

# Existence of Thermodynamic Limit for Interacting Quantum Particles in Random Media

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## Example

Let  $E_\omega(\Lambda, n)$  be the ground state energy of  $H_\omega(\Lambda, n)$ . Question:

$$E_\omega(\Lambda, n) \xrightarrow{\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, n/|\Lambda| \rightarrow \rho} ?$$

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Then the energy admits thermodynamic limit:

$$\frac{E_\omega(\Lambda, n, S)}{n} \xrightarrow{L_\omega^2} \varepsilon(\rho, \sigma), \quad \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \frac{n}{|\Lambda|} \rightarrow \rho, \quad \frac{S}{n} \rightarrow \sigma \geq 0.$$

The energy density  $\varepsilon(\rho, \sigma)$  is a deterministic function.

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- Entropy as a function of energy admits thermodynamic limit:

$$\frac{S_\omega(E, \Lambda, n)}{n} \rightarrow \sigma(\rho, \varepsilon), \quad \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \frac{n}{|\Lambda|} \rightarrow \rho, \quad \frac{E}{n} \rightarrow \varepsilon \in \text{Ran } \varepsilon(\rho, \cdot),$$

where  $\sigma(\rho, \cdot)$  is an inverse of  $\varepsilon(\rho, \cdot)$ .

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- Description of  $\Psi_\omega(\Lambda, n)$  is obtained for small  $\rho$ . In particular:
  - 1 Loose functional subspace is found
  - 2 Slater determinant type structure
  - 3 Autocorrelation function and decorrelation length are estimated

Thank you for your attention!