

# Part III: Upscaling of dislocation evolutions

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Starting point: (semi)-discrete interaction energy

$$I_n(x) = \frac{1}{2n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \underbrace{b_i b_j}_{\text{periodic}} V(x_i - x_j), \quad b_i \in \{\pm 1\}, \quad x_i \in \mathbb{T}^2$$

$V$  ? e.g.  $V(x) = -\log|x|$  or  $V(x) = -\log|x| + \frac{x_i^2}{|x|^2}$   
screw, vortices                      edge,  $b = \varepsilon_i$

Associated evolutions GF (Orowan's;  $\underline{v} = BF$ )  
 $\dot{x} = -n \nabla I(x)$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_i = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j \neq i} b_i b_j \nabla V(x_i - x_j) \quad (*) \quad \text{isotropic} \\ \dot{x}_i = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j \neq i} b_i b_j \nabla V(x_i - x_j) \quad \text{~ screw} \\ \dot{x}_i = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j \neq i} b_i b_j \nabla V(x_i - x_j) \quad \text{~ edge} \end{array} \right.$$

**GF:** Alicandro - De Luca - Garroni - Ponsiglione  
Bless - Fonseca - Ioni - Morandotti;  
Dipierro, Figalli, Peletucci, Patrizi, Valdinoci

**R.I:** Mora - Peletier - Scardia

Set  $\mu_n^\pm = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ b_i = \pm 1}}^n \delta_{x_i}$  densities of  $\pm$  d.d.

solutions of  $(*)$

Q: If  $\mu_n^\pm \rightarrow \rho^\pm$ , then  $\rho^\pm$  solutions of

$$\partial_t \rho^\pm = \pm \operatorname{div} (\rho^\pm (\nabla V * (\rho^+ - \rho^-))) \quad ? \quad (**)$$

- Gromoll-Balogh
- agreement with DDD

Note: Formally  $\mu_n^\pm$  are solution of  $(**)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \varphi(x) d\mu_n^\pm(x) = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(x_i)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum \nabla \varphi(x_i) \cdot \dot{x}_i \quad \text{use } (**)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \nabla \varphi(x_i) \left[ -\frac{1}{n} \sum_j b_i b_j \nabla V(x_i - x_j) \right]$$

$$= - \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \nabla \varphi(x) d\mu_n^\pm(x) \left[ \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \nabla V(x-y) d(\mu_n^+ - \mu_n^-)(y) \right]$$



● If  $V$  smooth Yes

● If  $V$  singular (log) and  $b_i = 1 \forall i$  Yes

If  $b_i = \pm 1 \Rightarrow$  tricky

$\exists$  in  $\otimes$  up to first collision.

$\Rightarrow$  regularization needed!  
 $\hookrightarrow \underline{S_n > 0}$ .

**AIM:** Prove convergence

$$\dot{x}_i = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_j b_i b_j \nabla V_{S_n}(x_i - x_j)$$

rigorously  
solutions of  
(GB) $_{S_n}$

$\downarrow n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\partial_t \rho^\pm = \pm \operatorname{div} \left( \rho^\pm (\nabla V * (\rho^+ - \rho^-)) \right)$$

well defined?

**AIM:** Prove convergence

$$\partial_t \mu_n^\pm = \pm \operatorname{div} \left( \underbrace{\mu_n^\pm}_{\text{measure}} \left( \underbrace{\nabla V_{S_n}}_{\text{unif. cont}} * (\mu_n^+ - \mu_n^-) \right) \right) \quad (\text{GB})_{S_n}$$

↓  $n \rightarrow \infty$  ?

$$\partial_t \rho^\pm = \pm \operatorname{div} \left( \rho^\pm (\nabla V * (\rho^+ - \rho^-)) \right) \quad (\text{GB})$$

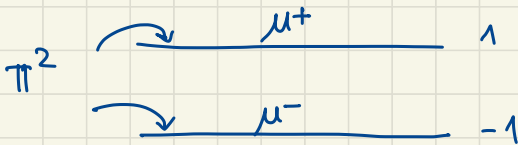
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Assumptions :

- $V_S \in W^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{T}^2) \rightarrow \nabla V_S \text{ Lip}$
- $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^2} (1 + |k|^2) \hat{V}_k < \infty$   $\sim V \text{ log. singularity}$   
 $\hat{V}_k \sim \frac{1}{|k|^2}$
- $\hat{V}_k, \hat{V}_{S,k} \geq 0 \quad k \neq 0$

Notation :

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{T}^2 \times \{\pm 1\}) = \left\{ \underline{\mu} = (\mu^+, \mu^-) : \mu^+(\mathbb{T}^2) + \mu^-(\mathbb{T}^2) = 1 \right\}$$



"separate  $\mu^\pm$ "

no sources / sinks  
 no annihilation  
 $\mu^+(\mathbb{T}^2), \mu^-(\mathbb{T}^2)$   
 conserved

- $W^2(\underline{\mu}, \underline{\nu})$  Wasserstein distance

$$// \text{ if } \mu^\pm(\mathbb{T}^2) = \nu^\pm(\mathbb{T}^2)$$

$$W^2(\mu^+, \nu^+) + W^2(\mu^-, \nu^-)$$

- $\text{Ent}(\underline{\mu}) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \mu^+ \log \mu^+ + \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \mu^- \log \mu^-$   
 $\mu^\pm \ll dx$

## Definition

- $W^2(\underline{\mu}, \underline{\nu}) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(\underline{\mu}, \underline{\nu})} \int_{(\mathbb{T}^2 \times \{\pm 1\})^2} d^2(x', y') d\gamma(x', y')$

$$x' = (x, a) \in \mathbb{T}^2 \times \{\pm 1\}$$

$$y' = (y, b) \in \mathbb{T}^2 \times \{\pm 1\}$$

$$d^2(x', y') = \|x - y\|_{\mathbb{T}^2}^2 + |a - b|^2$$

**AIM:** Prove convergence

$$\partial_t \mu_n^\pm = \pm \operatorname{div} \left( \mu_n^\pm \left( \nabla V_{\delta_n} * (\mu_n^\pm - \bar{\mu}_n) \right) \right) \quad (\text{GB})_{\delta_n}$$

measure  
unif.-cont

$\downarrow n \rightarrow \infty \quad ?$

$$\partial_t \rho^\pm = \pm \operatorname{div} \left( \rho^\pm \left( \nabla V * (\rho^\pm - \bar{\rho}) \right) \right) \quad (\text{GB})$$

well defined?

Difficulty :

- discrete-to-continuum
- regularised  $\Rightarrow$  unregularised

Strategy : separate them!!!

Introduce  $\rho_n$  : a.c. solution of  $(\text{GB})_{\delta_n}$

$$\partial_t \rho_n^\pm = \pm \operatorname{div} \left( \rho_n^\pm \left( \nabla V_{\delta_n} * (\rho_n^\pm - \bar{\rho}_n) \right) \right)$$

1) Estimate  $W(\mu_n, \rho_n) \leftarrow$  same equation!  
using GF structure of  $(\text{GB})_{\delta_n}$

2) Estimate  $W(\rho_n, \rho) \leftarrow$  both a.c.  
using entropy estimates

1) Regularised problem (GB)<sub>s</sub>,  $\delta > 0$  fixed

$$\partial_t \rho^\pm = \pm \operatorname{div} (\rho^\pm (\nabla V_s * (\rho^+ - \rho^-)))$$

$\exists!$  Gronwall:  $\forall \mu_0 \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $\exists!$

$\rho_s \in C([0, T]; \mathcal{P})$  of (GB)<sub>s</sub> with i.c.  $\mu_0$ .

If  $\mu_0, \nu_0$  i.c. &  $\mu_s, \nu_s$  are solutions, then

$$W(\mu_s(t), \nu_s(t)) \leq e^{3\lambda_s t} W(\mu_0, \nu_0)$$

$$\lambda_s = \|\nabla^2 V_s\|_\infty \sim \frac{1}{\delta^2}$$

Idea: Use GF structure!

$$\frac{d}{dt} W(\mu_s(t), \nu_s(t)) \leq \square$$

Gronwall (derivative of  $W$  along solutions)

$\exists!$  by spatial discretisation.

## 2) $(GB)_s \rightarrow (GB)$ for a.c. evolutions

Main ingredient: entropy estimates:

$$\exists f_{0,s} \in (L \log L(\mathbb{T}^2))^2 \cap \mathcal{F}$$

$\Rightarrow$  unique solution  $f_s \in C([0, T]; \mathcal{P})$  of  $(GB)_s$

$$\text{Ent}(f_s(t)) + \int_0^t \|\nabla V_{s*} (f_s^+ - f_s^-)(\tau)\|_{L^1}^2 \leq \text{Ent}(f_{0,s})$$

Orlicz space  $\sim$  space where entropy finite

Idea of proof (formal!)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Ent}(f_s^+) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} f_s^+ \log f_s^+$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \partial_t f_s^+ \log f_s^+ + \cancel{f_s^+} \frac{\partial_t f_s^+}{\cancel{f_s^+}}$$

$$= \int (\log f_s^+ + 1) \partial_t f_s^+ = \text{div}(f_s^+ (\nabla V_{s*} (f_s^+ - f_s^-)))$$

$$= - \int \underbrace{\nabla(\log f_s^+ + 1)}_{\frac{\nabla f_s^+}{f_s^+}} \cdot \cancel{f_s^+} (\nabla V_{s*} (f_s^+ - f_s^-))$$



$$= \int \rho_s^+ \Delta V_s * (\rho_s^+ - \rho_s^-)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \text{Ent}(\rho_s) = \int (\rho_s^+ - \rho_s^-) \Delta V_s * (\rho_s^+ - \rho_s^-)$$

$$\leq -c \|\nabla V_s * (\rho_s^+ - \rho_s^-)\|_{H^1}^2$$

In "Fourier" terms

$$\int_{\pi^2} f \Delta V_s * f = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \overbrace{\Delta V_s * f_k} \overline{f_k}$$

use  
assumpt's  
on  $V_s$

$$\leq -c \|\nabla V_s * f\|_{H^1}^2$$

$$\text{Ent}(f_s(t)) + \int_0^t \|\nabla V_{s*} (f_s^+ - f_s^-)(\tau)\|_{H^1}^2 \leq \text{Ent}(f_{0,s})$$

What can we deduce?

- $f_s$  bdd  $L^\infty((L \log L)^2)$

$$\underline{f_s} \xrightarrow{*} f \in L^\infty((L \log L)^2)$$

- $\nabla V_{s*} (f_s^+ - f_s^-)$  bdd  $L^2(H^1)$

$$\nabla V_{s*} (f_s^+ - f_s^-) \xrightarrow{w} \nabla V_* (f^+ - f^-)$$

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not enough to pass to limit

$(GB)_s \rightarrow (GB)$  in nonlinear term!

→ improve it !! →  $\partial_t ( \quad )$

Aubin-Lions-Simon → strong  $L^2(\text{EXP})$

pre-dual of  $L \log L$   
✓

⇒  $f$  solves  $(GB)$ !

# Put the steps together!

• Given  $f_0 \in (L \log L)^2$ , approximate in  $\mathbb{W}$   
with  $\underline{\mu}_{0,n}$  and  $\underline{f}_{0,n}$   
empirical bdd entropy

\*  $\underline{\mu}_n, \underline{f}_n$  unique solutions of  $(GB)_{\underline{f}_n}$  with i.c.  
 $\underline{\mu}_{0,n}, \underline{f}_{0,n}$

$$\mathbb{W}(\underline{\mu}_n(t), \underline{f}_n(t)) \leq c e^{\frac{3\lambda n t}{2}} \mathbb{W}(\underline{\mu}_{0,n}, \underline{f}_{0,n})$$

$\lambda_n = \|D^2 V_{\underline{f}_n}\|_\infty$

\*  $\mathbb{W}(\underline{f}_n(t), f(t)) \rightarrow 0$  (entropy estimates)

\* limit of  $\underline{f}_n, f$  solves  $(GB)$

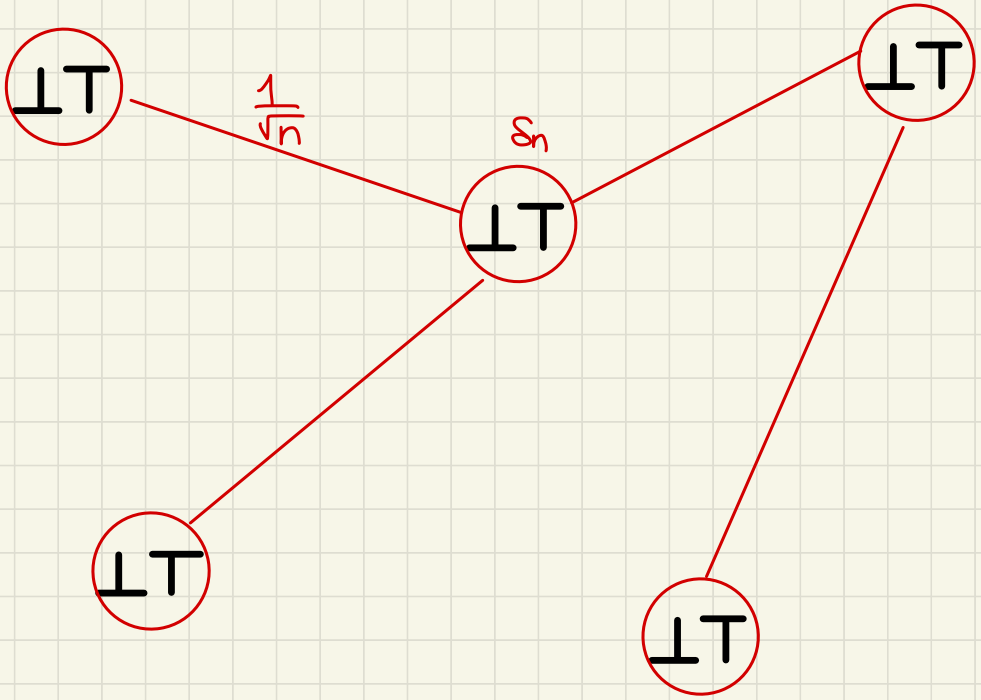
$$\Rightarrow \underline{\mu}_n \rightarrow f, f \text{ solves } (GB) \checkmark$$

⊗ Slowness condition on  $\underline{f}_n!$

$$\text{So that } \mathbb{W}(\underline{\mu}_n(t), \underline{f}_n(t)) \rightarrow 0$$

Counterexample:  $\nexists \delta_n \rightarrow 0$  too fast

$\Rightarrow$  no convergence  
(due to dipoles!)



•  $\delta_n \ll \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$