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## Abstract

In this paper we extend the result obtained in [AKR98a] (see also [AKR96a]) on the representation of the intrinsic pre-Dirichlet form  $\mathcal{E}_{\pi_\sigma}^\Gamma$  of the Poisson measure  $\pi_\sigma$  in terms of the extrinsic one  $\mathcal{E}_{\pi_\sigma, H_\sigma^X}^\Gamma$ . More precisely, replacing  $\pi_\sigma$  by a Gibbs measure  $\mu$  on the configuration space  $\Gamma_X$  we derive a relation between the intrinsic pre-Dirichlet form  $\mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma$  of the measure  $\mu$  and the extrinsic one  $\mathcal{E}_{\mu, H_\sigma^X}^P$ . As a consequence we prove the closability of  $\mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma$  on  $L^2(\Gamma_X, \mu)$  under very general assumptions on the interaction potential of the Gibbs measures  $\mu$ .

# 1 Introduction

In the recent papers [AKR96a], [AKR96b], [AKR98a], and [AKR98b] analysis and geometry on configuration spaces  $\Gamma_X$  over a Riemannian manifold  $X$ , i.e.,

$$\Gamma_X := \{\gamma \subset X \mid |\gamma \cap K| < \infty \text{ for any compact } K \subset X\},$$

was developed. One of the consequences of the discussed approach was a description of the well-known equilibrium process on configuration spaces as the Brownian motion associated with a Dirichlet form of the Poisson measure  $\pi_\sigma$  with intensity measure  $\sigma$  on  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ . This form is canonically associated with the introduced geometry on configuration spaces and is called *intrinsic Dirichlet form* of the measure  $\pi_\sigma$ .

On the other hand there is a well-known realization (canonical isomorphism) of the Hilbert space  $L^2(\Gamma_X, \pi_\sigma)$  and the corresponding Fock space

$$\text{Exp}L^2(X, \sigma) := \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \text{Exp}_n L^2(X, \sigma),$$

where  $\text{Exp}_n L^2(X, \sigma)$  denotes the  $n$ -fold symmetric tensor product of  $L^2(X, \sigma)$  and  $\text{Exp}_0 L^2(X, \sigma) := \mathbb{C}$ . This isomorphism produces natural operations in  $L^2(\Gamma_X, \pi_\sigma)$  as images of the standard Fock space operators, see e.g., [KSSU98] and references therein. In particular, we can consider the image of the annihilation operator from the Fock space as a natural version of a “gradient” operator in  $L^2(\Gamma_X, \pi_\sigma)$ . The differentiable structure in  $L^2(\Gamma_X, \pi_\sigma)$  which appears in this way we consider as *external* because it is produced via transportation from the Fock space.

As was shown in [AKR98a, Section 5] the intrinsic Dirichlet form of the measure  $\pi_\sigma$  can be represented also in terms of the external Dirichlet form  $\mathcal{E}_{\pi_\sigma, H_\sigma^X}^P$  with coefficient  $H_\sigma^X$  (the Dirichlet operator associated with  $\sigma$  on  $X$ ) which uses this external differentiable structure, i.e.,

$$\int_{\Gamma} \langle \nabla^\Gamma F(\gamma), \nabla^\Gamma G(\gamma) \rangle_{T_\gamma \Gamma} d\pi_\sigma(\gamma) = \int_{\Gamma} (\nabla^P F(\gamma), H_\sigma^X \nabla^P G(\gamma))_{L^2(X, \sigma)} d\pi_\sigma(\gamma).$$

As a result we have a full spectral description of the corresponding Dirichlet operator  $H_{\pi_\sigma}^\Gamma$  which is the generator of the equilibrium process on  $\Gamma_X$ .

If we change the Poisson measure  $\pi_\sigma$  to a Gibbs measure  $\mu$  on the configuration space  $\Gamma_X$  which describes the equilibrium of interacting particle

systems, the corresponding intrinsic Dirichlet form can still be used for constructing the corresponding stochastic dynamics (cf. [AKR98b, Section 5]) or for constructing a quantum infinite particle Hamiltonian in models of quantum fields theory, see [AKR97].

The aim of this paper is to show that even for the interacting case there is a transparent relation between the intrinsic Dirichlet form and the extrinsic one, see Theorem 5.1. The proof is based on the Nguyen-Zessin characterization of Gibbs measure (cf. [NZ79, Theorem 2] or Proposition 5.2 below) which on a heuristic level can be considered as a consequence of the Mecke identity (cf. [Mec67, Satz 3.1]), see Remark 5.3 below for more details.

As a consequence of the mentioned relation we prove the closability of the pre-Dirichlet form  $(\mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma, \mathcal{F}C_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma))$  on  $L^2(\Gamma_X, \mu)$ , where  $\mu$  is a tempered grand canonical Gibbs measure, see Section 2 for this notion. It turns out that this result is obtained as a “lifting” of the closable Dirichlet forms on  $X$ . We would like to emphasize that we achieve this result under a general condition (see (6.2) below) on the potential  $\Phi$  which is not covered by condition (A.6) in [Osa96]. The closability is crucial (for physical reasons, see [AKR97], and) for applying the general theory of Dirichlet forms including the construction of a corresponding diffusion process (cf. [MR92]) which models an infinite particle system with (possibly) very singular interactions (cf. [AKR98b]).

Another motivation for deriving Theorem 5.1 is to use this result for studying spectral properties of Hamiltonians of intrinsic Dirichlet forms associated with Gibbs measures. This will be implemented in a forthcoming paper.

## 2 Preliminaries and Framework

In this section we describe some facts about probability measures on configuration spaces which are necessary later on.

Let  $X$  be a connected, oriented  $C^\infty$  (non-compact) Riemannian manifold. For each point  $x \in X$ , the tangent space to  $X$  at  $x$  will be denoted by  $T_x X$ ; and the tangent bundle will be denoted by  $TX = \cup_{x \in X} T_x X$ . The Riemannian metric on  $X$  associates to each point  $x \in X$  an inner product on  $T_x X$  which we denote by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{T_x X}$  and the associated norm will be denoted by  $|\cdot|_{T_x X}$ . Let  $m$  denote the volume element.

$\mathcal{O}(X)$  is defined as the family of all open subsets of  $X$  and  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  denotes the corresponding Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra.  $\mathcal{O}_c(X)$  and  $\mathcal{B}_c(X)$  denote the systems of

all elements in  $\mathcal{O}(X)$ ,  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  respectively, which have compact closures.

Let  $\Gamma := \Gamma_X$  be the set of all locally finite subsets in  $X$ :

$$\Gamma_X := \{\gamma \subset X \mid |\gamma \cap K| < \infty \text{ for any compact } K \subset X\}.$$

We will identify  $\gamma$  with the positive integer-valued measure  $\sum_{x \in \gamma} \varepsilon_x$ . Then for any  $\varphi \in C_0(X)$  we have a functional  $\Gamma \ni \gamma \mapsto \langle \varphi, \gamma \rangle = \sum_{x \in \gamma} \varphi(x) \in \mathbb{R}$ . Here  $C_0(X)$  is the set of all real-valued continuous functions on  $X$  with compact support. The space  $\Gamma$  is endowed with the vague topology. Let  $\mathcal{B}(\Gamma)$  denote the corresponding Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra. For  $\Lambda \subset X$  we sometimes use the shorthand  $\gamma_\Lambda$  for  $\gamma \cap \Lambda$ .

For any  $B \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  we define, as usual,  $\Gamma \ni \gamma \mapsto N_B(\gamma) := \gamma(B) \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}(\Gamma) = \sigma(\{N_\Lambda \mid \Lambda \in \mathcal{O}_c(X)\})$ . For any  $A \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  we also define  $\mathcal{B}_A(\Gamma) := \sigma(\{N_B \mid B \in \mathcal{B}_c(X), B \subset A\})$ .

Let  $d\sigma(x) = \rho(x)dm(x)$ , where  $\rho > 0$   $m$ -a.e. such that  $\rho^{\frac{1}{2}} \in H_{loc}^{1,2}(X)$  (the Sobolev space of order 1 in  $L^2(X, m)$ ) and  $\rho \notin L^1(X, m)$ . We recall that the Poisson measure  $\pi_\sigma$  (with intensity measure  $\sigma$ ) on  $(\Gamma, \mathcal{B}(\Gamma))$  is defined via its Laplace transform by

$$\int_{\Gamma} e^{\langle \gamma, \varphi \rangle} d\pi_\sigma(\gamma) = \exp\left(\int_X (e^{\varphi(x)} - 1) d\sigma(x)\right), \quad \varphi \in C_0(X), \quad (2.1)$$

see e.g. [AKR98a], [GV68], and [Shi94]. Let us mention that if  $\rho \in L^1(X, m)$ , then we have a finite intensity measure  $\sigma$  on  $X$ , and in this case the corresponding measure  $\pi_\sigma$  will be concentrated on finite configurations. The latter can be considered as a degenerated case which can be reduced to finite dimensional analysis on every subset of  $n$ -particle configurations.

Let us briefly recall the definition of grand canonical Gibbs measures on  $(\Gamma, \mathcal{B}(\Gamma))$ . We adopt the notation in [AKR98b], and refer the interested reader to the beautiful work by C. Preston, [Pre79], but also [Pre76], and [Geo79].

A function  $\Phi : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  will be called a *potential* iff for all  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{B}_c(X)$  we have  $\Phi(\emptyset) = 0$ ,  $\Phi = \mathbb{1}_{\{N_X < \infty\}}\Phi$ , and  $\gamma \mapsto \Phi(\gamma_\Lambda)$  is  $\mathcal{B}_\Lambda(\Gamma)$ -measurable.

For  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{B}_c(X)$  the *conditional energy*  $E_\Lambda^\Phi : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  is defined by

$$E_\Lambda^\Phi(\gamma) := \begin{cases} \sum_{\gamma' \subset \gamma, \gamma'(\Lambda) > 0} \Phi(\gamma') & \text{if } \sum_{\gamma' \subset \gamma, \gamma'(\Lambda) > 0} |\Phi(\gamma')| < \infty, \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

where the sum of the empty set is defined to be zero.

Later on we will use conditional energies which satisfy an additional assumption, namely, the *stability condition*, i.e., there exists  $B \geq 0$  such that for any  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{B}_c(X)$  and for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma_\Lambda$

$$E_\Lambda^\Phi(\gamma) \geq -B|\gamma|.$$

**Definition 2.1** For any  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{O}_c(X)$  define for  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  the measure  $\Pi_\Lambda^\Phi(\gamma, \cdot)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_\Lambda^{\sigma, \Phi}(\gamma, \Delta) &:= \mathbb{1}_{\{Z_\Lambda^{\sigma, \Phi} < \infty\}}(\gamma) [Z_\Lambda^{\sigma, \Phi}(\gamma)]^{-1} \int_\Gamma \mathbb{1}_\Delta(\gamma_{X \setminus \Lambda} + \gamma'_\Lambda) \\ &\cdot \exp[-E_\Lambda^\Phi(\gamma_{X \setminus \Lambda} + \gamma'_\Lambda)] d\pi_\sigma(\gamma'), \quad \Delta \in \mathcal{B}(\Gamma), \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

where

$$Z_\Lambda^{\sigma, \Phi}(\gamma) := \int_\Gamma \exp[-E_\Lambda^\Phi(\gamma_{X \setminus \Lambda} + \gamma'_\Lambda)] d\pi_\sigma(\gamma'). \quad (2.4)$$

A probability measure  $\mu$  on  $(\Gamma, \mathcal{B}(\Gamma))$  is called *grand canonical Gibbs measure with interaction potential  $\Phi$*  if for all  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{O}_c(X)$

$$\mu \Pi_\Lambda^\Phi = \mu. \quad (2.5)$$

Let  $\mathcal{G}_{gc}(\sigma, \Phi)$  denote the set of all such probability measures  $\mu$ .

**Remark 2.2** 1. It is well-known that  $(\Pi_\Lambda^{\sigma, \Phi})_{\Lambda \in \mathcal{O}_c(X)}$  is a  $(\mathcal{B}_{X \setminus \Lambda}(\Gamma))_{\Lambda \in \mathcal{O}_c(X)}$ -specification in the sense of [Pre76, Section 6] or [Pre79].

2. For any  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  the measure  $\mu \Pi_\Lambda^\Phi$  in (2.5) is defined by

$$(\mu \Pi_\Lambda^{\sigma, \Phi})(\Delta) := \int_\Gamma d\mu(\gamma) \Pi_\Lambda^{\sigma, \Phi}(\gamma, \Delta), \quad \Delta \in \mathcal{B}(\Gamma) \quad (2.6)$$

and (2.5) are called *Dobrushin-Lanford-Ruelle (DLR) equations*.

### 3 Intrinsic geometry on Poisson space

We recall some results to be used below from [AKR98a], [AKR96b] to which we refer for the corresponding proofs and more details.

A homeomorphism  $\psi : X \rightarrow X$  defines a transformation of  $\Gamma$  by

$$\Gamma \ni \gamma \mapsto \psi(\gamma) = \{\psi(x) | x \in \gamma\} = \sum_{x \in \gamma} \varepsilon_{\psi(x)}.$$

Any vector field  $v \in V_0(X)$  (i.e., the set of all smooth vector fields on  $X$  with compact support) defines (via the exponential mapping) a one-parameter group  $\psi_t^v$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , of diffeomorphisms of  $X$ .

**Definition 3.1** For  $F : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we define the directional derivative along the vector field  $v$  as (provided the right hand side exists)

$$(\nabla_v^\Gamma F)(\gamma) := \frac{d}{dt} F(\psi_t^v(\gamma))|_{t=0}.$$

This definition applies to  $F$  in the following class  $\mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$  of so-called smooth cylinder functions. Let  $\mathcal{D} := C_0^\infty(X)$  (the set of all smooth functions on  $X$  with compact support). We define  $\mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$  as the set of all functions on  $\Gamma$  of the form

$$F(\gamma) = g_F(\langle \gamma, \varphi_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \gamma, \varphi_N \rangle), \quad \gamma \in \Gamma, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $g_F$  is from  $C_b^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$ . Clearly,  $\mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$  is dense in  $L^2(\pi_\sigma) := L^2(\Gamma, \pi_\sigma)$ . For any  $F \in \mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$  we have

$$(\nabla_v^\Gamma F)(\gamma) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial g_F}{\partial s_i}(\langle \gamma, \varphi_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle \gamma, \varphi_N \rangle) \langle \gamma, \nabla_v^X \varphi_i \rangle, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $x \mapsto (\nabla_v^X \varphi)(x) = \langle \nabla^X \varphi(x), v(x) \rangle_{TX}$  is the usual directional derivative on  $X$  along the vector field  $v$  and  $\nabla^X$  denotes the gradient on  $X$ .

The logarithmic derivative of the measure  $\sigma$  is given by the vector field  $\beta^\sigma := \nabla^X \log \rho = \nabla^X \rho / \rho$  (where  $\beta^\sigma = 0$  on  $\{\rho = 0\}$ ). Then the logarithmic derivative of  $\sigma$  along  $v$  is the function  $x \mapsto \beta_v^\sigma(x) = \langle \beta^\sigma(x), v(x) \rangle_{T_x X} + \operatorname{div}^X v(x)$ , where  $\operatorname{div}^X$  denotes the divergence on  $X$  w.r.t. the volume element  $m$ . Analogously, we define  $\operatorname{div}_\sigma^X$  as the divergence on  $X$  w.r.t.  $\sigma$ , i.e.,  $\operatorname{div}_\sigma^X$  is the dual operator on  $L^2(\sigma) := L^2(X, \sigma)$  of  $\nabla^X$ .

**Definition 3.2** For any  $v \in V_0(X)$  we define the logarithmic derivative of  $\pi_\sigma$  along  $v$  as the following function on  $\Gamma$  :

$$\Gamma \ni \gamma \mapsto B_v^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma) := \langle \beta_v^\sigma, \gamma \rangle = \int_X [\langle \beta^\sigma(x), v(x) \rangle_{T_x X} + \operatorname{div}^X v(x)] d\gamma(x). \quad (3.3)$$

**Theorem 3.3** For all  $F, G \in \mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$  and any  $v \in V_0(X)$  the following integration by parts formula for  $\pi_\sigma$  holds:

$$\int_\Gamma \nabla_v^\Gamma F G d\pi_\sigma = - \int_\Gamma F \nabla_v^\Gamma G d\pi_\sigma - \int_\Gamma F G B_v^{\pi_\sigma} d\pi_\sigma, \quad (3.4)$$

or  $(\nabla_v^\Gamma)^* = -\nabla_v^\Gamma - B_v^{\pi_\sigma}$ , as an operator equality on the domain  $\mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$  in  $L^2(\pi_\sigma)$ .

**Definition 3.4** We introduce the tangent space  $T_\gamma\Gamma$  to the configuration space  $\Gamma$  at the point  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  as the Hilbert space of  $\gamma$ -square-integrable sections (measurable vector fields)  $V : X \rightarrow TX$  with scalar product  $\langle V^1, V^2 \rangle_{T_\gamma\Gamma} = \int_X \langle V^1(x), V^2(x) \rangle_{T_x X} d\gamma(x)$ ,  $V^1, V^2 \in T_\gamma\Gamma = L^2(X \rightarrow TX; \gamma)$ . The corresponding tangent bundle is denoted by  $T\Gamma$ .

The intrinsic gradient of a function  $F \in \mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$  is a mapping  $\Gamma \ni \gamma \mapsto (\nabla^\Gamma F)(\gamma) \in T_\gamma\Gamma$  such that  $(\nabla_v^\Gamma F)(\gamma) = \langle \nabla^\Gamma F(\gamma), v \rangle_{T_\gamma\Gamma}$  for any  $v \in V_0(X)$ . Furthermore, by (3.2), if  $F$  is given by (3.1), we have for  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $x \in X$

$$(\nabla^\Gamma F)(\gamma; x) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial g_F}{\partial s_i}(\langle \varphi_1, \gamma \rangle, \dots, \langle \varphi_N, \gamma \rangle) \nabla^X \varphi_i(x). \quad (3.5)$$

**Definition 3.5** For a measurable vector field  $V : \Gamma \rightarrow T\Gamma$  the divergence  $\operatorname{div}_{\pi_\sigma}^\Gamma V$  is defined via the duality relation for all  $F \in \mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$  by

$$\int_\Gamma \langle V_\gamma, \nabla^\Gamma F(\gamma) \rangle_{T_\gamma\Gamma} d\pi_\sigma(\gamma) = - \int_\Gamma F(\gamma) (\operatorname{div}_{\pi_\sigma}^\Gamma V)(\gamma) d\pi_\sigma(\gamma), \quad (3.6)$$

provided it exists (i.e., provided

$$F \mapsto \int_\Gamma \langle V_\gamma, \nabla^\Gamma F(\gamma) \rangle_{T_\gamma\Gamma} d\pi_\sigma(\gamma)$$

is continuous on  $L^2(\pi_\sigma)$ ).

**Proposition 3.6** For any vector field  $V = Gv$ , where  $G \in \mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$ ,  $v \in V_0(X)$  we have

$$(\operatorname{div}_{\pi_\sigma}^\Gamma V)(\gamma) = \langle (\nabla^\Gamma G)(\gamma), v \rangle_{T_\gamma\Gamma} + G(\gamma) B_v^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma). \quad (3.7)$$

For any  $F, G \in \mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$  we introduce the *pre-Dirichlet form* which is generated by the intrinsic gradient  $\nabla^\Gamma$  as

$$\mathcal{E}_{\pi_\sigma}^\Gamma(F, G) = \int_\Gamma \langle (\nabla^\Gamma F)(\gamma), (\nabla^\Gamma G)(\gamma) \rangle_{T_\gamma \Gamma} d\pi_\sigma(\gamma). \quad (3.8)$$

We will also need the *classical pre-Dirichlet form* for the intensity measure  $\sigma$  which is given as  $\mathcal{E}_\sigma^X(\varphi, \psi) = \int_X \langle \nabla^X \varphi, \nabla^X \psi \rangle_{T_x X} d\sigma$  for any  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{D}$ . This form is associated with the *Dirichlet operator*  $H_\sigma^X$  which is given on  $\mathcal{D}$  by  $H_\sigma^X \varphi(x) := -\Delta^X \varphi(x) - \langle \beta^\sigma(x), \nabla^X \varphi(x) \rangle_{T_x X}$  and which satisfies  $\mathcal{E}_\sigma^X(\varphi, \psi) = (H_\sigma^X \varphi, \psi)_{L^2(\sigma)}$ ,  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{D}$ , see e.g. [BK95] and [MR92].

For any  $F \in \mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$ ,  $(\nabla^\Gamma \nabla^\Gamma F)(\gamma, x, y) \in T_\gamma \Gamma \otimes T_\gamma \Gamma$  and we can define the  $\Gamma$ -Laplacian  $(\Delta^\Gamma F)(\gamma) := \text{Tr}(\nabla^\Gamma \nabla^\Gamma F)(\gamma) \in \mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$ . We introduce a differential operator in  $L^2(\pi_\sigma)$  on the domain  $\mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$  by the formula

$$(H_{\pi_\sigma}^\Gamma F)(\gamma) = -\Delta^\Gamma F(\gamma) - \langle \text{div}_\sigma^X(\nabla^\Gamma F)(\gamma, \cdot), \gamma \rangle. \quad (3.9)$$

**Theorem 3.7** *The operator  $H_{\pi_\sigma}^\Gamma$  is associated with the intrinsic Dirichlet form  $\mathcal{E}_{\pi_\sigma}^\Gamma$ , i.e.,*

$$\mathcal{E}_{\pi_\sigma}^\Gamma(F, G) = (H_{\pi_\sigma}^\Gamma F, G)_{L^2(\pi_\sigma)}, \quad (3.10)$$

or  $H_{\pi_\sigma}^\Gamma = -\text{div}_{\pi_\sigma}^\Gamma \nabla^\Gamma$  on  $\mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$ . We call  $H_{\pi_\sigma}^\Gamma$  the *intrinsic Dirichlet operator of the measure  $\pi_\sigma$* .

## 4 Extrinsic geometry on Poisson space

We recall the extrinsic geometry on  $L^2(\pi_\sigma)$  based on the isomorphism with the Fock space. Our approach is based on [KSS97] but we should also mention [BLL95], [IK88], [KSSU98], [NV95], [Pri95] for related considerations and references therein. For proofs of the results stated below in this section, we refer to [AKR98a, Sect. 5].

Let us define another “gradient” on functions  $F : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . This gradient  $\nabla^P$  has specific useful properties on Poissonian spaces. We will call  $\nabla^P$  the *Poissonian gradient*. To this end we consider as the tangent space to  $\Gamma$  at any point  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  the same space  $L^2(\sigma)$  and define a mapping  $\mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma) \ni F \mapsto \nabla^P F \in L^2(\pi_\sigma) \otimes L^2(\sigma)$  by

$$(\nabla^P F)(\gamma, x) := F(\gamma + \varepsilon_x) - F(\gamma), \quad \gamma \in \Gamma, x \in X. \quad (4.1)$$

We stress that the transformation  $\Gamma \ni \gamma \mapsto \gamma + \varepsilon_x \in \Gamma$  is  $\pi_\sigma$ -a.e. well-defined because  $\pi_\sigma(\{\gamma \in \Gamma | x \in \gamma\}) = 0$  for any  $x \in X$ . The directional derivative is then defined as

$$(\nabla_\varphi^P F)(\gamma) = (\nabla^P F(\gamma, \cdot), \varphi)_{L^2(\sigma)} = \int_X [F(\gamma + \varepsilon_x) - F(\gamma)] \varphi(x) d\sigma(x), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}. \quad (4.2)$$

The Poissonian gradient  $\nabla^P$  yields (via a corresponding “integration by parts” formula) an orthogonal system of Charlier polynomials on the Poisson space  $(\Gamma, \mathcal{B}(\Gamma), \pi_\sigma)$ .

For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$  we introduce a function in  $L^2(\pi_\sigma)$  by

$$Q_n^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma; \varphi^{\otimes n}) := ((\nabla_\varphi^P)^{*n} 1)(\gamma), \quad (4.3)$$

and define  $Q_0^{\pi_\sigma} := 1$ . Due to the kernel theorem [BK95, Chap. 1] these functions have the representation  $Q_n^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma; \varphi^{\otimes n}) = \langle Q_n^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma), \varphi^{\otimes n} \rangle$ , with generalized symmetric kernels  $\Gamma \ni \gamma \mapsto Q_n^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma) \in \text{Exp}_n \mathcal{D}'$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Here and below by  $\text{Exp}_n E$  we denote the  $n$ -th symmetric tensor power of a linear space  $E$ . Then for any smooth kernel  $\varphi^{(n)} \in \text{Exp}_n \mathcal{D}^{\otimes n}$  we introduce the function  $Q_n^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma; \varphi^{(n)}) := \langle Q_n^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma), \varphi^{(n)} \rangle$  such that for all  $\varphi^{(n)} \in \text{Exp}_n \mathcal{D}^{\otimes n}$ ,  $\psi^{(m)} \in \text{Exp}_m \mathcal{D}^{\otimes m}$

$$\int_\Gamma Q_n^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma; \varphi^{(n)}) Q_m^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma; \psi^{(m)}) d\pi_\sigma(\gamma) = \delta_{nm} n! (\varphi^{(n)}, \psi^{(m)})_{L^2(\sigma^{\otimes n})}. \quad (4.4)$$

Hence (4.3) extends to the case of kernels from the so-called  $n$ -particle Fock space  $\text{Exp}_n L^2(\sigma)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and we set  $\text{Exp}_0 L^2(\sigma) := \mathbb{R}$ .

As usual the symmetric Fock space over the Hilbert space  $L^2(\sigma)$  is defined as  $\text{Exp} L^2(\sigma) := \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \text{Exp}_n L^2(\sigma)$ , see e.g. [BK95] and [HKPS93]. The square of the norm of a vector  $(f^{(n)})_{n=0}^{\infty} \in \text{Exp} L^2(\sigma)$  is given by  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! \|f^{(n)}\|_{L^2(\sigma^{\otimes n})}^2$ . For any  $F \in L^2(\pi_\sigma)$  there exists such a Fock vector, so that we have the following chaos decomposition

$$F(\gamma) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Q_n^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma; f^{(n)}), \quad (4.5)$$

and moreover  $\|F\|_{L^2(\pi_\sigma)}^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! \|f^{(n)}\|_{L^2(\sigma^{\otimes n})}^2$ . And vice versa, by (4.5) any Fock vector generates a function from  $L^2(\pi_\sigma)$ . This produces an isomorphism between  $L^2(\pi_\sigma)$  and  $\text{Exp} L^2(\sigma)$ .

**Remark 4.1** In probability theory the functions  $Q_n^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma; f^{(n)})$  are called the  $n$ -multiple stochastic integrals of  $f^{(n)}$  with respect to the compensated Poisson process generated by the Poisson measure  $\pi_\sigma$ , see e.g. [NV95].

There is an alternative approach to the chaos decomposition on the Poisson space which uses the concept of generalized Appell systems, see e.g. [KSS97].

The following proposition shows that the operators  $\nabla_\varphi^P$  and  $\nabla_\varphi^{P*}$  play the role of the annihilation resp. creation operators in the Fock space  $\text{Exp}L^2(\sigma)$ .

**Proposition 4.2** For all  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the following formulas hold

$$\nabla_\psi^P Q_n^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma; \varphi^{\otimes n}) = n(\varphi, \psi)_{L^2(\sigma)} Q_{n-1}^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma; \varphi^{\otimes(n-1)}) \quad (4.6)$$

$$\nabla_\psi^{P*} Q_n^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma; \varphi^{\otimes n}) = Q_{n+1}^{\pi_\sigma}(\gamma; \varphi^{\otimes n} \hat{\otimes} \psi), \quad \gamma \in \Gamma, \quad (4.7)$$

where  $\varphi^{\otimes n} \hat{\otimes} \psi$  means the symmetric tensor product of  $\varphi^{\otimes n}$  and  $\psi$ .

Next we give an explicit expression for the adjoint of the Poissonian gradient  $\nabla^{P*}$ .

**Proposition 4.3** For any function  $F \in L^1(\pi_\sigma) \otimes L^1(\sigma)$  we have  $F \in D(\nabla^{P*})$  and the following equality holds

$$(\nabla^{P*} F)(\gamma) = \int_X F(\gamma - \varepsilon_x, x) d\gamma(x) - \int_X F(\gamma, x) d\sigma(x), \quad \gamma \in \Gamma, \quad (4.8)$$

provided the right hand side of (4.8) is in  $L^2(\pi_\sigma)$ .

**Proof.** For  $X = \mathbb{R}^d$  this proposition was proved in [KSSU98]. Let  $G \in \mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$  be given. Then an application of (4.1) gives

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla^P G, F)_{L^2(\pi_\sigma) \otimes L^2(\sigma)} &= \int_X \int_\Gamma G(\gamma + \varepsilon_x) F(\gamma, x) d\pi_\sigma(\gamma) d\sigma(x) \\ &\quad - \int_X \int_\Gamma G(\gamma) F(\gamma, x) d\pi_\sigma(\gamma) d\sigma(x). \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

Now we use the Mecke identity, see e.g., [Mec67, Satz 3.1]

$$\int_\Gamma \left( \int_X h(\gamma, x) d\gamma(x) \right) d\pi_\sigma(\gamma) = \int_X \int_\Gamma h(\gamma + \varepsilon_x, x) d\pi_\sigma(\gamma) d\sigma(x), \quad (4.10)$$

where  $h$  is any non-negative,  $\mathcal{B}(\Gamma) \times \mathcal{B}(X)$ -measurable function. By (4.10) the right hand side of (4.9) transforms into

$$\int_{\Gamma} G(\gamma) \left[ \int_X F(\gamma - \varepsilon_x, x) d\gamma(x) - \int_X F(\gamma, x) d\sigma(x) \right] d\pi_{\sigma}(\gamma),$$

which proves the proposition.  $\blacksquare$

For any contraction  $B$  in  $L^2(\sigma)$  it is possible to define an operator  $\text{Exp}B$  as a contraction in  $\text{Exp}L^2(\sigma)$  which in any  $n$ -particle subspace  $\text{Exp}_n L^2(\sigma)$  is given by  $B \otimes \cdots \otimes B$  ( $n$  times). For any positive self-adjoint operator  $A$  in  $L^2(\sigma)$  (with  $\mathcal{D} \subset D(A)$ ) we have a contraction semigroup  $e^{-tA}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , hence it is possible to introduce the second quantization operator  $d\text{Exp}A$  as the generator of the semigroup  $\text{Exp}(e^{-tA})$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , i.e.,  $\text{Exp}(e^{-tA}) = \exp(-td\text{Exp}A)$ , see e.g., [RS75]. We denote by  $H_A^P$  the image of the operator  $d\text{Exp}A$  in the Poisson space  $L^2(\pi_{\sigma})$  under the described isomorphism.

**Proposition 4.4** *Let  $\mathcal{D} \subset D(A)$ . Then the symmetric bilinear form corresponding to the operator  $H_A^P$  has the following form*

$$(H_A^P F, G)_{L^2(\pi_{\sigma})} = \int_{\Gamma} (\nabla^P F(\gamma), A \nabla^P G(\gamma))_{L^2(\sigma)} d\pi_{\sigma}(\gamma), \quad F, G \in \mathcal{FC}_b^{\infty}(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma). \quad (4.11)$$

The right hand side of (4.11) is called the ‘‘Poissonian pre-Dirichlet form’’ with coefficient operator  $A$  and is denoted by  $\mathcal{E}_{\pi_{\sigma}, A}^P$ .

Let us consider the special case of the second quantization operator  $d\text{Exp}A$ , where the one-particle operator  $A$  coincides with the Dirichlet operator  $H_{\sigma}^X$  generated by the measure  $\sigma$  on  $X$ . Then we have the following theorem which relates the intrinsic Dirichlet operator  $H_{\pi_{\sigma}}^{\Gamma}$  and the operator  $H_{H_{\sigma}^X}^P$ .

**Theorem 4.5**  $H_{\pi_{\sigma}}^{\Gamma} = H_{H_{\sigma}^X}^P$  on  $\mathcal{FC}_b^{\infty}(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$ . In particular, for all  $F, G \in \mathcal{FC}_b^{\infty}(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Gamma} \langle \nabla^{\Gamma} F(\gamma), \nabla^{\Gamma} G(\gamma) \rangle_{T_{\gamma}\Gamma} d\pi_{\sigma}(\gamma) \\ &= \int_{\Gamma} (\nabla^P F(\gamma), H_{\sigma}^X \nabla^P G(\gamma))_{L^2(\sigma)} d\pi_{\sigma}(\gamma) \\ &= \int_{\Gamma} \int_X \langle \nabla^X \nabla^P F(\gamma, x), \nabla^X \nabla^P G(\gamma, x) \rangle_{T_x X} d\sigma(x) d\pi_{\sigma}(\gamma). \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

**Remark 4.6** *Theorem 4.5 gives full information about the spectrum of the intrinsic Dirichlet operator  $H_{\pi_\sigma}^\Gamma$  on the Poisson space in terms of the underlying Dirichlet operator  $H_\sigma^X$  coming from the intensity measure  $\sigma$ . In the following section we obtain an analogue of Theorem 4.5 for the class of measures  $\mathcal{G}_{gc}^1(\sigma, \Phi)$  (see (6.5) below) which is the aim of this paper.*

## 5 Relation between intrinsic and extrinsic Dirichlet forms

Here we consider the class of measures  $\mathcal{G}_{gc}^1(\sigma, \Phi)$  consisting of all  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_{gc}(\sigma, \Phi)$  such that

$$\int_\Gamma \gamma(K) d\mu(\gamma) < \infty \text{ for all compact } K \subset X.$$

We define for any  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_{gc}^1(\sigma, \Phi)$  the pre-Dirichlet form  $\mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma$  by

$$\mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma(F, G) := \int_\Gamma \langle \nabla^\Gamma F(\gamma), \nabla^\Gamma G(\gamma) \rangle_{T_\gamma \Gamma} d\mu(\gamma), \quad F, G \in \mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma). \quad (5.1)$$

After all our preparations we are now going to prove an analogue of (4.12) for  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_{gc}^1(\sigma, \Phi)$ . We would like to emphasize that the corresponding formula (5.2) is not obtained from (4.12) by just replacing  $\pi_\sigma$  by  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_{gc}^1(\sigma, \Phi)$ . The essential difference is, in addition, an extra factor involving the conditional energy  $E_\Lambda^\Phi$ .

**Theorem 5.1** *For any  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_{gc}^1(\sigma, \Phi)$ , we have for all  $F, G \in \mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma(F, G) &= \int_\Gamma \langle \nabla^\Gamma F(\gamma), \nabla^\Gamma G(\gamma) \rangle_{T_\gamma \Gamma} d\mu(\gamma) \\ &= \int_\Gamma \int_X \langle \nabla^X \nabla^P F(\gamma, x), \nabla^X \nabla^P G(\gamma, x) \rangle_{T_x X} e^{-E_{\{x\}}^\Phi(\gamma + \varepsilon_x)} d\sigma(x) d\mu(\gamma) \end{aligned} \quad (5.2)$$

**Proof.** Let us take any  $F \in \mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$  of the form (3.1). Then given  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  and  $x \in X$  (4.1) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^X \nabla^P F(\gamma, x) &= \nabla^X F(\gamma + \varepsilon_x) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial g_F}{\partial s_i} (\langle \varphi_1, \gamma \rangle + \varphi_1(x), \dots, \langle \varphi_N, \gamma \rangle + \varphi_N(x)) \nabla^X \varphi_i(x). \end{aligned}$$

Let us define  $\hat{F}_i(\gamma) := \frac{\partial g_F}{\partial s_i}(\langle \varphi_1, \gamma \rangle, \dots, \langle \varphi_N, \gamma \rangle)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . Obviously, it is enough to prove the equality (5.2) for  $F = G$ . Thus, inserting the result of  $\nabla^X \nabla^P F(\gamma, x)$  into the right hand side of (5.2) we obtain

$$\int_{\Gamma} \int_X \sum_{i,j=1}^N \langle \nabla^X \varphi_i(x), \nabla^X \varphi_j(x) \rangle_{TX} \hat{F}_i(\gamma + \varepsilon_x) \hat{F}_j(\gamma + \varepsilon_x) e^{-E_{\{x\}}^{\Phi}(\gamma + \varepsilon_x)} d\sigma(x) d\mu(\gamma). \quad (5.3)$$

Then we need the following useful proposition which generalizes the Mecke identity to measures in  $\mathcal{G}_{gc}(\sigma, \Phi)$ , see [NZ79], [MMW79].

**Proposition 5.2** *Let  $h : \Gamma \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  be  $\mathcal{B}(\Gamma) \times \mathcal{B}(X)$ -measurable, and let  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_{gc}(\sigma, \Phi)$ . Then we have*

$$\int_{\Gamma} \left( \int_X h(\gamma, x) d\gamma(x) \right) d\mu(\gamma) = \int_X \int_{\Gamma} h(\gamma + \varepsilon_x, x) e^{-E_{\{x\}}^{\Phi}(\gamma + \varepsilon_x)} d\mu(\gamma) d\sigma(x). \quad (5.4)$$

Using this proposition we transform (5.3) into

$$\int_{\Gamma} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \hat{F}_i(\gamma) \hat{F}_j(\gamma) \langle \langle \nabla^X \varphi_i(\cdot), \nabla^X \varphi_j(\cdot) \rangle_{TX}, \gamma \rangle d\mu(\gamma).$$

On the other hand using (3.5) we obtain

$$\langle \nabla^{\Gamma} F(\gamma), \nabla^{\Gamma} G(\gamma) \rangle_{T\Gamma} = \sum_{i,j=1}^N \hat{F}_i(\gamma) \hat{F}_j(\gamma) \langle \langle \nabla^X \varphi_i(\cdot), \nabla^X \varphi_j(\cdot) \rangle_{TX}, \gamma \rangle.$$

Therefore the equality on the dense  $\mathcal{FC}_b^{\infty}(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$  is valid which proves the theorem. ■

**Remark 5.3** *For the reader's convenience let us give a heuristic proof of the Nguyen-Zessin characterization of Gibbs measures in (5.4) which really is a consequence of the Mecke identity (cf. (4.10)). Indeed, let us write (heuristically)*

$$d\mu(\gamma) = \frac{1}{Z_{\sigma, \Phi}} e^{-E^{\Phi}(\gamma)} d\pi_{\sigma}(\gamma).$$

Then the function  $E_{\{x\}}^\Phi(\gamma + \varepsilon_x) = E^\Phi(\gamma + \varepsilon_x) - E^\Phi(\gamma)$  informally is the variation of the potential energy  $E^\Phi(\gamma)$  when we add to the configuration  $\gamma$  an additional point  $x \in X$ . Using this representation we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_X \int_\Gamma h(\gamma + \varepsilon_x, x) e^{-E_{\{x\}}^\Phi(\gamma + \varepsilon_x)} d\mu(\gamma) d\sigma(x) \\ &= (Z^{\sigma, \Phi})^{-1} \int_X \int_\Gamma h(\gamma + \varepsilon_x, x) e^{-E_{\{x\}}^\Phi(\gamma + \varepsilon_x)} d\pi_\sigma(\gamma) d\sigma(x). \end{aligned}$$

Then we use the Mecke identity to transform the right hand side of the above equality into

$$(Z^{\sigma, \Phi})^{-1} \int_\Gamma \left( \int_X h(\gamma, x) e^{-E^\Phi(\gamma)} d\gamma(x) \right) d\pi_\sigma(\gamma) = \int_\Gamma \left( \int_X h(\gamma, x) d\gamma(x) \right) d\mu(\gamma).$$

The rigorous proof in [NZ79] is obtained as a formalization of the heuristic computations above.

## 6 Closability of intrinsic Dirichlet forms

In this section we will prove the closability of the intrinsic Dirichlet form  $(\mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma, \mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma))$  on  $L^2(\mu) := L^2(\Gamma, \mu)$  for all  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_{gc}^1(\sigma, \Phi)$ , using the integral representation (5.2) in Theorem 5.1. The closability of  $(\mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma, \mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma))$  over  $\Gamma$  is implied by the closability of an appropriate family of pre-Dirichlet forms over  $X$ . Let us describe this more precisely.

We define new intensity measures on  $X$  by  $d\sigma_\gamma(x) := \rho_\gamma(x) dm(x)$ , where

$$\rho_\gamma(x) := e^{-E_{\{x\}}^\Phi(\gamma + \varepsilon_x)} \rho(x), \quad x \in X, \gamma \in \Gamma \quad (6.1)$$

It was shown in [AR90, Theorem 5.3] (in the case  $X = \mathbb{R}^d$ ) that the components of the Dirichlet form  $(\mathcal{E}_{\sigma_\gamma}^X, \mathcal{D}^{\sigma_\gamma})$  corresponding to the measure  $\sigma_\gamma$  are closable on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, \sigma_\gamma)$  if and only if  $\sigma_\gamma$  is absolutely continuous with respect to Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and the Radon-Nikodym derivative satisfies some condition, see (6.2) below for details. This result allows us to prove the closability of  $(\mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma, \mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma))$  on  $L^2(\mu)$ . Let us first recall the above mentioned result.

**Theorem 6.1** (cf. [AR90, Theorem 5.3]) *Let  $\nu$  be a probability measure on  $(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d))$ ,  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $\mathcal{D}^\nu$  denote the  $\nu$ -classes determined by  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then the forms  $(\mathcal{E}_{\nu,i}, \mathcal{D}^\nu)$  defined by*

$$\mathcal{E}_{\nu,i}(u, v) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i} d\nu, \quad u, v \in \mathcal{D},$$

*are well-defined and closable on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, \nu)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq d$  if and only if  $\nu$  is absolutely continuous with respect to Lebesgue measure  $\lambda^d$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , and the Radon-Nikodym derivative  $\rho = d\nu/d\lambda^d$  satisfies the condition:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{for any } 1 \leq i \leq d \text{ and } \lambda^{d-1}\text{-a.e. } x \in \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^{d-1} \mid \int_{\mathbb{R}} \rho_y^{(i)}(s) d\lambda^1(s) > 0 \right\}, \\ & \rho_x^{(i)} = 0 \text{ } \lambda^1\text{-a.e. on } \mathbb{R} \setminus R(\rho_x^{(i)}), \text{ where } \rho_x^{(i)}(s) := \rho(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, s, x_i, \dots, x_d), \\ & s \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ if } x = (x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d-1}, \text{ and where} \end{aligned} \quad (6.2)$$

$$R(\rho_x^{(i)}) := \left\{ t \in \mathbb{R} \mid \int_{t-\varepsilon}^{t+\varepsilon} \frac{1}{\rho_x^{(i)}(s)} ds < \infty \text{ for some } \varepsilon > 0 \right\}. \quad (6.3)$$

There is an obvious generalization of Theorem 6.1 to the case where a Riemannian manifold  $X$  is replacing  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , to be formulated in terms of local charts. Since here we are only interested in the “if part” of Theorem 6.1, we now recall a slightly weaker sufficient condition for closability in the general case where  $X$  is a manifold as before.

**Theorem 6.2** *Suppose  $\sigma_1 = \rho_1 \cdot m$ , where  $\rho_1 : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ -measurable such that*

$$\rho_1 = 0 \text{ } m\text{-a.e. on } X \setminus \left\{ x \in X \mid \int_{\Lambda_x} \frac{1}{\rho_1} dm < \infty \text{ for some open neighbourhood } \Lambda_x \text{ of } x \right\}. \quad (6.4)$$

*Then  $(\mathcal{E}_{\sigma_1}^X, \mathcal{D}^{\sigma_1})$  defined by*

$$\mathcal{E}_{\sigma_1}^X(u, v) := \int_X \langle \nabla^X u(x), \nabla^X v(x) \rangle_{T_x X} d\sigma_1(x); \quad u, v \in \mathcal{D},$$

*is closable on  $L^2(\sigma_1)$ .*

The proof is a straightforward adaptation of the line of arguments in [MR92, Chap. II, Subsection 2a] (see also [ABR89, Theorem 4.2] for details). We emphasize that (6.4) e.g. always holds, if  $\rho_1$  is lower semicontinuous, and that neither  $\nu$  in Theorem 6.1 nor  $\sigma_1$  in Theorem 6.2 is required to have full support, so e.g.  $\rho_1$  is not necessarily strictly positive  $m$ -a.e. on  $X$ .

We are now ready to prove the closability of  $(\mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma, \mathcal{F}C_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma))$  on  $L^2(\mu)$  under the above assumption.

**Theorem 6.3** *Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_{gc}^1(\sigma, \Phi)$ . Suppose that for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  the function  $\rho_\gamma$  defined in (6.1) satisfies (6.4) (resp. (6.2) in case  $X = \mathbb{R}^d$ ). Then the form  $(\mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma, \mathcal{F}C_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma))$  is closable on  $L^2(\mu)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $(F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $\mathcal{F}C_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma)$  such that  $F_n \rightarrow 0$ ,  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in  $L^2(\mu)$  and

$$\mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma(F_n - F_m, F_n - F_m) \xrightarrow{n, m \rightarrow \infty} 0. \quad (6.5)$$

We have to show that

$$\mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma(F_{n_k}, F_{n_k}) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad (6.6)$$

for some subsequence  $(n_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ . Let  $(n_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a subsequence such that

$$\left( \int_\Gamma F_{n_k}^2 d\mu \right)^{1/2} + \mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma(F_{n_{k+1}} - F_{n_k}, F_{n_{k+1}} - F_{n_k})^{1/2} < \frac{1}{2^k} \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \infty &> \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma(F_{n_{k+1}} - F_{n_k}, F_{n_{k+1}} - F_{n_k})^{1/2} \\ &\geq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_\Gamma \left( \int_X |\nabla^X \nabla^P (F_{n_{k+1}} - F_{n_k})(x, \gamma)|_{T_x X}^2 e^{-E_{\{x\}}^\Phi(\gamma + \varepsilon_x)} d\sigma(x) \right)^{1/2} d\mu(\gamma) \\ &= \int_\Gamma \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \int_X |\nabla^X \nabla^P (F_{n_{k+1}} - F_{n_k})(x, \gamma)|_{T_x X}^2 \rho_\gamma(x) dm(x) \right)^{1/2} d\mu(\gamma), \end{aligned}$$

where we used Theorem 5.1 and (6.1). From the last expression we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}_{\sigma_\gamma}^X(u_{n_{k+1}}^{(\gamma)} - u_{n_k}^{(\gamma)}, u_{n_{k+1}}^{(\gamma)} - u_{n_k}^{(\gamma)})^{1/2} \quad (6.7) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \int_X |\nabla^X \nabla^P (F_{n_{k+1}} - F_{n_k})(x, \gamma)|_{T_x X}^2 \rho_\gamma(x) dm(x) \right)^{1/2} < \infty \text{ for } \mu\text{-a.e. } \gamma \in \Gamma, \end{aligned}$$

where for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,

$$u_{n_k}^{(\gamma)}(x) := F_{n_k}(\gamma + \varepsilon_x) - F_{n_k}(\gamma), \quad x \in X.$$

Note that  $u_{n_k}^{(\gamma)} \in \mathcal{D}$ . (6.7) implies that for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\gamma \in \Gamma$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\sigma_\gamma}^X(u_{n_k}^{(\gamma)} - u_{n_l}^{(\gamma)}, u_{n_k}^{(\gamma)} - u_{n_l}^{(\gamma)}) \xrightarrow[k, l \rightarrow \infty]{} 0. \quad (6.8)$$

Let  $\Lambda \subset \mathcal{O}_c(X)$ .

**Claim 1:** For  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\gamma \in \Gamma$

$$\int_X (u_{n_k}^{(\gamma)}(x))^2 \mathbb{1}_\Lambda(x) d\sigma_\gamma(x) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} 0.$$

To prove Claim 1 we first note that for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\gamma \in \Gamma$

$$\sigma_\gamma(\Lambda) < \infty,$$

as follows immediately from (5.4) (taking  $h(\gamma, x) := \mathbb{1}_\Lambda(x)$  for  $x \in X$ ,  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ), since  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_{gc}^1(\sigma, \Phi)$ . Therefore, for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\gamma \in \Gamma$

$$\int_X F_{n_k}^2(\gamma) \mathbb{1}_\Lambda(x) d\sigma_\gamma(x) = F_{n_k}^2(\gamma) \sigma_\gamma(\Lambda) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} 0. \quad (6.9)$$

Furthermore, by (5.4)

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_\Gamma \int_X F_{n_k}^2(\gamma + \varepsilon_x) \mathbb{1}_\Lambda(x) d\sigma_\gamma(x) (1 + \gamma(\Lambda))^{-1} d\mu(\gamma) \\ &= \int_\Gamma F_{n_k}^2(\gamma) \int_X \frac{\mathbb{1}_\Lambda(x)}{1 + \gamma(\Lambda) - \mathbb{1}_\Lambda(x)} \gamma(dx) d\mu(\gamma) \\ &\leq \int_\Gamma F_{n_k}^2(\gamma) d\mu(\gamma) < \frac{1}{2^k}, \end{aligned}$$

because the integral w.r.t.  $\gamma$  is dominated by 1 for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \infty &> \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \int_\Gamma \int_X F_{n_k}^2(\gamma + \varepsilon_x) \mathbb{1}_\Lambda(x) d\sigma_\gamma(x) (1 + \gamma(\Lambda))^{-1} d\mu(\gamma) \right)^{1/2} \\ &\geq \int_\Gamma \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \int_X F_{n_k}^2(\gamma + \varepsilon_x) \mathbb{1}_\Lambda(x) d\sigma_\gamma(x) \right)^{1/2} (1 + \gamma(\Lambda))^{-1} d\mu(\gamma). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\gamma \in \Gamma$

$$\int_X F_{n_k}^2(\gamma + \varepsilon_x) \mathbb{1}_\Lambda(x) d\sigma_\gamma(x) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} 0. \quad (6.10)$$

Then Claim 1 follows by (6.9) and (6.10).

**Claim 2:** For  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\gamma \in \Gamma$

$$|\nabla^X u_{n_k}^{(\gamma)}|_{TX} \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} 0 \quad \sigma_\gamma\text{-a.e.}$$

To prove Claim 2 we first note that clearly (6.7) implies that for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\gamma \in \Gamma$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{1}_\Lambda \sigma_\gamma}^X(u_{n_k}^{(\gamma)} - u_{n_l}^{(\gamma)}, u_{n_k}^{(\gamma)} - u_{n_l}^{(\gamma)}) \xrightarrow[k, l \rightarrow \infty]{} 0. \quad (6.11)$$

Hence we can apply Theorem 6.2 (resp. 6.1) to  $\rho_1 := \mathbb{1}_\Lambda \rho_\gamma$  and conclude by Claim 1 and (6.11) that for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\gamma \in \Gamma$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{1}_\Lambda \sigma_\gamma}^X(u_{n_k}^{(\gamma)}, u_{n_k}^{(\gamma)}) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} 0,$$

hence by (6.7)

$$\mathbb{1}_\Lambda |\nabla^X u_{n_k}^{(\gamma)}|_{TX} \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} 0 \quad \sigma_\gamma\text{-a.e.}$$

Since  $\Lambda$  was arbitrary, Claim 2 is proven.

From Claim 2 we now easily deduce (6.6) by (5.2) and Fatou's Lemma as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma(F_{n_k}, F_{n_k}) &\leq \int_\Gamma \liminf_{l \rightarrow \infty} \int_X |\nabla^X (u_{n_k}^{(\gamma)} - u_{n_l}^{(\gamma)})|_{TX}^2 d\sigma_\gamma(x) d\mu(\gamma) \\ &\leq \liminf_{l \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma(F_{n_k} - F_{n_l}, F_{n_k} - F_{n_l}), \end{aligned}$$

which by (6.5) can be made arbitrarily small for  $k$  large enough. ■

**Remark 6.4** *The above method to prove closability of pre-Dirichlet forms on configuration spaces  $\Gamma_X$  extends immediately to the case where  $X$  is replaced by an infinite dimensional “manifold” such as the loop space (cf. [MR97]).*

**Example 6.5** *Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^d$  with the Euclidean metric and  $\sigma := z \cdot m$ ,  $z \in (0, \infty)$ . A pair potential is a  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ -measurable function  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  such that  $\phi(-x) = \phi(x)$ . Any pair potential  $\phi$  defines a potential*

$\Phi = \Phi_\phi$  in the sense of Section 2 as follows: we set  $\Phi(\gamma) := 0$ ,  $|\gamma| \neq 2$  and  $\Phi(\gamma) := \phi(x - y)$  for  $\gamma = \{x, y\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ . For such pair potentials  $\phi$  the condition in Theorem 6.3 ensuring closability of  $(\mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma, \mathcal{F}C_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma))$  on  $L^2(\mu)$  for  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_{gc}^1(\sigma, \Phi)$  can be now easily formulated as follows: for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  and  $m$ -a.e.  $x \in \{y \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \sum_{y' \in \gamma \setminus \{y\}} |\phi(y - y')| < \infty\}$  it holds that  $\int_{V_x} e^{\sum_{y' \in \gamma \setminus \{y\}} \phi(y - y')} m(dy) < \infty$  for some open neighbourhood  $V_x$  of  $x$ . This condition trivially holds e.g. if  $\text{supp}\phi$  is compact,  $\{\phi < \infty\}$  is open, and  $\phi^+ \in L_{loc}^\infty(\{\phi < \infty\}; m)$ . If even  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_{gc}^t(z, \phi)$  and  $\phi$  satisfies the assumptions in Proposition 7.1, then it suffices to merely assume that  $\{\phi < \infty\}$  is open and  $\phi^+ \in L_{loc}^\infty(\{\phi < \infty\}; m)$ . This follows by an elementary consideration.

**Remark 6.6** 1. We emphasize that Example 6.5 generalizes the closability result in [Osa96], though an a-priori bigger domain for  $\mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma$  is considered there. However, Theorems 6.1-6.3 are also valid for this bigger domain. The proofs are exactly the same.

2. We also like to emphasize that similarly to Example 6.5 one proves the closability of  $(\mathcal{E}_\mu^\Gamma, \mathcal{F}C_b^\infty(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma))$  (or with a larger domain in [Osa96]) on  $L^2(\mu)$  for  $\mu \in \mathcal{G}_{gc}^1(\sigma, \Phi)$  in the case of multi-body potentials  $\phi$ .

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