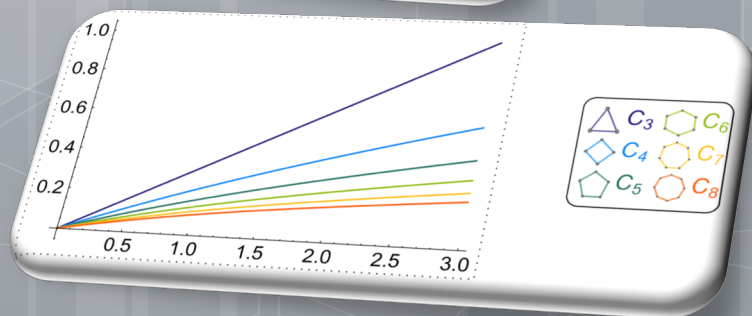
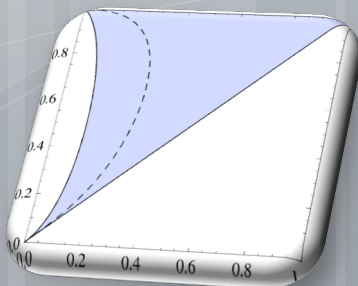


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# Large deviations in random graphs



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# Subgraphs in the Erdős–Rényi RG

►  $\mathcal{G}(n, p)$ : indicators of  $N = \binom{n}{2}$  edges: i.i.d. Bernoulli( $p$ ).

► Let

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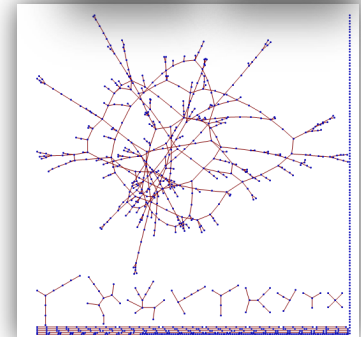
►  $X_n = \#$  copies of a fixed graph  $H$  in  $G_n$

[Ruciński '88]: 
$$\frac{X_n - \mathbb{E}X_n}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X_n)}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

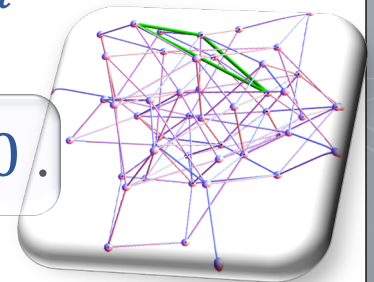
► Prototypical example:  $X_n = \#$  triangles in  $G_n$ .

► Large deviations:

estimate  $\mathbb{P}(X_n \geq (1 + \delta)\mathbb{E}X_n)$  for fixed  $\delta > 0$ .



$n = 1000$   
 $p = 1.5/n$



# Large deviations

- ▶ Underlying space: **i.i.d.**  $Y_1, \dots, Y_N$  (e.g., edge indicators).
- ▶ **Cramér's Theorem**: address probability of rare events under mild assumption (on  $\Lambda(\lambda) = \log \mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda Y_1}]$ ):

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_i Y_i \geq (1 + \delta) \mathbb{E} Y_1\right) = -I(\delta)$$

with the **rate function**  $I(r) := \sup_{\lambda} \{\lambda r - \Lambda(\lambda)\}$ .

- E.g.: if  $Y_1 \sim \text{Ber}(p)$  (the sum  $\sim \text{Bin}(N, p)$ ):

$$I(r) = r \log \frac{r}{p} + (1 - r) \log \frac{1-r}{1-p}$$

- Hoeffding's inequality: for all  $a > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(\sum_i Y_i \geq aN) \leq \inf_{\lambda} \{e^{-(\lambda a - \Lambda(\lambda))N}\} = e^{-I(a)N}$$

(optimizing the best  $\lambda$  in Hoeffding gives limit of the log-prob).

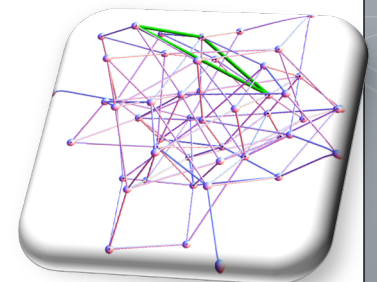
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- ▶ *What about dependent random variables?*
  - One of simplest systems of **dependent** r.v.'s:  
 $X_{ijk} = Y_i Y_j Y_k$  for  $1 \leq i < j < k \leq n$ .
  - Q1 ("how often"): find the rate function
  - Q2 ("why"): typical behavior cond on LD





# Upper tails in random graphs

$X = \# \text{triangles in } \mathcal{G}(n, p)$

- ▶ Upper tail **rate function**:  $R(n, p, \delta)$  such that

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq (1 + \delta) \mathbb{E}X) = \exp[-R(n, p, \delta)]$$

- **The infamous upper tail**

S Janson, A Ruciński - *Random Structures & Algorithms*, 2002 - Wiley Online Library

[Janson, Oleszkiewicz, Rucinski '04], [Bollobás '81, '85],  
[Janson Luczak, Rucinski '00], [Janson, Rucinski '02, '04a, '04b],  
[Vu '01], [Kim, Vu '04], [Chatterjee-Dey '10], ... ,  
*via* Hoeffding-Azuma ineq./ Talagrand ineq./ Stein's method/ ...

$$n^2 p^2 \lesssim R(n, p, \delta) \lesssim n^2 p^2 \log(1/p)$$

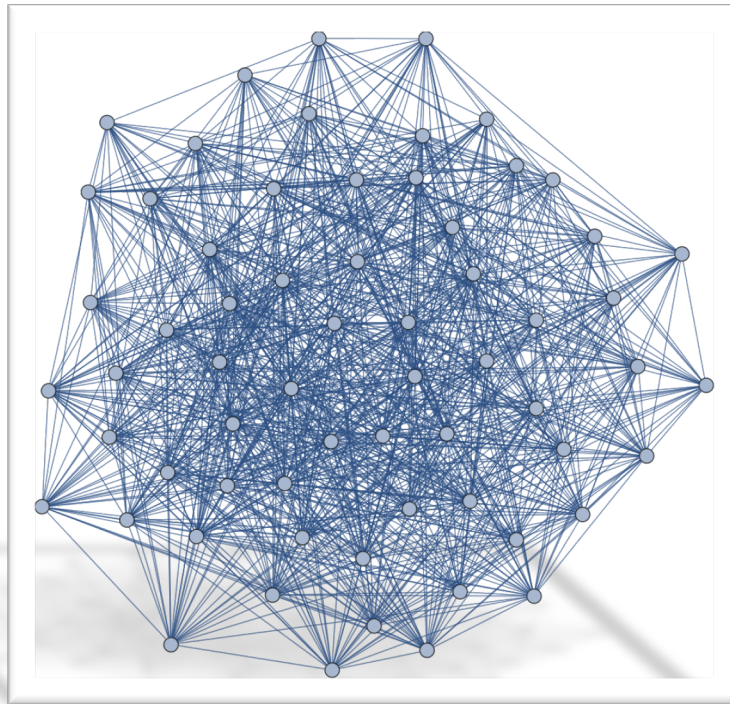
- **Order** of  $R(n, p, \delta)$  finally resolved in [Chatterjee '12] and [DeMarco, Kahn '12], independently showing

$$R(n, p, \delta) \asymp n^2 p^2 \log(1/p)$$

- leading order asymptotics?

# Large deviations in $\mathcal{G}(n, p)$ : the **dense** regime

$0 < p < 1$   
**fixed**



# Large deviations in random graphs

## ► QUESTION [Chatterjee and Varadhan (2011)]:

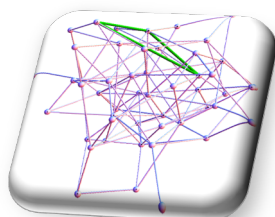
- Fix  $0 < p < r < 1$ .
- Take  $G \sim \mathcal{G}(n, p)$  conditioned on having at least as many triangles as a typical  $\mathcal{G}(n, r)$ .
- Is  $G \approx \mathcal{G}(n, r)$ , namely, are they close in cut-distance?

## ► Possibilities: extra triangles due to

*replica symmetry*

1. (*yes*) overwhelming # edges, uniformly distributed.
2. (*no*) fewer edges, arranged in a special structure.

*symmetry breaking*



cut distance between  $G_n$  and  $\mathcal{G}(n, r)$ :

$$\delta_{\square}(G_n, r) = \max_{A, B \subseteq V} \frac{1}{n^2} |e(A, B) - r|A||B||$$

# Upper tails of triangles in $\mathcal{G}(n, p)$

- ▶ Q: Let  $G \sim \mathcal{G}(n, p)$  conditioned on  $\geq \binom{n}{3} r^3$  triangles for  $0 < p < r < 1$ . Is  $G \approx \mathcal{G}(n, r)$ , namely, is  $\delta_{\square}(G, r)$  small?
- ▶ A: depends on  $(p, r)$ ...

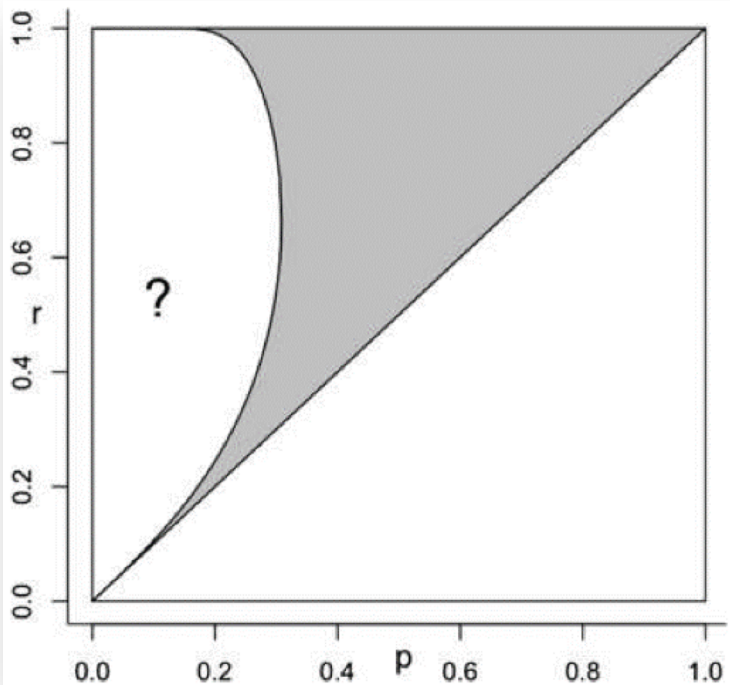


figure from [Chatterjee-Dey '10]

[Chatterjee-Dey '10]: Stein's method

[Chatterjee-Varadhan '11]: LDP via Szemerédi's regularity & graph limits.

- ▶  $p \geq \frac{2}{2+e^{3/2}} \approx 0.31$ : always symmetric.
- ▶  $\geq 2$  phase transitions for small  $p$ .
- ▶ e.g.,  $p = 1/4$  and  $r = 1/2$  ?

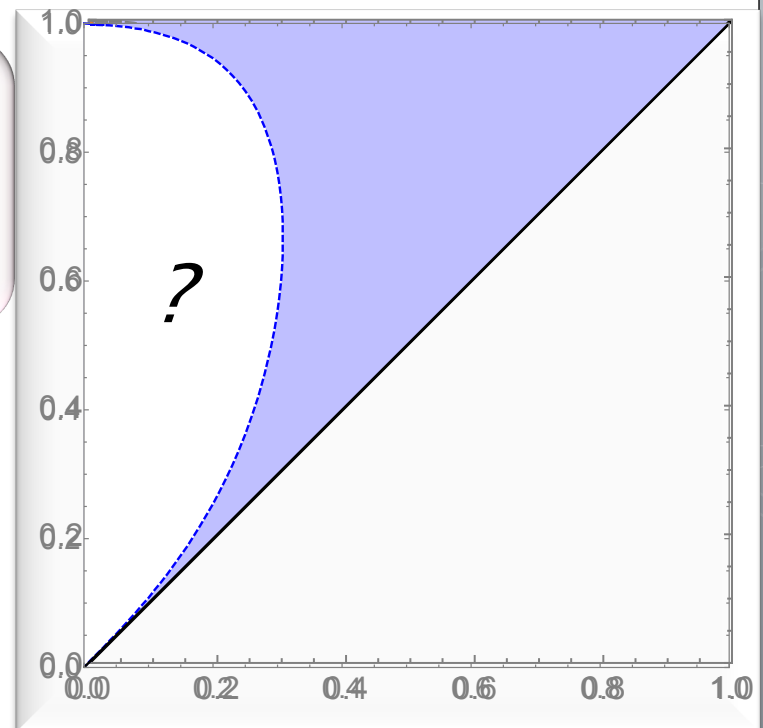
# Phase diagram for triangles

- ▶ [Chatterjee-Dey '10, Chatterjee-Varadhan '11]:
  - Replica sym. if  $(r^3, I_{p(r)}) \in \text{convex-minorant of } x \mapsto I_p(x^{1/3})$ .
  - Full phase diagram? One or more phase transitions?
- ▶ THEOREM: ([L., Zhao '15])

*Symmetry replica for upper tails of triangles occurs iff*

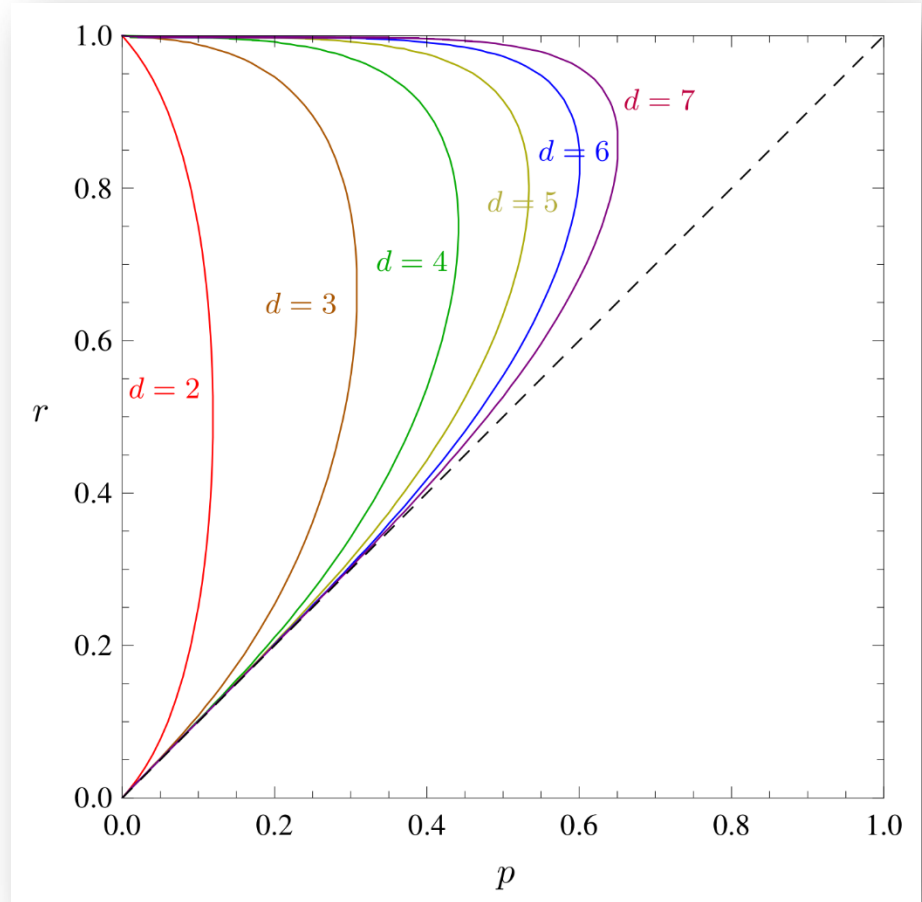
$$p < [1 + (r^{-1} - 1)^{1/(1-2r)}]^{-1}$$

- Coincides with the convex minorant of  $x \mapsto I_p(\sqrt{x})$



# Phase diagram for regular graphs

- ▶ More generally:
  - Fix  $0 < p < r < 1$  and a  $d$ -regular graph  $H$ .
  - Minimizer is  $f \equiv r \iff (r^d, I_p(r))$  lies on the convex-minorant of  $x \mapsto I_p(x^{1/d})$ .



# Variational problem (triangles)

- ▶ For each pair of vertices  $(i, j)$ :  
adjust its probability to  $\omega_{ij} \geq p$  at a cost of  $I_p(\omega_{ij})$ .
- ▶ Optimization problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Minimize} & \sum_{i,j} I_p(\omega_{ij}) \\ \text{subject to} & \sum_{i,j,k} \omega_{ij} \omega_{jk} \omega_{ik} \geq r^3 \end{array}$$

OPT = rate function  $R(n, p, r) \sim -\log \mathbb{P}(X \geq \binom{n}{3} r^3)$

- [Chatterjee-Varadhan '11]: dense RG (fixed  $p$ ).
- [Chatterjee-Dembo '16]: sparse RG ( $p \geq n^{-(1-o(1))/42}$ ).
  - [Eldan '18+]: extended region ( $p \geq n^{-(1-o(1))/18}$ ).
  - (very) slowly decaying  $p$ : weak regularity.



# Example: slowly decaying $p$

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- ▶ PROPOSITION:

Let  $0 < \eta < \delta < 1$  and  $0 < p < 1$ . Then

$$\mathbb{P}(t(K_3, \mathcal{G}(n, p)) \geq (1 + \delta)p^3) \leq M^n \epsilon^{-M^2} e^{-\phi(n, p, \delta - \eta)}$$

where  $\epsilon = \eta p^3 / 6$  and  $M = 4^{1/\epsilon^2}$ .

- useful for  $p \gg (\log n)^{1/6}$ .

# Variational problem (triangles)

► *Graphons*: symmetric measurable  $W: [0,1]^2 \rightarrow [0,1]$ .

► Optimization problem 
$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Min} & \sum_{i,j} I_p(\omega_{ij}) \\ \text{subj to} & \sum_{i,j,k} \omega_{ij}\omega_{jk}\omega_{ik} \geq r^3 \end{array}$$

reformulated [CV'11] as

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Min} & \int_{[0,1]^2} I_p(W(x,y)) dx dy \\ \text{subj to} & \int_{[0,1]^3} W(x,y)W(y,z)W(x,z) dx dy dz \geq r^3 \end{array}$$

- minimum achieved by compactness (Lovász-Szegedy).
- [CV'11]: solution gives the rate function; moreover, w.h.p.  $(\mathcal{G}(n,p) \mid t(H,\cdot) \geq r)$  close (in  $\delta_\square$ ) to minimizer.
- in general, intractable...

# Variational problem (general $H$ )

- ▶ The LDP is reduced to a variational problem on graphons  $f: [0,1]^2 \rightarrow [0,1]$  (symmetric measurable):

➤ Set:

- $I_p(f) = \int_{[0,1]^2} I_p(f(x,y)) dx dy.$

- Subgraph count ( $H$  with  $V(H) = [m]$ ) in  $f$ :

$$t(H, f) = \int_{[0,1]^m} \prod_{ij \in E(H)} f(x_i, x_j) dx_1 \cdots dx_m$$

- Variational problem for upper tails:

$$\phi(p, r) = \inf \{ I_p(f) : t(H, f) \geq r \}.$$

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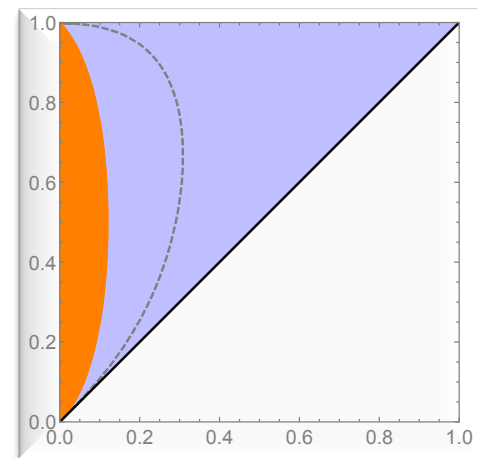
► THEOREM: ([L., Zhao '15])

Let  $0 < p < r < 1$ . The constant graphon  $W \equiv p$  minimizes  $\int_{[0,1]^2} I_p(W(x,y)) dx dy$  subject to

$$\int_{[0,1]^3} W(x,y)W(y,z)W(x,z) dx dy dz \geq r^3$$

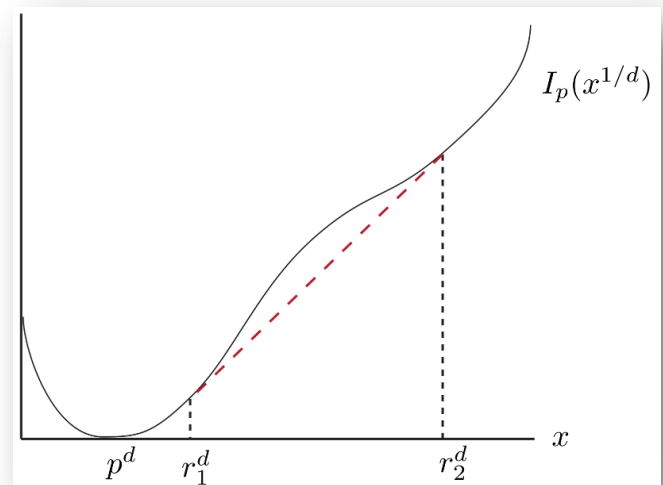
iff  $(r^2, I_p(r))$  lies on the convex minorant of  $x \mapsto I_p(\sqrt{x})$

- Symmetry breaking phase: perturbative analysis...
- Where does the convex-minorant enter?



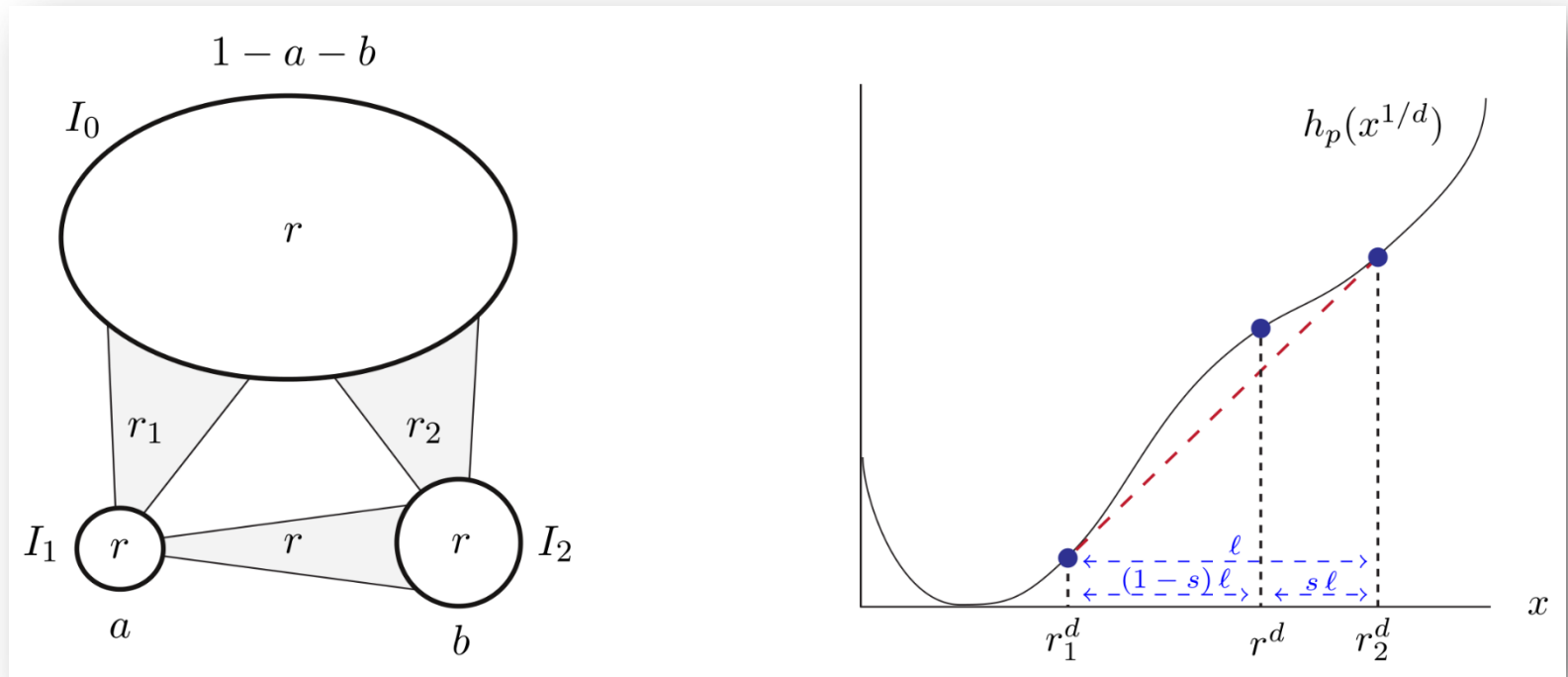
# Key to sym. replica phase

- ▶ Where does the convex-minorant enter?
  - Let  $\psi(x) = I_p(x^{1/k})$  and  $\hat{\psi}$  be its convex-minorant.
  - Then by Jensen:
$$I_p(f) = \int \psi(f^k) dx dy \geq \int \hat{\psi}(f^k) dx dy \geq \hat{\psi}(\int f^k).$$
  - So, if  $\int f^k \geq r^k$  and  $\psi(r^k) = \hat{\psi}(r^k)$  then
$$I_p(f) \geq \psi(r^k) = I_p(r)$$
- ▶ For example, if  $t(K_3, f) \geq r^3$ :
  - [CD'10],[CV'11]:  $\int f^3 \geq r^3$  by Hölder.
  - One can exploit subgraph structure: generalized Hölder [Finner '92] gives  $\int f^2 \geq r^2$  : **correct phase**.



# Matching the sym. breaking phase

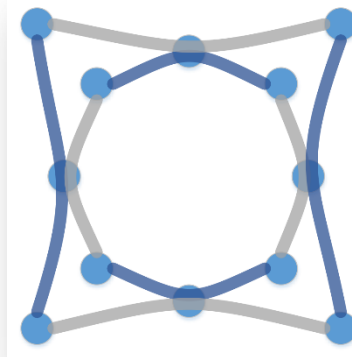
## ► Tri-partite construction:



- Choice of  $a = s\varepsilon^2$  and  $b = (1 - s)\varepsilon^2 + \varepsilon^3$  for small enough  $\varepsilon$  beats the constant function  $f \equiv r$ .

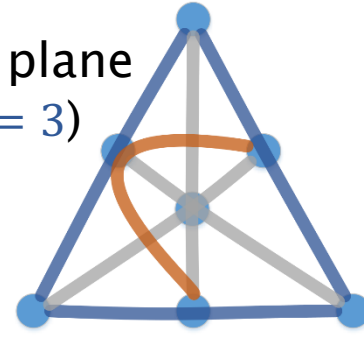
# Analogs of phase-diagram result

- ▶  $d$ -regular linear hypergraphs:



cycle  
( $d = 2$ )

Fano plane  
( $d = 3$ )



- ▶ Leading eigenvalue:

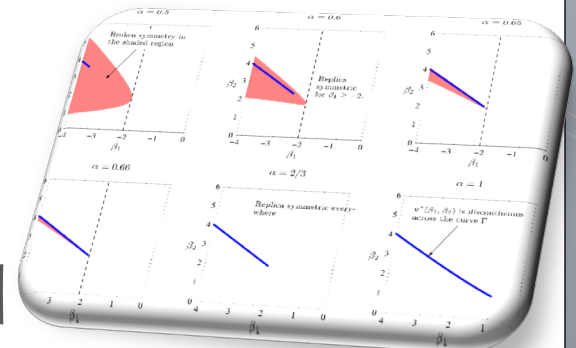
$G \sim \mathcal{G}(n, p)$  conditioned on  $\lambda_1(G) \geq nr$ .

- ▶ phase diagram coincides with  $d = 2$ .

- ▶ Exponential random graphs

$$\mathbb{P}(G) \propto e^{\binom{n}{2}(\beta_1 t(K_2, G) + \beta_2 t(K_3, G))}$$

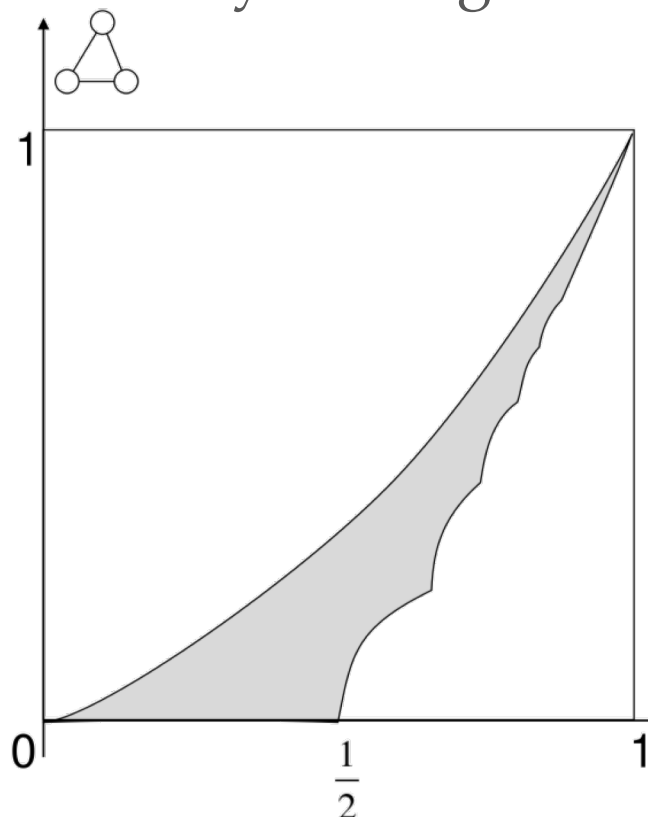
(building on [Chatterjee-Diaconis'13])





# Parallel: the edge-triangle model

- ▶ For fixed edge and triangle densities  $(p, r) \in (0, 1)^2$ : what is the minimum entropy of such a graph?
- already finding the feasible region is nontrivial:



upper curve:  $r = p^{3/2}$   
(special case of Kruskal-Katona)

lower curve: much harder;  
[Razborov '08]: flag algebras.

figure from L. Lovász's book  
"Large networks and graph limits"

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$$\psi(p, r) = \inf\{ I_{1/2}(f) : t(H, f) = r, t(K_2, f) = p \}.$$

- Extension of [CV'11] (cf. [Radin, Sadun '13]): if

$\mathbb{Q}_\delta$  = uniform distribution over graphs  $G$  such that  $|E(G) - m| < \delta n^2$  for  $m = \lfloor \binom{n}{2} p \rfloor$

and  $X = \#$  triangles in  $G$  then

*note:  $\mathbb{Q}_0 = \mathcal{G}(n, m)$*

$$\lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}} \log \mathbb{Q}_\delta(X \geq \frac{1}{6} n^3 r^3) = \psi(p, r)$$

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- [Kenyon, Radin, Ren, Sadun '16]: solution is bipodal for  $r \in (p^3, p^3 + \delta)$  (more generally: cliques, stars).
- See also: [Kenyon, Radin, Ren, Sadun '17a] on stars ( $M$ -podal for some finite  $M$  and solved for  $\leq 30$  nodes), [Kenyon, Radin, Ren, Sadun '17b] (numerics),...

# Variational problem in $\mathcal{G}(n, m)$

- ▶ Edge-triangle variational problem:

$$\psi(p, r) = \inf\{ I_p(f) : t(H, f) = r, t(K_2, f) = p \}.$$

$$\lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}} \log \mathbb{Q}_\delta(X \geq \tfrac{1}{6} n^3 r^3) = \psi(p, r) + C_p$$

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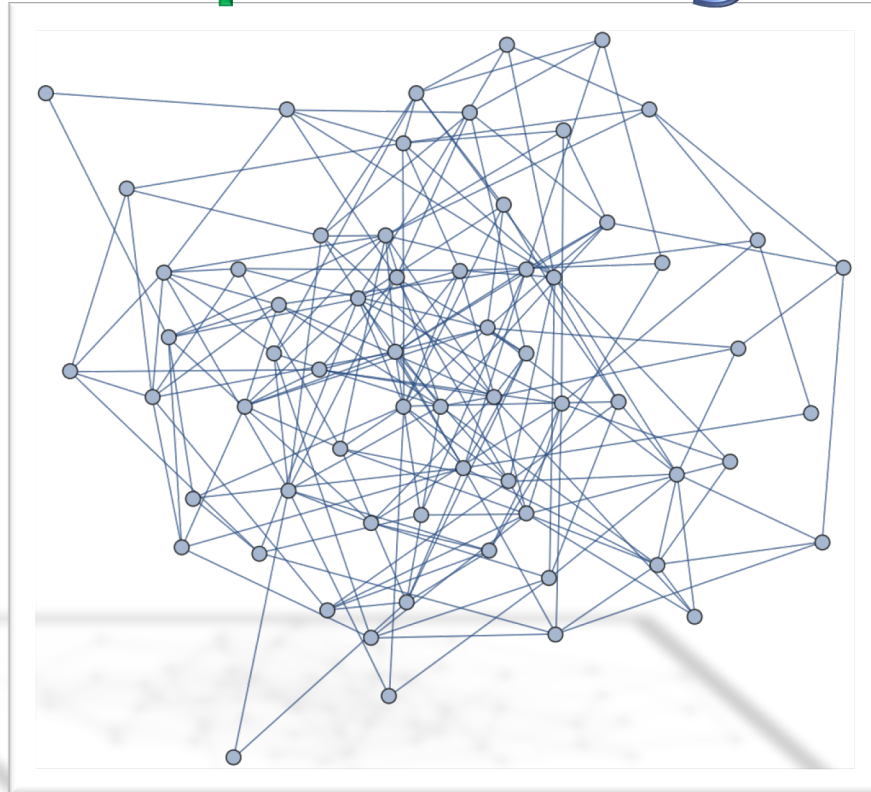
- ▶ Natural guess:  $\psi(p, r)$  is the rate function for  $\mathcal{G}(n, m)$ .
- ▶ THEOREM: ([Dembo, L. '18+])

For a.e.  $0 < p < r < 1$  and  $H$ , if  $m = (p + o(1))\binom{n}{2}$  then

1. the rate function for  $\{t(H, \cdot) \geq r\}$  in  $\mathcal{G}(n, m)$  is  $\psi(p, r)$ .
2. w.h.p.  $(\mathcal{G}(n, m) \mid t(H, \cdot) \geq r)$  close in  $\delta_\square$  to OPT.

# Large deviations in $\mathcal{G}(n, p)$ : the **sparse** regime

$p_n \rightarrow 0$   
as  $n \rightarrow \infty$



# Sparse random graphs

- ▶ Rate function in the *sparse* regime? e.g.,

- Let  $G \sim \mathcal{G}(n, p)$  for  $p \ll 1$ .

- Let  $X = \#$  triangles in  $G$  and write

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq 2 \mathbb{E}X) = \exp[-R(n, p)].$$

- What is  $R(n, p)$ ? [Generally,  $R(n, p, \delta)$  for  $X \geq (1 + \delta) \mathbb{E}X$ ].

- ▶ For intuition, consider lower tails:

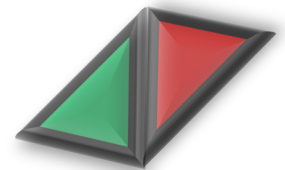
- easy to see:  $\mathbb{P}(X = 0) \geq e^{-c \min\{n^2 p, n^3 p^3\}}$

- [Janson (1990)]'s Poisson large deviation inequality:

$$\mathbb{P}(X < (1 - \delta) \mathbb{E}X) \leq e^{-c \delta \frac{(\mathbb{E}X)^2}{\Delta + \mathbb{E}X}}$$

matching upper bound!

- $\Rightarrow R(n, p, \delta) \asymp \min\{n^2 p, n^3 p^3\}$  (transition at  $p \asymp 1/\sqrt{n}$ .)



- ▶ Similar treatment for upper tail?

# The sparse regime

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq (1 + \delta) \mathbb{E}X) = \exp[-R(n, p, \delta)]$$

- ▶ [Chatterjee, Dembo '16]: breakthrough result:  
for  $p \gg n^{-\alpha}$  one has  $R(n, p, \delta) \sim \phi(n, p, \delta)$  where

$$\phi(n, p, \delta) = \inf \{ I_p(G) : t(K_3, G) \geq (1 + \delta)p^3 \}$$

over  $G \in \mathfrak{G}_n$ , *weighted undirected graphs* on  $n$  vertices.

- ▶ Plausibly: extends throughout  $\frac{\log n}{n} \ll p \ll 1$ .
- ▶ (for  $p \geq (\log n)^{-c}$  : follows from weak regularity.)
- ▶ Opens the door to first asymptotic LDP results for the sparse random graph...
  - Recent: new alternative proof by [Eldan '16] with a better resulting constant  $\alpha > 0$  (for triangles:  $\alpha = \frac{1}{18}$ ).



# Results in the sparse regime

► THEOREM: ([L., Zhao '17])

*Fix  $\delta > 0$ . If  $n^{-1/2} \ll p \ll 1$  then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(n, p, \delta)}{n^2 p^2 \log(1/p)} = \min \left\{ \frac{\delta^{2/3}}{2}, \frac{\delta}{3} \right\}$$

*whereas if  $n^{-1} \ll p \ll n^{-1/2}$  then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(n, p, \delta)}{n^2 p^2 \log(1/p)} = \frac{\delta^{2/3}}{2}.$$

► COROLLARY: (with  $\alpha = \frac{1}{42}$  [CD'16] or  $\alpha = \frac{1}{18}$  [Eldan '16])

*For any  $\delta > 0$ , if  $n^{-\alpha} \log n \leq p \ll 1$  then*

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq (1 + \delta)p^3) = e^{-(1-o(1)) \min\left\{\frac{\delta^{2/3}}{2}, \frac{\delta}{3}\right\} n^2 p^2 \log\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)}$$

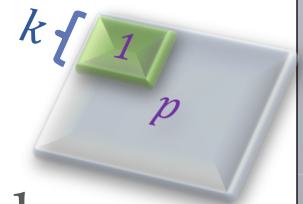
# Ideas from the proofs

- ▶ For the lower bound on

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq (1 + \delta)p^3) = e^{-(1-o(1)) \min\left\{\frac{\delta^{2/3}}{2}, \frac{\delta}{3}\right\} n^2 p^2 \log\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)}$$

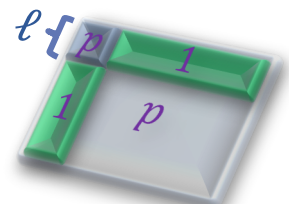
- ▶ Take an arbitrary set on  $k = \delta^{1/3}np$  vertices and force it to be a *clique* :

$$p^{\binom{k}{2}} = p^{(\delta^{2/3}/2 + o(1))n^2 p^2}$$



- ▶ Or, a set of  $\ell = \frac{1}{3}\delta np^2$  vertices and force it to be connected to all other vertices:

$$p^{\ell(n-\ell)} = p^{(\delta/3 + o(1))n^2 p^2}$$



- ▶ Latter is preferable iff  $\delta < 27/8$ .
- ▶ For the upper bound: reduce to a continuous variational problem; divide and conquer...

# Extension to cliques

► THEOREM: ([L., Zhao '17])

*Fix  $\delta > 0$  and  $k \geq 3$ . If  $n^{-1/(k-1)} \ll p \ll 1$  then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi_{K_k}(n, p, \delta)}{n^2 p^{k-1} \log(1/p)} = \min \left\{ \frac{\delta^{2/k}}{2}, \frac{\delta}{k} \right\}$$

*whereas if  $n^{-2/(k-1)} \ll p \ll n^{-1/(k-1)}$  then*

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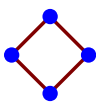
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  - $H^*$  = induced subgraph of  $H$  on max-degree vertices
  - $\theta > 0$  is the solution to  $P_{H^*}(\theta) = 1 + \delta$ .

Then

$$c_H(\delta) = \begin{cases} \min\{\theta, \frac{1}{2}\delta^{2/|V(H)|}\} & H \text{ is regular} \\ \theta & H \text{ is irregular} \end{cases}$$

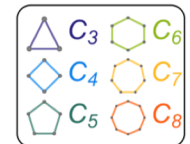
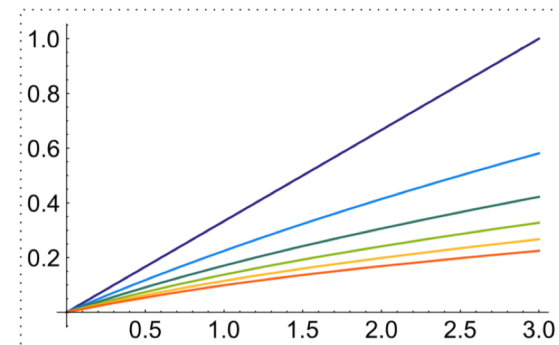
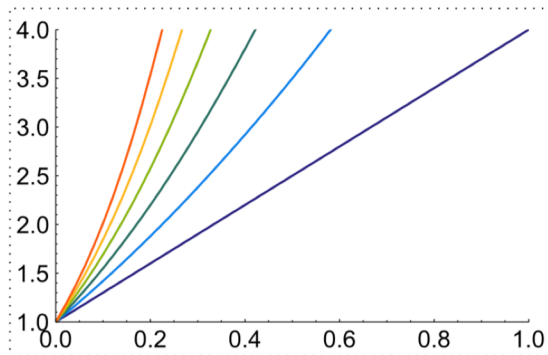
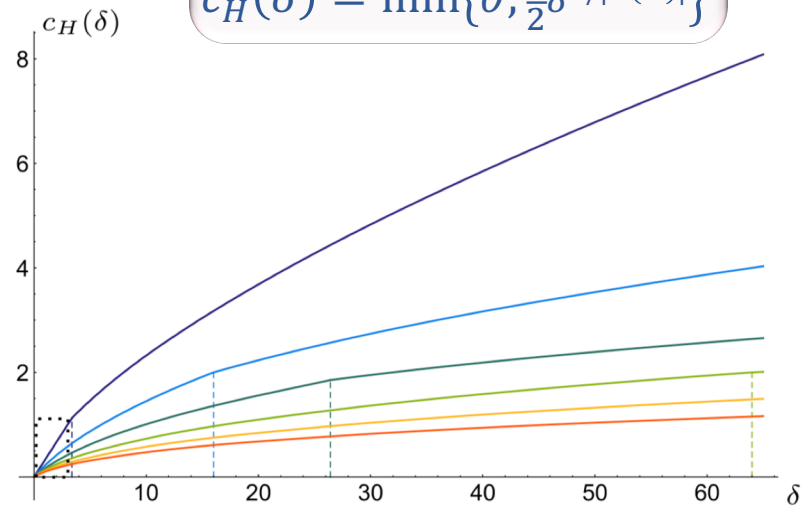
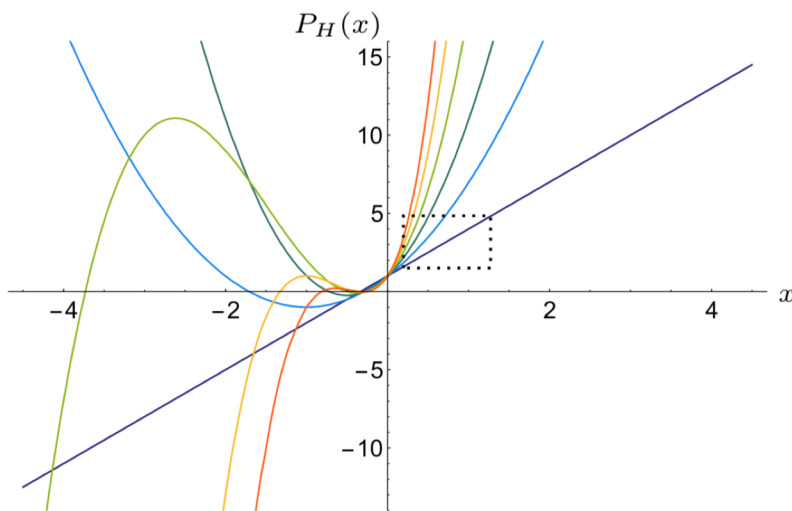
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► E.g.: LD for cycles:

$$P_H(x) = \sum_{I \text{ indep. set}} x^{|I|}$$

$$\theta > 0 \text{ s.t. } P_H(\theta) = 1 + \delta$$

$$c_H(\delta) = \min\left\{\theta, \frac{1}{2}\delta^2/|V(H)|\right\}$$



# Some upper tail open problems

## ▶ Dense regime:

- ? ▶ Phase diagram for general (non-regular) graphs.
- ? ▶ What is the solution in a single point within the symmetry breaking regime?  
(at no such pt. can we calculate the rate function...)
- ? ▶ Uniqueness symmetry-breaking solution?
- ? ▶ Are the symmetry-breaking solutions bipartite?  
or  $\exists$  countable # phase transitions (# parts)?

## ▶ Sparse regime:

- ? ▶ Push nonlinear large deviation results to  $p \geq \frac{\log n}{n}$ .



**Thank you**