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RMT = Random Matrix Theory

# Outline

- Examples of random matrices
- History and milestones
- Applications:
  - Planar combinatorics
  - Statistical + quantum fluctuations
  - Multivariate analysis
  - Maths: FRV, EVS, number theory;
- Examples
- Summary

# Examples of random matrices

- Wigner matrices

$$A = (a_{ij})_{i=1\dots N, j=1\dots N}$$

- $a_{ij}$  are i.i.d. real/complex random variables
- Symmetric/Hermitian  $H = A + A^\dagger$

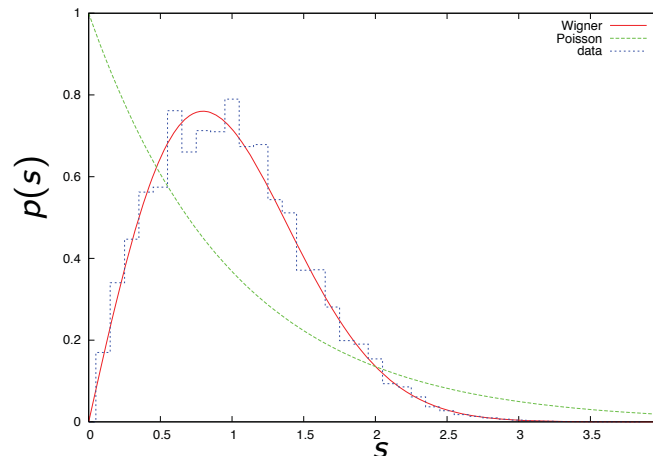
- Invariant ensembles:  $H \rightarrow UHU^{-1}$

$$Z = \int DH \exp -N \text{tr} V(H)$$

- Many other types: eg. random Toeplitz matrices, Haar truncated matrices, . . . , problem-oriented, home-made random matrices;
- Random matrix is a counterpart of random variable !
- Typically one is interested in the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$

# Foundations of Random Matrix Theory

- **Wigner**: Hamiltonian for a large nucleus
- Hamiltonian as a large random matrix
- New type of physics: quantum + statistical fluctuations
- Level separation:  $s = \frac{\Delta E}{\langle \Delta E \rangle}$
- Wigner surmise  $p(s) = \frac{\pi s}{2} e^{-\pi s^2/4}$



# Coulomb/Dyson gas

- **Dyson**:  $P(H)DH = e^{-N\text{tr}V(H)}DH$ , e.g.  $V(H) = H^2/2$
- Invariance:  $H \rightarrow UHU^{-1}$
- $P(H)DH \rightarrow p(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)D\lambda$
- Analogous to  $e^{-(x^2+y^2)}dx dy = re^{-r^2}dr d\phi$
- Eigenvalue distribution

$$p(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)D\lambda \sim \prod_{i < j} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|^2 e^{-N \sum_k V(\lambda_k)} D\lambda = e^{-NE(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)} D\lambda$$

$$E(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) = \sum_k V(\lambda_k) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i,j, i \neq j} \ln |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|$$

- **Mehta**  $p(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) = \det_{ij} K(\lambda_i, \lambda_j)$
- **Brezin, Itzykson, Parisi, Zuber** perturbation + 't Hooft  $1/N$  expansion

# Applications of RMT

- 2d quantum gravity and strings
- counting: triangulations, pseudoknots, meanders, RNA, ...
- many-body quantum systems
- quantum chaos, quantum transport, entanglement
- QCD - Dirac operator
- complex (glassy) systems
- multivariate analysis
- financial risk management
- information theory
- wireless telecommunication
- free probability, number theory, evs, combinatorics ...

# Applications of RMT (1)

- 2d quantum gravity and strings
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# Random matrices and planar combinatorics

- Planar diagrams

$$F(N, g) = -\log \int DHe^{-N\text{tr}V(H)}, \quad \text{where } V(H) = \frac{1}{2}H^2 + \frac{g}{4}H^4$$

- Feynman rules

$$\langle H_{ik} H_{jl}^* \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \quad \begin{array}{c} i \quad j \\ \longleftarrow \quad \longrightarrow \\ k \quad l \end{array}$$



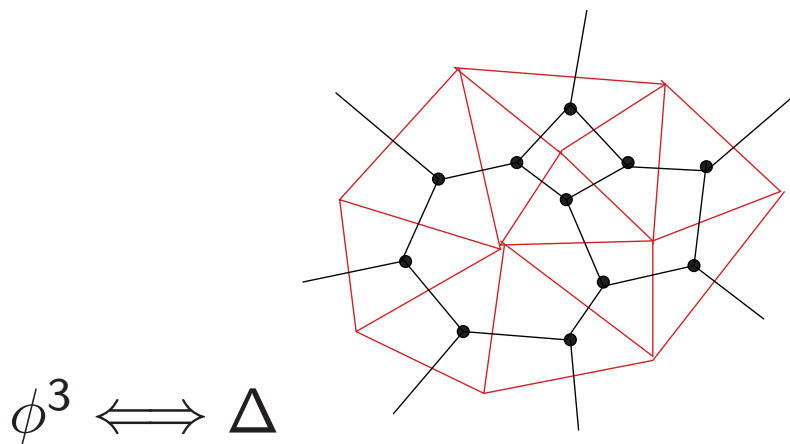
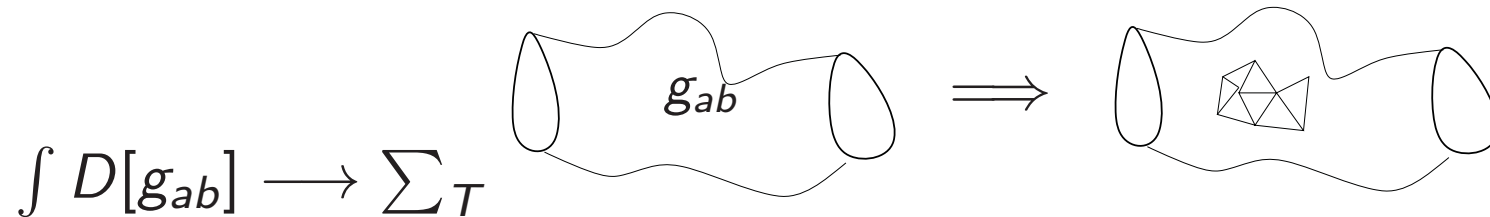
- 't Hooft's expansion  $N^{-L} N^V N^P = N^{V+P-L} = N^{2(1-h)}$



- Perturbative expansion  $g^V$

# 2d quantum gravity and strings

$$Z = \int D[g_{ab}] e^{-S[g_{ab}]}$$



# Counting

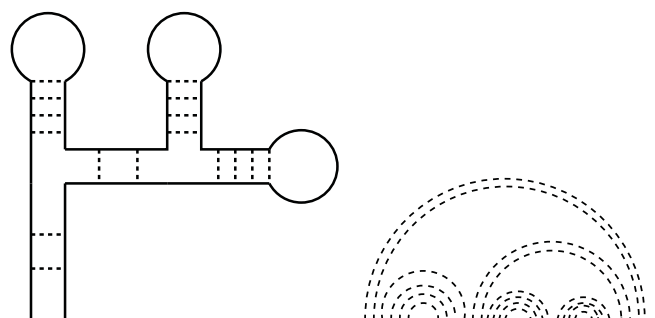
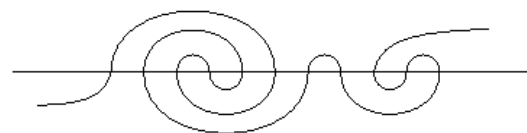
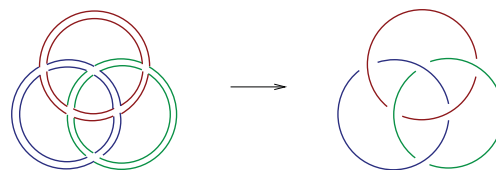
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BIPZ, Tutte

tangles,  
P. Zinn-Justin, Zuber

meanders,  
Di Francesco, Golinelli, Guitter

loops, colorings,  
Saclay group

RNA folding  
Orland, Zee



# Applications of RMT (2)

- many-body quantum systems
- quantum chaos, quantum transport, entanglement
- QCD - Dirac operator
- complex (glassy) systems

# Quantities of interest

1 Joint eigenvalue distribution:  $\rho(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)$

2 Eigenvalue density:

$$\rho(\lambda) = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \delta(\lambda - \lambda_i) \right\rangle$$

3 Two-point correlation function:

$$\rho_2(\lambda, \lambda') = \left\langle \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{ij} \delta(\lambda - \lambda_i) \delta(\lambda' - \lambda_j) \right\rangle$$

4 Microscopic correlation function:  $d\xi = \rho(\lambda)d\lambda$ ,

$$K(r) = \rho_2(\xi, \xi'), \quad r = \xi' - \xi$$

5 Level spacing distribution:  $P(s)$ ,  $s = \Delta\lambda / \langle \Delta\lambda \rangle$ :

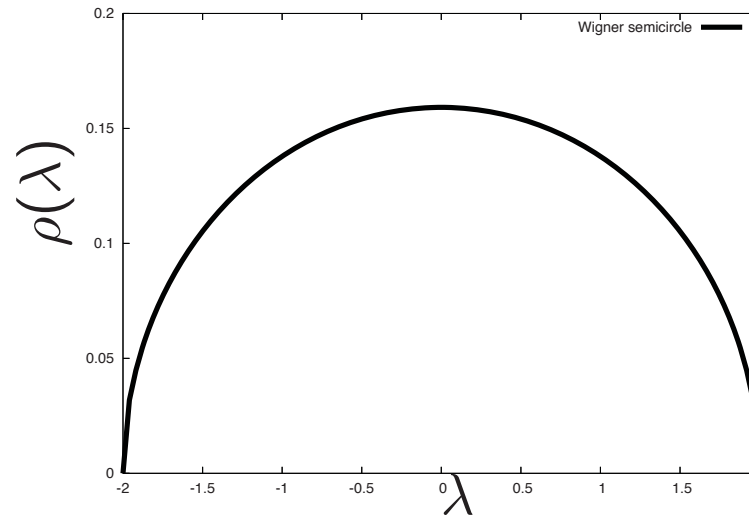
$$\dots \leq \lambda_{a-1} < \lambda_a < \lambda_{a+1} \leq \dots$$

# Gaussian unitary ensemble (GUE)

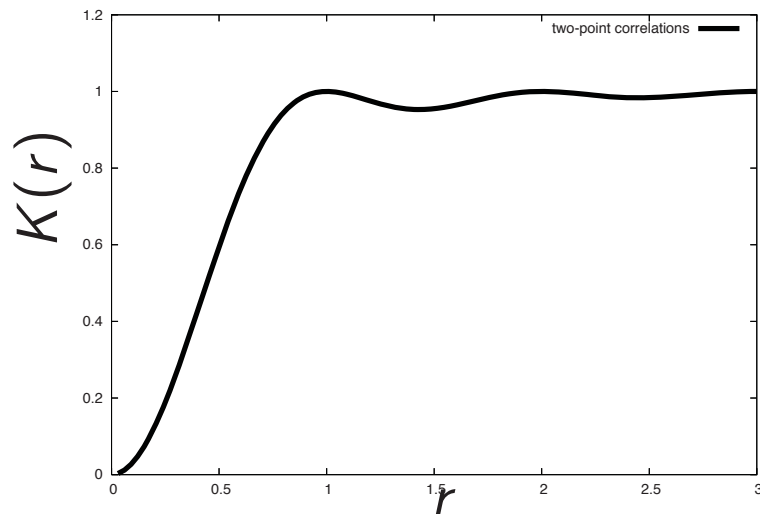
Wigner Law:

$$\rho(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{4 - \lambda^2}$$

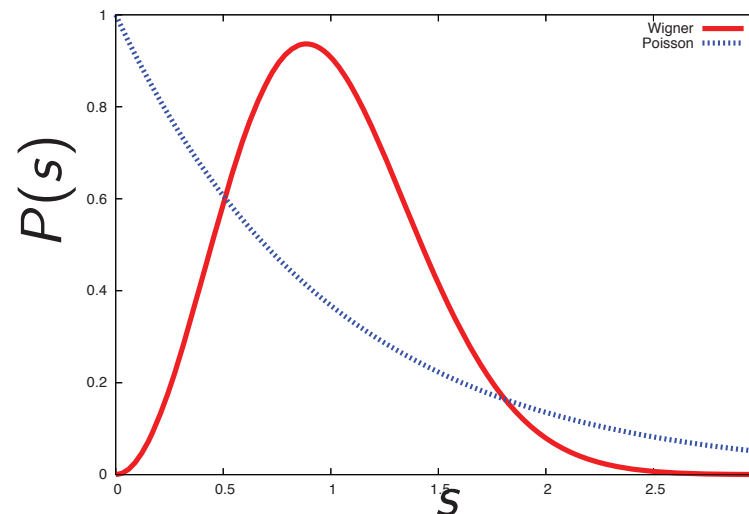
Universality !



$$K(r) = 1 - \left( \frac{\sin \pi r}{\pi r} \right)^2$$



$$P(s) = \frac{32}{\pi^2} s^2 \exp\left(-\frac{4}{\pi} s^2\right)$$

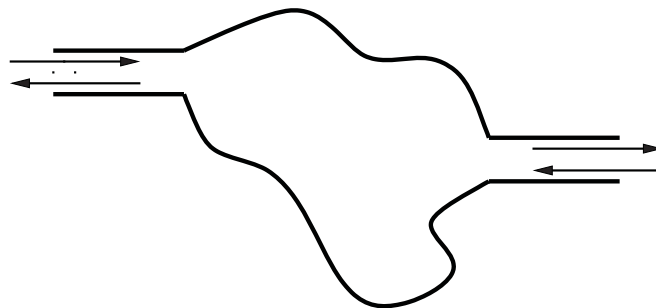


# Quantum transport

- Beenakker quantum dots, wires, ...
- Scattering matrix

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} R & T' \\ T & R' \end{pmatrix}, \quad SS^\dagger = 1$$

- Conductance  $G = \frac{2e^2}{\hbar} \text{tr} TT^\dagger = \frac{2e^2}{\hbar} \sum_i \lambda_i$



# Dirac operator in QCD

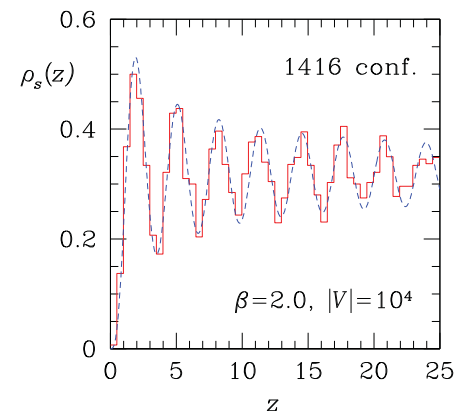
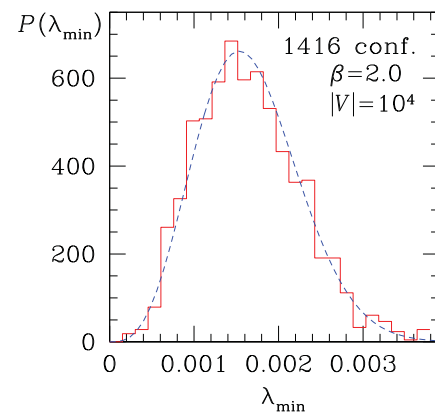
- Shuryak, Verbaarschot, Zahed
- Full QCD

$$Z = \int DA \det^{N_f} (D + m) e^{-S_{YM}(A)}$$

$$D = \gamma_\mu \partial_\mu + ig \gamma_\mu A_\mu$$

- RMT approximation ( $m = 0$ )

$$iD \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & H \\ H^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_{YM} \longrightarrow N \text{tr} H H^\dagger$$

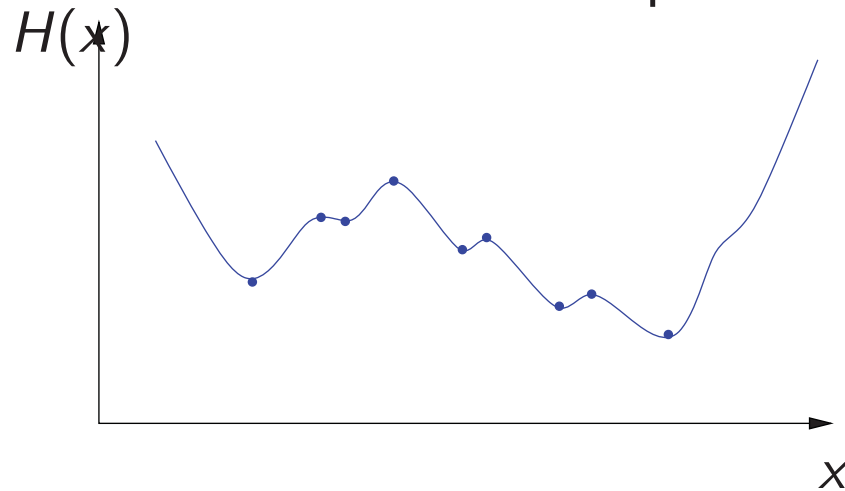




# Complex (glassy) systems

- Fyodorov

- Hamiltonian in random potential:  $\langle H(\vec{x})H(\vec{y}) \rangle \sim f(|\vec{y} - \vec{x}|)$



- Number of stationary points:  $\partial_k H = 0$ .
- Kac-Rice formula for density of stationary points/minima:

$$\rho(x) = \left\langle \left| \det \partial_{ij}^2 H \right| \prod_{k=1}^N \delta(\partial_k H) \right\rangle$$

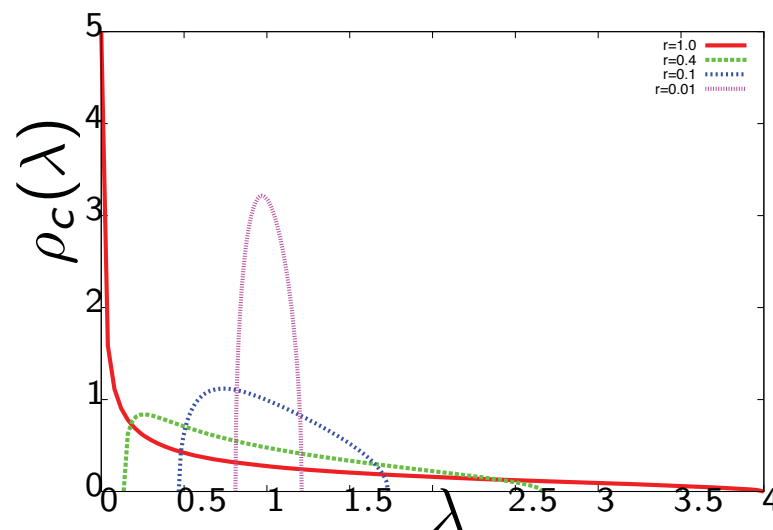
- Counting mapped onto calculations for Gaussian random matrices

# Applications of RMT (3)

- multivariate analysis
- financial risk management
- information theory
- wireless telecommunication

# Wishart matrices/population covariance

- Statistical system of  $N$ -degrees of freedom:  $X_i, i = 1, \dots, N$
- Covariance matrix:  $C_{ij} = \langle X_i X_j \rangle$  ,  $\langle X_i \rangle = 0$  .
- Empirical (population) covariance matrix (Bai, Silverstein):
  - $T$  measurements of  $X_i$ :  $x_{it}, t = 1, \dots, T$
  - $c_{ij} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T x_{it} x_{jt}$  , aspect ratio  $r = N/T$
- Example  $X_i$  i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$ :
  - $\rho_c(\lambda) = \delta(\lambda - 1)$
  - $\rho_c(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi r \lambda} \sqrt{(\lambda_+ - \lambda)(\lambda - \lambda_-)}$  ,  $\lambda_{\pm} = (1 \pm \sqrt{r})^2$

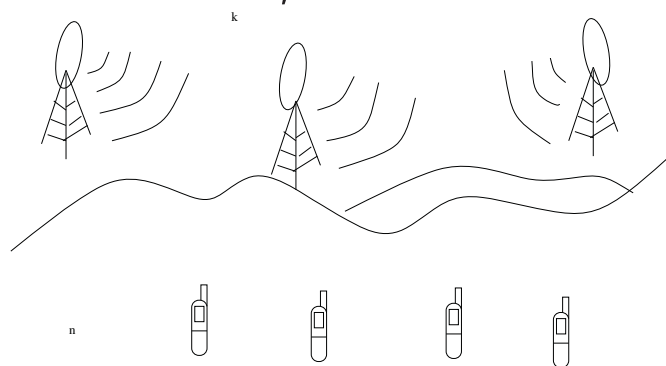


# Portfolio selection (Markowitz)

- Revenue:  $\langle X \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N p_i \langle X_i \rangle$
- Risk:  $\sigma^2(X) = \sum_{ij} p_i C_{ij} p_j = \sum_i \lambda_i v_i^2$
- Minimize risk for given expected revenue
- How to compute:  $C_{ij}$ ?
- Historical data:  $c_{ij}$
- $\rho_c(\lambda) \longrightarrow \rho_C(\lambda)$  (Burda, Jarosz, Jurkiewicz, Görlich)

# Information theory and wireless telecommunication

- Shannon:  $C = W \log_2(1 + SNR)$
- SNR = signal to noise ratio
- Telatar:  $C = \min(N, K)W \log_2(1 + SNR)$
- $K$ -senders,  $N$ -receivers



MIMO = multiple input multiple output

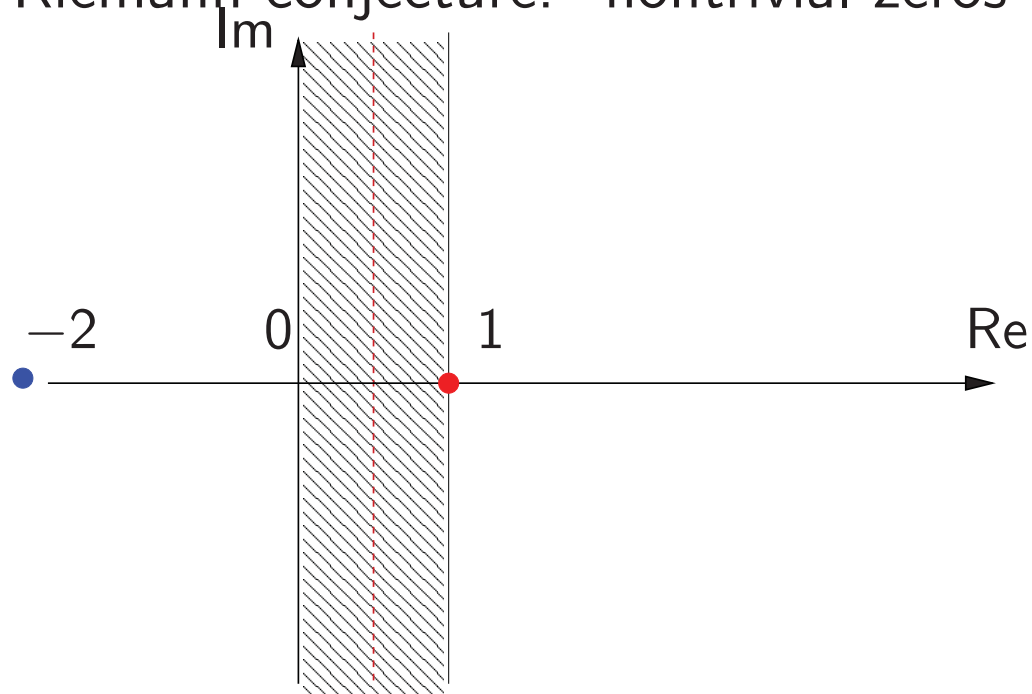
- $\vec{y} = H\vec{x} + \vec{n}$ ,  $SNR = |x|/|n|$
- $C = \frac{1}{N} \langle \log \text{tr} (1 + SNR \cdot HH^\dagger) \rangle$  (Tulino, Verdú)

# Applications of RMT (4)

- Free probability
- Number theory
- Extreme value statistics for repeling objects (Tracy-Widom) and related problems, combinatorics, (Johansson, Majumdar)

# Zeros of Riemann Zeta function

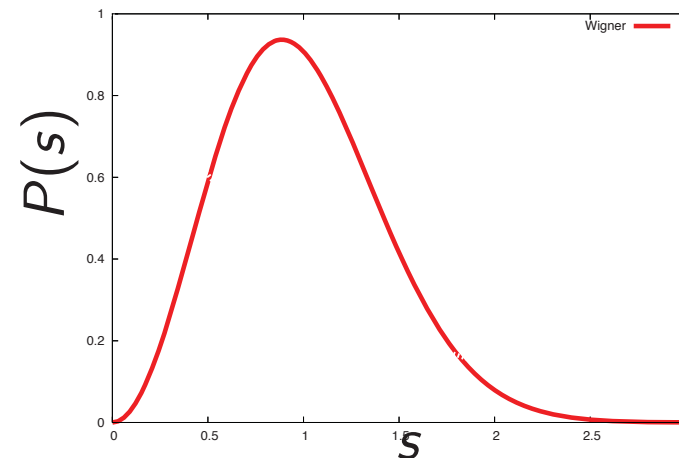
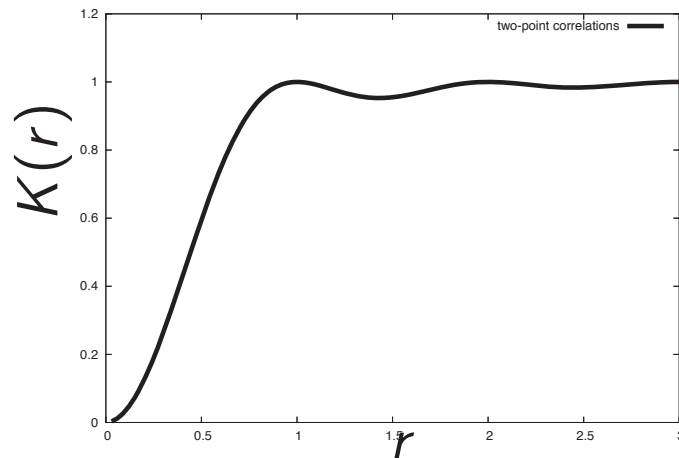
- Zeta function  $\zeta(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^z}$
- Riemann conjecture: nontrivial zeros  $z_n = 1/2 + i\gamma_n$



- Polya-Hilbert conjecture
- Montgomery-Dyson conjecture

# Odlyzko-Montgomery law

- Number of zeros:  $N(0 < \gamma_n < T) \sim T \ln T$
- Spacing:  $s = \gamma_{n+1} \ln \gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n \ln \gamma_n$
- Odlyzko paper: *The  $10^{20}$ -th zero of the Riemann zeta function and 175 million of its neighbors*





# Summary

- RMT - omnipresent in theoretical physics!
- Interphase of many branches of physics and mathematics!
- Sui generis branch of mathematics!
- Practical applications!
- Not discussed here: non-hermitean RMT
  - Dissipative systems
  - Time-lagged correlations  $c_{ij} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_t x_{it} x_{jt-1}$
  - Chemical potential in QCD
  - Products of random matrices
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