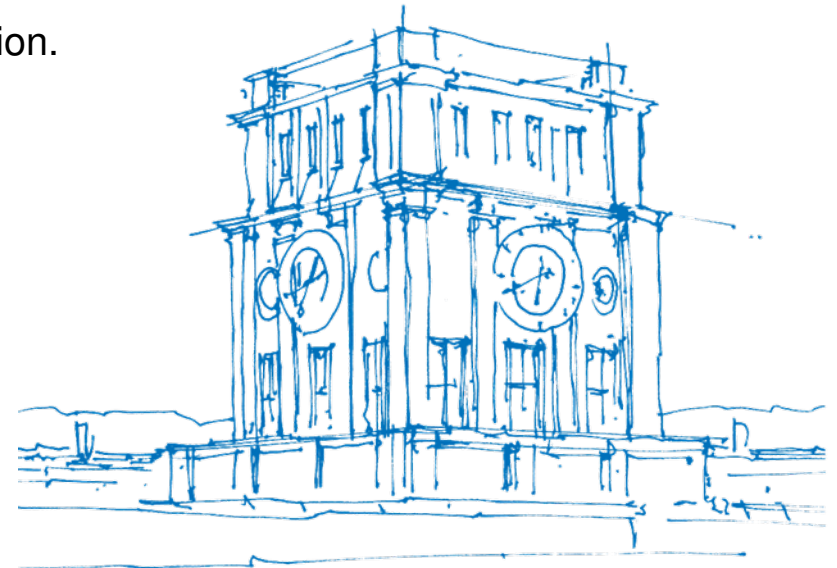
Results: partially confirming predictions by [Fyodorov/Ossipov/Rodriguez '09](#)

- $c > 0$: Localization regime and Poisson statistics
- $c < -1/2$: Delocalization regime $\|\psi\|_\infty = \mathcal{O}(N^{-1/2})$ and GOE statistics
- $c \in (-1, -1/2)$: Infinite-volume operator has continuous spectrum.

Thank You!

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