COMBINATORIAL ASPECTS OF THE STRONG SPATIAL MIXING PROPERTY

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In this talk we will look into some necessary and sufficient conditions for Zd shift spaces in order to admit the existence of Gibbs states –arising from nearest-neighbour interactions– satisfying the strong spatial mixing (SSM) property. SSM is a measure-theoretic property that has connections with decay of correlations, uniqueness of equi-librium states, and pressure approximation. Many of these conditions make use of and refine some natural notions coming from multidimensional symbolic dynamics.