

# Parameter dependent invariant measures for IFS - dimension and absolute continuity

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## Invariant measures for Iterated Function Systems (IFS)

**IFS:** collection  $f_1, \dots, f_m : X \rightarrow X$  of contractions on a compact set  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

(soon:  $X$  - compact interval and  $f_j$  -  $C^{2+\delta}$  hyperbolic)

**Attractor:** a non-empty compact set  $A \subset X$  with

$$A = f_1(A) \cup \dots \cup f_m(A)$$

(it exists and is unique)

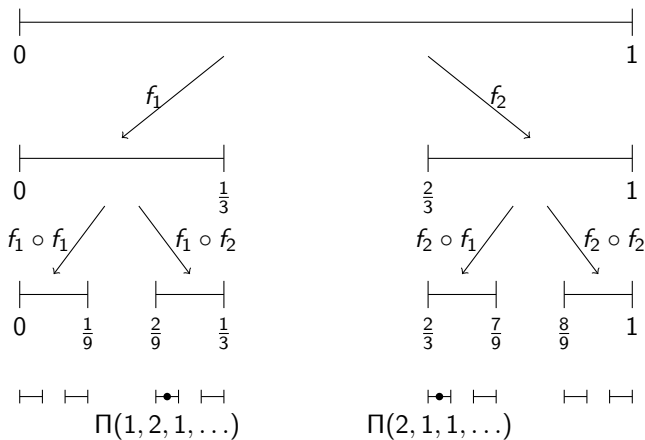
**Symbolic space:**  $\Omega := \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , where  $\mathcal{A} = \{1, \dots, m\}$

**Natural projection:**  $\Pi : \Omega \rightarrow X$ ,

$$\Pi(\omega) := \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{\omega_1} \circ \dots \circ f_{\omega_n}(X)$$

where  $\omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots) \in \Omega$ . **Then**  $A = \Pi(\Omega)$ .

The middle-thirds Cantor set:  $X = [0, 1]$ ,  $f_1(x) = \frac{1}{3}x$ ,  $f_2(x) = \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{3}$ .



**Invariant measures:** let  $\mu$  be (a shift-invariant, ergodic) finite measure on  $\Omega$ . We are interested in properties of the projected measure  $\Pi_*\mu$  on  $A$ .

**E.g.** if  $\mu$  is the Bernoulli measure  $(p_1, \dots, p_m)^{\otimes \mathbb{N}}$ , then  $\nu = \Pi_*\mu$  is the unique probability measure satisfying

$$\nu = \sum_{j=1}^m p_j (f_j)_* \nu,$$

i.e. it is the stationary measure for the Markov process on  $X$  generated by applying  $f_j$  with probability  $p_j$ .

## Questions

$\dim_H(A) = ?$ ,  $\dim_H(\Pi_*\mu) = ?$ , is  $\Pi_*\mu$  absolutely continuous ?

**Recall:**

$$\dim_H(\nu) = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \sim \nu} \underline{d}(\nu, x) := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \sim \nu} \liminf_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log \nu(B(x, r))}{\log r}.$$

**Natural upper bound for ergodic  $\mu$  on  $\Omega$  and  $C^{1+\delta}$  IFS on interval:**

$$\dim_H(\Pi_*\mu) \leq \min \left\{ 1, \frac{h_\mu}{\chi_\mu} \right\}$$

where  $h_\mu$  - entropy of  $\mu$  (w.r.t to shift on  $\Omega$ ) and  $\chi_\mu$  - Lyapunov exponent

$$\chi_\mu = - \int_{\Omega} \log |f'_{\omega_1}(\Pi(\sigma\omega))| d\mu(\omega)$$

**Heurestics:** Assume first  $f_i(X) \cap f_j(X) = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ . Let  $\nu = \Pi_* \mu$  and pick a  $\mu$ -typical  $\omega \in \Omega$

$$\underline{d}(\nu, \Pi(\omega)) \approx \frac{\log \nu(|f_{\omega_1 \dots \omega_n}(X)|)}{\log |f_{\omega_1 \dots \omega_n}(X)|} = \frac{\log \mu([\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n])}{\log |f_{\omega_1 \dots \omega_n}(X)|} \approx \frac{\log e^{-nh_\mu}}{\log e^{-n\chi_\mu}} = \frac{h_\mu}{\chi_\mu}$$

If there are **overlaps** between cylinders, then

$$\nu(|f_{\omega_1 \dots \omega_n}(X)|) \geq \mu([\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n]),$$

hence we only get an upper bound on the dimension and the dimension can drop

**However** in many *families* of iterated function systems with overlaps, the dimension formula holds *generically*

## Transversality

$U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  - open and bounded *parameter space*.

For each  $\lambda \in U$  consider an IFS  $\{f_j^\lambda\}_{j \in A}$  on a compact interval  $X$  and the corresponding natural projection  $\Pi^\lambda : \Omega \rightarrow X$

### Definition

The family  $\{f_j^\lambda\}_{j \in A}$  satisfies the transversality condition on  $U$  if there exists  $C > 0$  s.t. for every  $r > 0$  and  $\omega, \tau \in \Omega$  with  $\omega_1 \neq \tau_1$

$$\mathcal{L}^d(\{\lambda \in U : |\Pi^\lambda(\omega) - \Pi^\lambda(\tau)| \leq r\}) \leq Cr$$

### Theorem (Simon, Solomyak, Urbański)

Let  $f_j^\lambda$  be  $C^{1+\delta}$  with  $0 < \gamma_1 \leq |\frac{d}{dx} f_j^\lambda(x)| \leq \gamma_2 < 1$  and  $\lambda \mapsto f_j^\lambda \in C^{1+\delta}$  continuous. Let  $\mu$  be an ergodic shift-invariant prob. measure on  $\Omega$ . If the transversality holds on  $U$ , then for Lebesgue a.e.  $\lambda \in U$

- $\dim_H(\Pi_*^\lambda \mu) = \min\{1, \frac{h_\mu}{\chi_\mu}\}$ ,
- $\Pi_*^\lambda \mu$  is absolutely continuous if  $\frac{h_\mu}{\chi_\mu} > 1$ .

## Our setting

We allow the measure on the symbolic space to *also depend on the parameter*, i.e. we study a family of projected measures

$$\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_\lambda, \lambda \in U,$$

where  $\mu_\lambda$  are probability measures on  $\Omega$ .

Under suitable regularity assumptions on the IFS and the family  $\mu_\lambda$ , we obtain an analog of the previous theorem.

Main difficulties are in the absolute continuity part.



## General examples / motivations

### 1. Stationary measures for place-dependent probabilities

Let  $\{f_j^\lambda\}_{j \in \mathcal{A}}$  be an IFS on interval  $X$  and let  $p_j : X \rightarrow (0, 1)$  be the probability functions satisfying  $\sum_{j=1}^m p_j(x) \equiv 1$ . A *place-dependent stationary measure*  $\nu_\lambda$  on  $X$  is one satisfying

$$\int \varphi(x) d\nu_\lambda(x) = \int \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}} p_j(x) \varphi(f_j^\lambda(x)) d\nu_\lambda(x)$$

for any continuous test function  $\varphi$ .

If  $p_j$  are Hölder continuous, then  $\nu_\lambda$  is unique and  $\nu_\lambda = \Pi_*^\lambda \mu_\lambda$ , where  $\mu_\lambda$  is a Gibbs measure of the potential

$$\phi^\lambda(\omega) = \log |p_{\omega_1}(\Pi^\lambda(\sigma\omega))|,$$

i.e. there exists  $P_\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $C_\lambda \geq 1$  such that for every  $\omega \in \Omega$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$C_\lambda^{-1} \leq \frac{\mu([\omega|_n])}{\exp(-P_\lambda n + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \phi^\lambda(\sigma^k \omega))} \leq C_\lambda.$$

Note that  $\phi^\lambda$  (and hence  $\mu_\lambda$ ) depends on the parameter, even if  $p_j$ 's do not!

Typical dimension formula and absolute continuity of such place-dependent invariant measures were obtained by Balázs Bárány<sup>1</sup>. Unfortunately, the proof contains an error (see Corrigendum on Balázs' webpage).

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<sup>1</sup>On Iterated Function Systems with place-dependent probabilities, *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.* 143 no. 1 (2015), 419-432.

**2. Equilibrium measures.** Consider the pressure function

$$P_\lambda(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \log \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{A}^n} \left\| \frac{d}{dx} f_\omega^\lambda \right\|^t$$

and the corresponding roots  $s_\lambda > 0$ , i.e. solutions of the Bowen's equation

$$P_\lambda(s_\lambda) = 0.$$

$s_\lambda$  is the "natural guess" for the dimension of the attractor (and in general an upper bound for it).

The "natural" measure  $\nu_\lambda$  is the projection  $\nu_\lambda = \Pi_*^\lambda \mu_\lambda$  of the equilibrium measure  $\mu_\lambda$ , i.e. the Gibbs measure of the potential

$$\phi^\lambda(\omega) = s_\lambda \log \left| \frac{d}{dx} f_{\omega_1}^\lambda(\Pi^\lambda(\sigma\omega)) \right|.$$

It satisfies

$$s_\lambda = \frac{h_{\mu_\lambda}}{\chi_{\mu_\lambda}}$$

## Assumptions on the IFS

IFS  $\{f_j^\lambda\}_{j \in \mathcal{A}}$  on a **compact interval**  $X \subset \mathbb{R}$  with  $\lambda \in \overline{U} \subset \mathbb{R}$ , where  $U$  is an **open and bounded interval**. We assume that there exists  $\delta \in (0, 1]$  such that

- (A1) the maps  $f_j^\lambda$  are  $C^{2+\delta}$ -smooth on  $X$  (uniformly w.r.t.  $\lambda$ )
- (A2) the maps  $\lambda \mapsto f_j^\lambda(x)$  are  $C^{1+\delta}$ -smooth on  $U$  (uniformly w.r.t.  $x$ )
- (A3) the second partial derivatives  $\frac{d^2}{dx d\lambda} f_j^\lambda(x)$ ,  $\frac{d^2}{d\lambda dx} f_j^\lambda(x)$  are  $\delta$ -Hölder (uniformly, both in  $\lambda$  and  $x$ )
- (A4) the system  $\{f_j^\lambda\}_{j \in \mathcal{A}}$  is *uniformly hyperbolic and contractive*: there exists  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 > 0$  such that

$$0 < \gamma_1 \leq \left| \left( \frac{d}{dx} f_j^\lambda \right) (x) \right| \leq \gamma_2 < 1$$

## Assumptions on the measures

Let  $\{\mu_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \bar{U}}$  be a collection of finite Borel measures on  $\Omega$ . We will consider two continuity assumptions on  $\mu_\lambda$ :

(M0) for every  $\lambda_0$  and every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist  $C, \xi > 0$  such that

$$C^{-1}e^{-\varepsilon|\omega|}\mu_{\lambda_0}([\omega]) \leq \mu_\lambda([\omega]) \leq Ce^{\varepsilon|\omega|}\mu_{\lambda_0}([\omega])$$

holds for every  $\omega \in \Omega^*$ ,  $|\omega| \geq 1$  and  $\lambda \in \bar{U}$  with  $|\lambda - \lambda_0| < \xi$ ;

(M) there exists  $c > 0$  and  $\theta \in (0, 1]$  such that for all  $\omega \in \Omega^*$ ,  $|\omega| \geq 1$ , and all  $\lambda, \lambda' \in \bar{U}$ ,

$$e^{-c|\lambda - \lambda'|^\theta |\omega|} \mu_{\lambda'}([\omega]) \leq \mu_\lambda([\omega]) \leq e^{c|\lambda - \lambda'|^\theta |\omega|} \mu_{\lambda'}([\omega]).$$

**Example:**  $\mu_\lambda$  - Gibbs measures of Hölder potentials  $\phi^\lambda$

- if  $\lambda \mapsto \phi^\lambda$  is continuous, then (M0) holds
- if  $\lambda \mapsto \phi^\lambda$  is Hölder, then (M) holds

## Main results

From now on, we always assume that  $\{f_j^\lambda\}_{j \in \mathcal{A}}$  is a parametrized IFS satisfying smoothness assumptions (A1) - (A4) and the transversality condition (T) on  $U$ .

### Theorem 1.

Let  $\{\mu_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \bar{U}}$  be a collection of finite ergodic shift-invariant Borel measures on  $\Omega$  satisfying (M0), such that  $h_{\mu_\lambda}$  and  $\chi_{\mu_\lambda}$  are continuous in  $\lambda$ . Then equality

$$\dim_H(\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_\lambda) = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{h_{\mu_\lambda}}{\chi_{\mu_\lambda}} \right\}$$

holds for Lebesgue almost every  $\lambda \in U$ .

This was essentially proved by Balázs Bárány and Michał Rams<sup>2</sup> in a more specific context

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<sup>2</sup>Dimension maximizing measures for self-affine systems, *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.* 370 (2018), 553-576.

### Theorem 3.

Let  $\{\mu_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \bar{U}}$  be a family of Gibbs measures on  $\Omega$  corresponding to a family of potentials  $\phi^\lambda: \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  which are uniformly Hölder. Moreover, suppose that there exist constants  $c_0 > 0$  and  $\theta > 0$  such that

$$|\phi^\lambda(\omega) - \phi^{\lambda'}(\omega)| \leq c_0 |\lambda - \lambda'|^\theta \text{ for every } \omega \in \Omega \text{ and } \lambda, \lambda' \in \bar{U}. \quad (1)$$

Then  $\{\mu_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \bar{U}}$  satisfies (M) and  $\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_\lambda$  is absolutely continuous for Lebesgue almost every  $\lambda$  in the set  $\{\lambda \in U : \frac{h_{\mu_\lambda}}{\chi_{\mu_\lambda}} > 1\}$ .

## Sketch of the proof of Theorem 1.

### Tools

**Correlation dimension:** for a finite Borel measure  $\mu$  on a metric space  $X$  and  $\alpha > 0$ , let

$$\mathcal{E}_\alpha(\mu, d) = \int_X \int_X \frac{1}{d(x, y)^\alpha} d\mu(x) d\mu(y)$$

be the  $\alpha$ -**energy** of  $\mu$ . The **correlation dimension** of  $\mu$  is

$$\dim_{\text{cor}}(\mu, d) = \sup\{\alpha > 0 : \mathcal{E}_\alpha(\mu, d) < \infty\}.$$

#### Fact

$$\dim_{\text{cor}}(\mu, d) \leq \dim_H(\mu, d)$$



**Metric on  $\Omega$ :** for  $\lambda \in U$  and  $\omega, \tau \in \Omega$  define

$$d_\lambda(\omega, \tau) = |f_{\omega \wedge \tau}^\lambda(X)|.$$

In this metric,  $\Pi^\lambda : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Lipschitz and for an ergodic shift-invariant measure  $\mu$  one has

$$\dim_H(\mu, d_\lambda) = \frac{h_{\mu_\lambda}}{\chi_{\mu_\lambda}}$$

**We are proving:**

$$\dim_H(\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_\lambda) = \min\{1, \dim_H(\mu_\lambda, d_\lambda)\}$$

## Sketch of the proof

**Goal 1.:**  $\dim_{cor}(\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_\lambda) \geq \min\{1, \dim_{cor}(\mu_\lambda, d_\lambda)\}$  for a.e.  $\lambda \in U$

**Classical transversality argument:**

$$\dim_{cor}(\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_{\lambda_0}) \geq \min\{1, \dim_{cor}(\mu_{\lambda_0}, d_\lambda)\} \text{ for a.e. } \lambda \in U$$

**Enough:** map  $\lambda \mapsto \dim_{cor}(\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_\lambda)$  is continuous, uniformly for  $\Pi$  in our family

(and  $\lambda \mapsto \dim_{cor}(\mu_\lambda, d)$  as well)

**Then:** for every  $\lambda_0 \in U$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $\lambda_0$  such that for a.e.  $\lambda \in V$

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_{cor}(\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_\lambda) &\geq \dim_{cor}(\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_{\lambda_0}) - \varepsilon \geq \min\{1, \dim_{cor}(\mu_{\lambda_0}, d_\lambda)\} - \varepsilon \\ &\geq \min\{1, \dim_{cor}(\mu_\lambda, d_\lambda)\} - 2\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

## Continuity of $\lambda \mapsto \dim_{cor}(\Pi_*\mu_\lambda)$

**Enough:** for  $\lambda_0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $\lambda_0$  such that  $\mathcal{E}_\alpha(\Pi_*\mu_\lambda) \lesssim \mathcal{E}_{\alpha+\varepsilon}(\Pi_*\mu_{\lambda_0})$  for  $\lambda \in V$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}_\alpha(\Pi_*\mu_\lambda) &= \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} |\Pi(\omega) - \Pi(\tau)|^{-\alpha} d\mu_\lambda(\omega) d\mu_\lambda(\tau) \\ &\approx \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{\alpha n} \mu_\lambda \otimes \mu_\lambda(\{|\Pi(\omega) - \Pi(\tau)| \leq 2^{-n}\}) \\ &\approx \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{\alpha n} \mu_\lambda \otimes \mu_\lambda(\{|\Pi(\omega|_{qn}1^\infty) - \Pi(\tau|_{qn}1^\infty)| \leq 2^{-n}\}) \\ &\lesssim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{(\alpha+\varepsilon)n} \mu_{\lambda_0} \otimes \mu_{\lambda_0}(\{|\Pi(\omega|_{qn}1^\infty) - \Pi(\tau|_{qn}1^\infty)| \leq 2^{-n}\}) \\ &\approx \mathcal{E}_{\alpha+\varepsilon}(\Pi_*\mu_{\lambda_0})\end{aligned}$$

**We have proved:**

$$\dim_H(\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_\lambda) \geq \dim_{cor}(\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_\lambda) \geq \min\{1, \dim_{cor}(\mu_\lambda, d_\lambda)\}$$

**Remains:** having  $\min\{1, \frac{h_{\mu_\lambda}}{\chi_{\mu_\lambda}}\}$  as the lower bound

Applying Egorov's theorem to the convergence in SMB and Birkhoff's theorems, one has

$$\dim_{cor}(\mu_\lambda|_A, d_\lambda) \geq \frac{h_{\mu_\lambda}}{\chi_{\mu_\lambda}} - \varepsilon$$

on a set  $A$  of almost full  $\mu_\lambda$  measure. To conclude the proof, one can repeat the reasoning for the restricted measures.

## Absolute continuity?

For a **fixed** measure, almost sure absolute continuity is proved by showing

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_U \int_{\mathbb{R}} \underline{D}(\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_{\lambda_0}, x) d\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_{\lambda_0}(x) d\lambda \\ & \leq \liminf_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2r} \int_U \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Pi_*^\lambda \mu_{\lambda_0}(B(x, r)) d\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_{\lambda_0}(x) d\lambda < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Transversality is used to obtain, roughly speaking,

$$\int_U \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Pi_*^\lambda \mu_{\lambda_0}(B(x, r)) d\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_{\lambda_0}(x) d\lambda \leq Cr$$

**Problem in our case:** using the previous approach, we only obtain

$$\int_V \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Pi_*^\lambda \mu_\lambda(B(x, r)) d\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_\lambda(x) d\lambda$$
$$\lesssim r^{-\varepsilon} \int_V \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Pi_*^\lambda \mu_{\lambda_0}(B(x, r)) d\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_{\lambda_0}(x) d\lambda \leq Cr^{1-\varepsilon},$$

so we do not get the finiteness of the integral.

## Sobolev dimension

Sobolev energy:

$$\mathcal{I}_\alpha(\nu) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\hat{\nu}(\xi)|^2 |\xi|^{\alpha-1} d\xi$$

Sobolev dimension:

$$\dim_S(\nu) := \sup \{ \alpha > 0 : \mathcal{I}_\alpha(\nu) < \infty \}$$

- if  $\dim_S(\nu) > 1$ , then  $\hat{\nu} \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$
- hence, **if**  $\dim_S(\nu) > 1$  **then**  $\nu$  **is absolutely continuous**
- for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  we have  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha(\nu) = c_\alpha \mathcal{E}_\alpha(\nu)$
- (hence  $\dim_{cor}(\nu) = \dim_S(\nu)$  provided  $0 < \dim_S(\nu) < 1$ )
- unfortunately, equality of energies does not extend to  $\alpha \geq 1$

## Recall:

(M) there exists  $c > 0$  and  $\theta \in (0, 1]$  such that for all  $\omega \in \Omega^*$ ,  $|\omega| \geq 1$ , and all  $\lambda, \lambda' \in \bar{U}$ ,

$$e^{-c|\lambda - \lambda'|^\theta |\omega|} \mu_{\lambda'}([\omega]) \leq \mu_\lambda([\omega]) \leq e^{c|\lambda - \lambda'|^\theta |\omega|} \mu_{\lambda'}([\omega]).$$

## Theorem 2.

Let  $\{\mu_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \bar{U}}$  be a collection of finite Borel measures on  $\Omega$  satisfying (M). Then

$$\dim_S(\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_\lambda) \geq \min \{ \dim_{cor}(\mu_\lambda, d_\lambda), 1 + \min\{\delta, \theta\} \}$$

holds for Lebesgue almost every  $\lambda \in U$ . Consequently,  $\Pi_*^\lambda \mu_\lambda$  is absolutely continuous with a density in  $L^2$  for Lebesgue almost every  $\lambda$  in the set  $\{\lambda \in U : \dim_{cor}(\mu_\lambda, d_\lambda) > 1\}$ .

A fixed measure version of this theorem follows from results of Peres and Schlag



Instead of the usual energy integrals, one can rely on the decomposition obtained from the **Littlewood-Paley function**:

$\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of Schwarz class, with  $\widehat{\psi} \geq 0$  and

$$\text{supp}(\widehat{\psi}) \subset \{\xi : 1 \leq |\xi| \leq 4\}, \quad \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \widehat{\psi}(2^{-j}\xi) = 1 \quad \text{for all } \xi \neq 0.$$

$$\mathcal{I}_\alpha(\nu) \asymp \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{\alpha n} \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \psi(2^n(\Pi(\omega_1) - \Pi(\omega_2))) d\mu(\omega_1) d\mu(\omega_2)$$

**Difficulties:**  $\psi$  is not non-negative, so using bounds on the measures to change  $\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_0$  requires extra care

$\lambda \mapsto \dim_S(\Pi_*\mu_\lambda)$  is no longer continuous

Our strategy:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{V}} \mathcal{I}_\alpha(\nu_\lambda) d\lambda \\ & \approx \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{\alpha n} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \psi(2^n(\Pi^\lambda(\omega_1) - \Pi^\lambda(\omega_2))) d\mu_\lambda(\omega_1) d\mu_\lambda(\omega_2) d\lambda \\ & \approx \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{\alpha n} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \psi(2^n(\Pi^\lambda(\omega_1) - \Pi^\lambda(\omega_2))) e_n(\omega_1, \omega_2, \lambda) d\mu_{\lambda_0}(\omega_1) d\mu_{\lambda_0}(\omega_2) d\lambda \end{aligned}$$

We extended the proof of Peres and Schlag to apply transversality for the modified kernel  $\psi(2^n \cdot) e_n(\cdot)$ .

This requires certain regularity of  $e_n(\cdot)$ , coming from condition (M).

**Theorem 3.** (almost sure absolute continuity for projections of Gibbs measures in the region  $\{\lambda \in U : \frac{h_{\mu_\lambda}}{\chi_{\mu_\lambda}} > 1\}$ )

follows from

**Theorem 2.** (almost sure absolute continuity in the region  $\{\lambda \in U : \dim_{cor}(\mu_\lambda, d_\lambda) > 1\}$ )

by finding  $A \subset \Omega$  such that restrictions  $\mu_\lambda|_A$  satisfy both  $\dim_{cor}(\mu_\lambda|_A, d_\lambda) > \frac{h_{\mu_\lambda}}{\chi_{\mu_\lambda}} - \varepsilon$  and property (M)

We construct it using the Large Deviations Principle for Gibbs measures.

## Applications

- absolute continuity for place-dependent Bernoulli convolutions ( $\Rightarrow$  a.c. of SRB measures for certain modified fat baker's maps)
- a.c. of Blackwell measures for binary channels (transversality obtained by Bárány and Kolossváry)
- equilibrium measures for IFS satisfying (A1) - (A4) and transversality
- in particular: equilibrium measure for non-homogenous self-similar IFS

$$\{x \mapsto \lambda_1 x, x \mapsto \lambda_2 x + 1\}$$

is absolutely continuous for a.e.  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \in (0, 1)^2$  such that  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 > 1$  and  $\max\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2\} \leq 0.668$  (transversality by Ngai-Wang and Neunhäuserer)

- some hyperbolic random continued fractions:

$$\left\{ f_1^\alpha, f_2^\beta \right\} = \left\{ \frac{x + \alpha}{x + \alpha + 1}, \frac{x + \beta}{x + \beta + 1} \right\}$$

for  $\alpha \in (0, 10^{-4}]$  and  $\beta = \sqrt{2} - 1$ , the equilibrium measure  $\nu_{\alpha, \beta + \lambda}$  is absolutely continuous for a.e.  $\lambda \in (0, 0.077)$

**Thank you for your attention!**