

# Explosive Condensation in a One-dimensional Particle System

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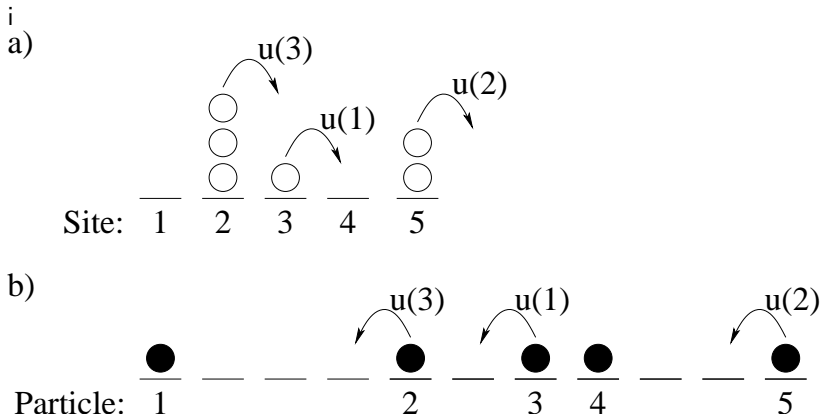
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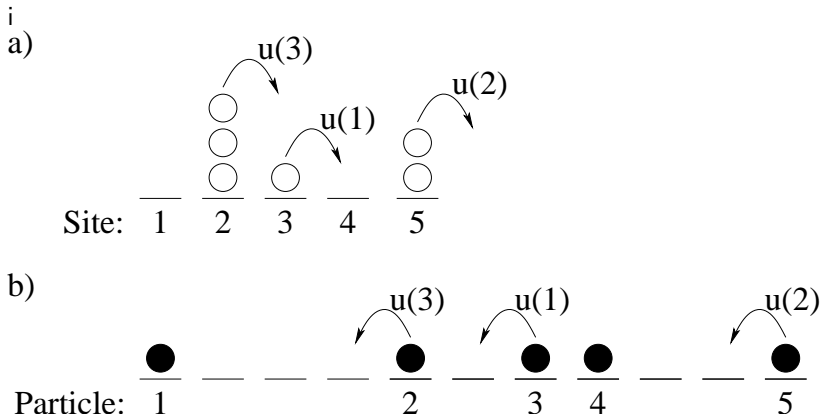
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# Motivation for ZRP

- Specific physical systems map onto ZRP
  - e.g. polymer dynamics, sandpile dynamics, traffic flow
- Effective description of dynamics involving exchange between domains
  - e.g. phase separation dynamics
- Factorised Steady State (system of  $L$  sites and  $N$  particles)

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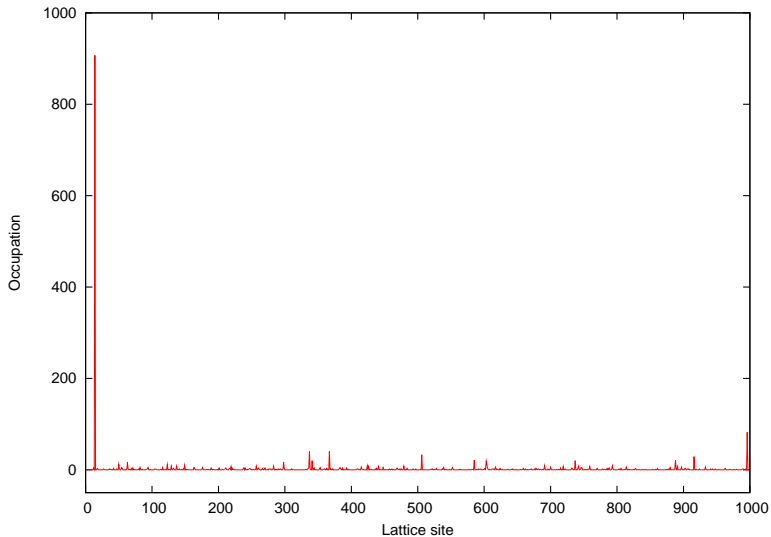
**Single-site mass distribution** (Marginal distribution)

$$\rho(m) = f(m) \frac{Z_{N-m,L-1}}{Z_{N,L}}$$



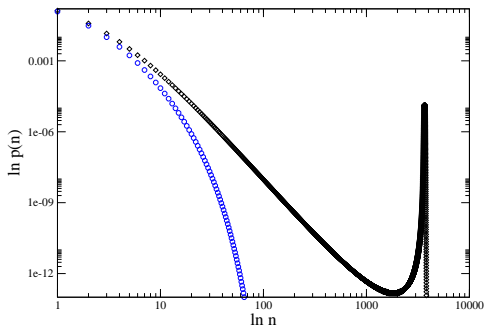
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Snapshot of ZRP  $u(m) = 1 + \frac{3}{m}$  above critical density



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Single-site mass distribution in ZRP  $u(m) = 1 + \frac{5}{m}$



below critical density ( $\rho = \frac{N}{L}$ )

above critical density (note condensate bump  $p_{\text{bump}}$ )

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Thus for  $\gamma > 2$  we have condensation if  $\rho > \rho_c$

In condensed phase critical fluid  $p_{gc}^*(m)$  coexists with condensate  $p_{bump}(m)$

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Condensate shows up in a large deviation

of a sum of random variables when  $N \gg \mu_1 L$  with  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} m f(m) \equiv \mu_1 < \infty$ .

The event that  $\sum_{i=1}^L m_i = N$  is most likely realised by 1 of  $m_i$  being  $O(L)$  and the rest being  $O(1)$

# Results for condensate bump scaling laws

$$3 > \gamma > 2$$

$$\rho_{\text{cond}} \simeq \frac{1}{L} \frac{1}{L^{1/(\gamma-1)}} V_{\gamma}(z) \quad z = \frac{(m - M_{\text{ex}})}{L^{1/(\gamma-1)}}$$

$$V_{\gamma} = \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{ds}{2\pi i} \exp(-zs + A\Gamma(1-\gamma)s^{\gamma-1})$$

strongly asymmetric

$$\gamma > 3$$

$$\rho_{\text{cond}} \simeq \frac{1}{L} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\Delta^2 L}} \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2\Delta^2}\right) \quad z = \frac{(m - M_{\text{ex}})}{L^{1/2}}$$

gaussian

N.B. in all cases  $\int \rho_{\text{cond}}(m) dm = \frac{1}{L}$ .

For rigorous work see also Grosskinsky, Schutz, Spohn JSP 2003, Ferrari, Landim, Sisko JSP 2007, Armendariz and Loulakis PTRF 2009, Beltran and Landim 2012

# Physical Systems with Real-space Condensation:

- Traffic and Granular flow (O'Loan, Evans, Cates, 1998)
- Cluster Aggregation and Fragmentation (Majumdar et al 1998)
- Granular clustering (van der Meer et al, 2000)
- Phase separation in driven systems (Kafri et al, 2002).
- Socio-economic contexts: company formation, city formation, wealth condensation etc. (Burda et al, 2002)
- Networks (Dorogovstev & Mendes, 2003,....)
- ...

# Open questions

- Can one analyse condensation beyond zero-range interactions?  
(pair-factorised states - Evans, Hanney Majumdar 2006)
- Can one have a moving condensate that maintains its structure?  
(non-Markovian ZRP, Hirschberg, Mukamel, Schutz 2009),  
(tail dynamics, Whitehouse, Blythe, Evans 2014),
- Condensation induced by several constraints  
e.g. mean and variance of mass, momentum and energy etc  
(Szavits-Nossan, Evans, Majumdar 2014 )

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We still have factorised stationary state if  $u(m, n)$  satisfy :

$$u(m, n) = u(n+1, m-1) \frac{u(1, n)u(m, 0)}{u(n+1, 0)u(1, m-1)}$$

$$u(m, n) - u(n, m) = u(m, 0) - u(n, 0)$$

and the single-site weight becomes

$$f(m) = A z^m \prod_{k=1}^m \frac{u(1, k-1)}{u(k, 0)}$$

# Explosive Condensation cont.

A simple form which gives a factorised stationary state is

$$u(m, n) = [v(m) - v(0)]v(n)$$

then the single-site weight becomes

$$f(m) \propto \prod_{k=1}^m \frac{v(k-1)}{v(k) - v(0)}$$

For  $f$  to decay as  $f(m) \sim m^{-\gamma}$  (for condensation) we now have several possible choices of asymptotic behaviour of  $v(m)$

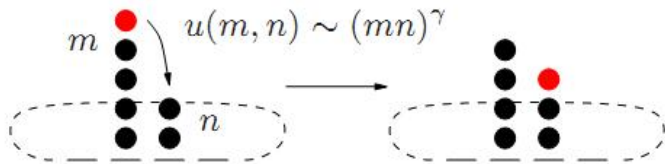
$$v(m) \simeq 1 - \frac{\alpha}{m} \quad \text{'ZRP like'} \quad (\gamma \text{ is function of } \alpha \text{ and } v(0))$$

$$v(m) \sim m^\gamma \quad \text{'explosive'}$$

## Explosive dynamics

$$u(m, n) = [v(m) - v(0)]v(n)$$

with  $v(m) = (\epsilon + m)^\gamma$  and  $\epsilon > 0$



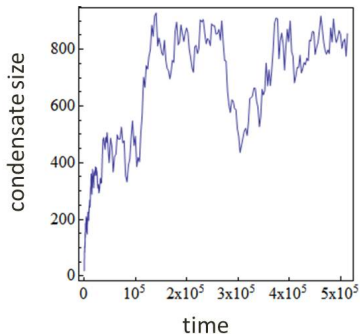
Get condensation for  $\gamma > 2$ .



# Contrasting Dynamics

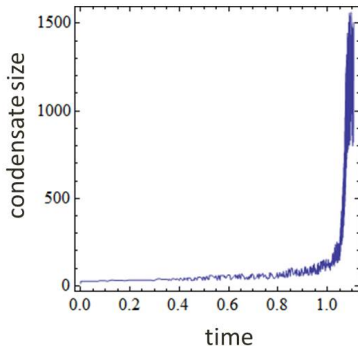
Both choices (ZRP-like, explosive) generate same stationary state (condensed) but the dynamics are very different:

zero-range process



$$T_{SS} \sim L^2$$

our model



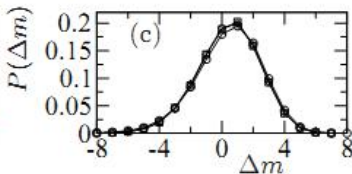
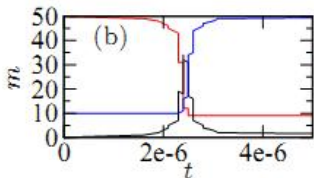
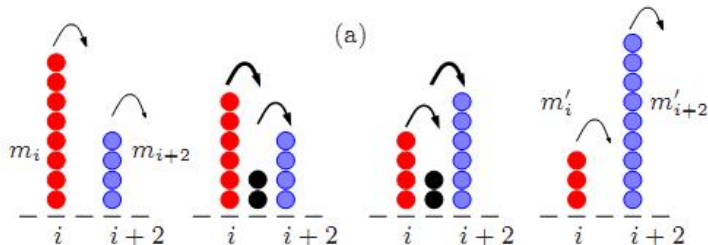
$$T_{SS} = ?$$

Speed of condensate  $v(m) \sim m^\gamma$

- fast slinky motion'
  - longest time is for first particle to move then rest follow  
c.f. non-Markovian ZRP (Hirschberg, Mukamel, Schutz 2009)
- Speed increases with size

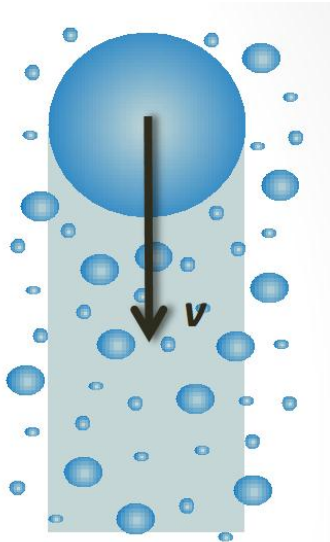
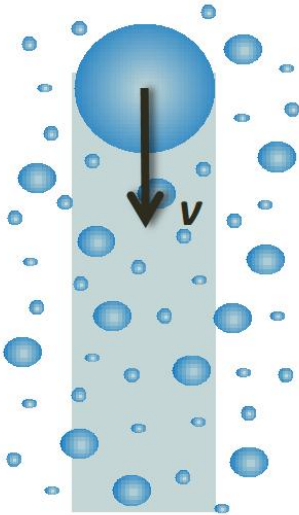
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## Scattering collisions between two condensates



- Almost elastic scattering
- Larger condensate picks up mass

# Raindrops



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$$m_n = m_{n-1} + \delta \quad \text{deterministic accretion}$$

$$t_n = t_{n-1} + \Delta t_n \quad \text{stochastic accretion times}$$

$$\text{where } p_n(\Delta t_n) = \lambda_n e^{-\lambda_n \Delta t_n} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_n = A m_n^\gamma$$

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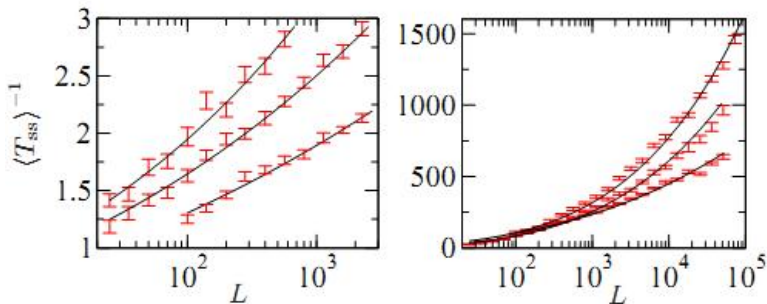
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# Numerical Evidence for Instantaneous Condensation



$\langle T_{ss} \rangle$  obtained in numerical simulations (points) and from formula  $c_2(c_3 + \ln L)^{1-\gamma}$  fitted to data points (lines). In all cases the density  $\rho = 2$  and  $\gamma = 3, 4, 5$  (curves from bottom to top). Left:  $v(m) = (0.3 + m)^\gamma$ , every 5th site has initially 10 particles. Right:  $v(m) = (1 + m)^\gamma$  particles are distributed randomly in the initial state.  $\langle T_{ss} \rangle^{-1}$  for different  $\gamma$  differ by orders of magnitude and hence they have been rescaled to plot

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- Explosive Condensation has same stationary state as ZRP but relaxation time  $T \sim (\ln L)^{1-\gamma}$  vanishes for large  $L$
- First (?) spatially extended realisation of the instantaneous gelation phenomenon seen in mean-field models of cluster aggregation (Smoluchowski equation)

$$\frac{dN_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j+k=i} K_{jk} N_j N_k - \sum_j K_{ij} N_i N_j$$

where e.g.  $K_{ij} = i^\nu j^\mu + i^\mu j^\nu$