

NOISE SENSITIVITY IN CONTINUUM PERCOLATION VIA RANDOMIZED ALGORITHMS AND SPECTRAL SAMPLES.

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“There is a general philosophy that if f is a function of ‘high complexity’ then the support of the Fourier transform has to be spread out”

– Jean Bourgain.

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Discrete Fourier analysis : Key objects

• $f: \Omega = \{\pm 1\}^n \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$; $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n) \sim \text{Uniform } \{\pm 1\}^n$; I.I.D. symmetric random bits.

• **Characters / Characteristic functions:** $\chi_S : x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto \prod_{i \in S} x_i$, $S \subset [n]$; $\chi_\emptyset = 1$.

• **Fourier-Walsh Expansion:** $f = \sum_{S \subset [n]} \hat{f}(S) \chi_S$. $\hat{f}(S) := \mathbb{E} f(\varepsilon) \chi_S(\varepsilon) = 2^{-n} \sum_{x \in \Omega} f(x) \prod_{i \in S} x_i$

• **Fourier Energy:** $E_f(k) := \sum_{S: \#S=k} \hat{f}^2(S)$, $k = 0, \dots, n$. $\sum_{k=0}^n E_f(k) = 1$ (**Plancherel's**)

• **Spectral sample:** $\mathcal{S} \subset [n]$; $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{S} = S) = \hat{f}^2(S)$, $S \subset [n]$. $\mathbb{P}(\#\mathcal{S} = k) = E_f(k)$, $k \geq 0$.

• **† re-sampling:** $\mathbb{E} f(\varepsilon) f(\varepsilon^t) = \mathbb{E} e^{-t \#\mathcal{S}} = \sum_{k=0}^n e^{-tk} E_f(k)$; Bits re-sampled w. Prob. $1 - e^{-t}$

• Sensitive to Noise / Perturbations $\leftrightarrow$ Fourier spectrum concentrated on 'high frequencies'.

Overview and Motivation

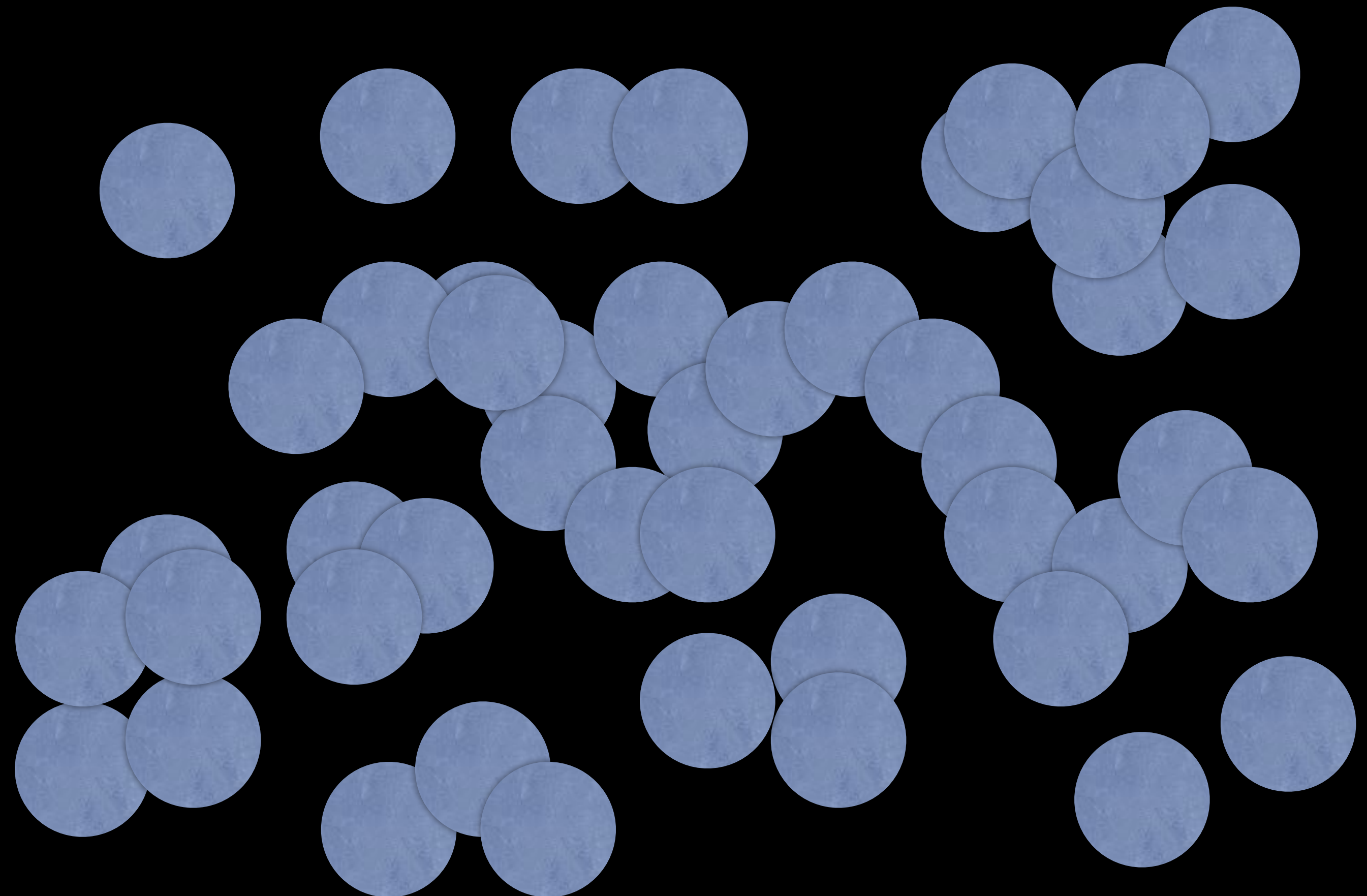
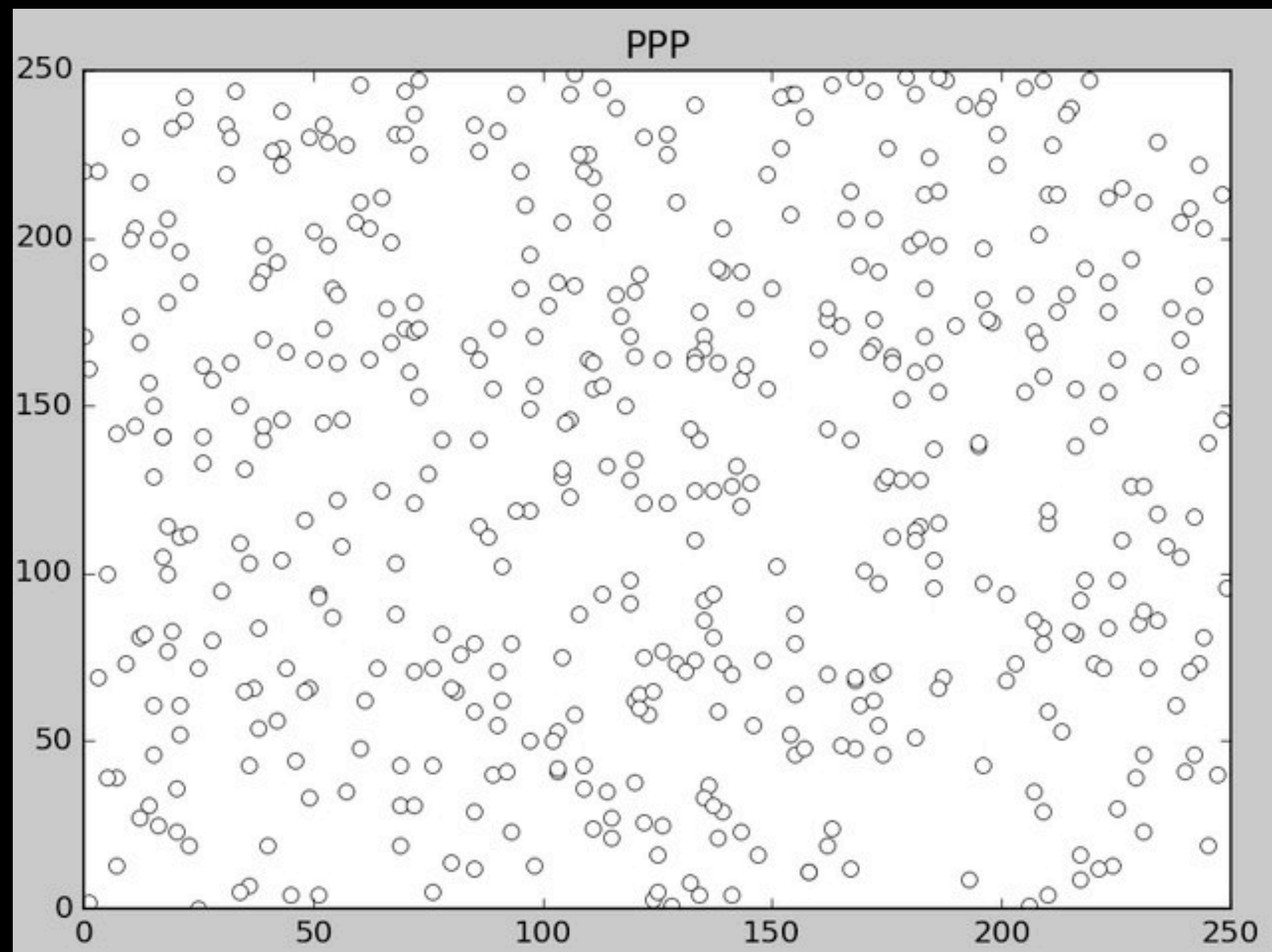
- Percolation theory – Spectacular progress in recent decades. Robust and diverse toolkit.
- Dynamical percolation – less explored. Introduced by **Haggstrom, Peres & Steif (1996)**
- **Noise sensitivity / stability** – Noise as dynamics for short-time intervals;
- **Benjamini, Kalai and Schramm (1999)** – Hypercontractivity & randomized algorithms to show noise sensitivity but non-quantitative. Continuum results via discretisation by **Ahlberg, Broman, Griffith and Morris (2014)**.
- **Schramm & Steif (2010)**– Randomized algorithms to control Fourier coefficients & gives quantitative but not sharp noise sensitivity. Continuum results via discretisation by **Ahlberg and Baldasso (2018)** ; Pure continuum analogue by **Last, Peccati and Y. (2023)**.
- **Garban, Pete & Schramm (2010)** – Spectral sample approach to sharp noise sensitivity. Discretisation is restrictive ! Voronoi percolation by **Vanneuville (2019, 2021)**.

Planar Continuum percolation

$\eta = \sum_{i \geq 1} \delta_{X_i} = \{X_i\}_{i \geq 1}$ Stationary Poisson process in $\mathbb{R}^2$ with intensity $\lambda > 0$;

$\text{Poi}(\lambda n^d)$ points in $[0, n]^d$ uniformly and independently and $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$\mathcal{O}(\eta) := \cup_{X_i \in \eta} B_1(X_i)$ - Occupied region.

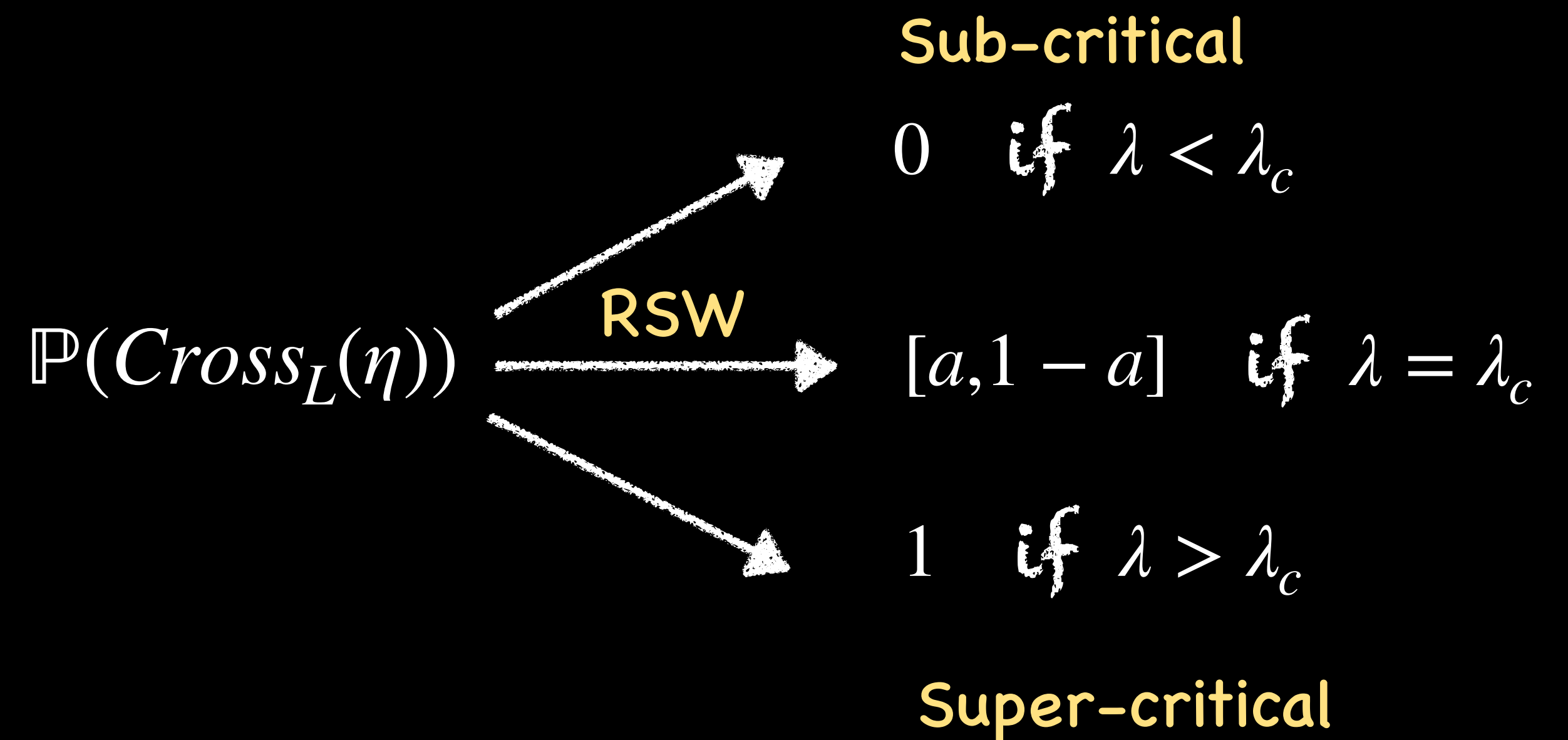
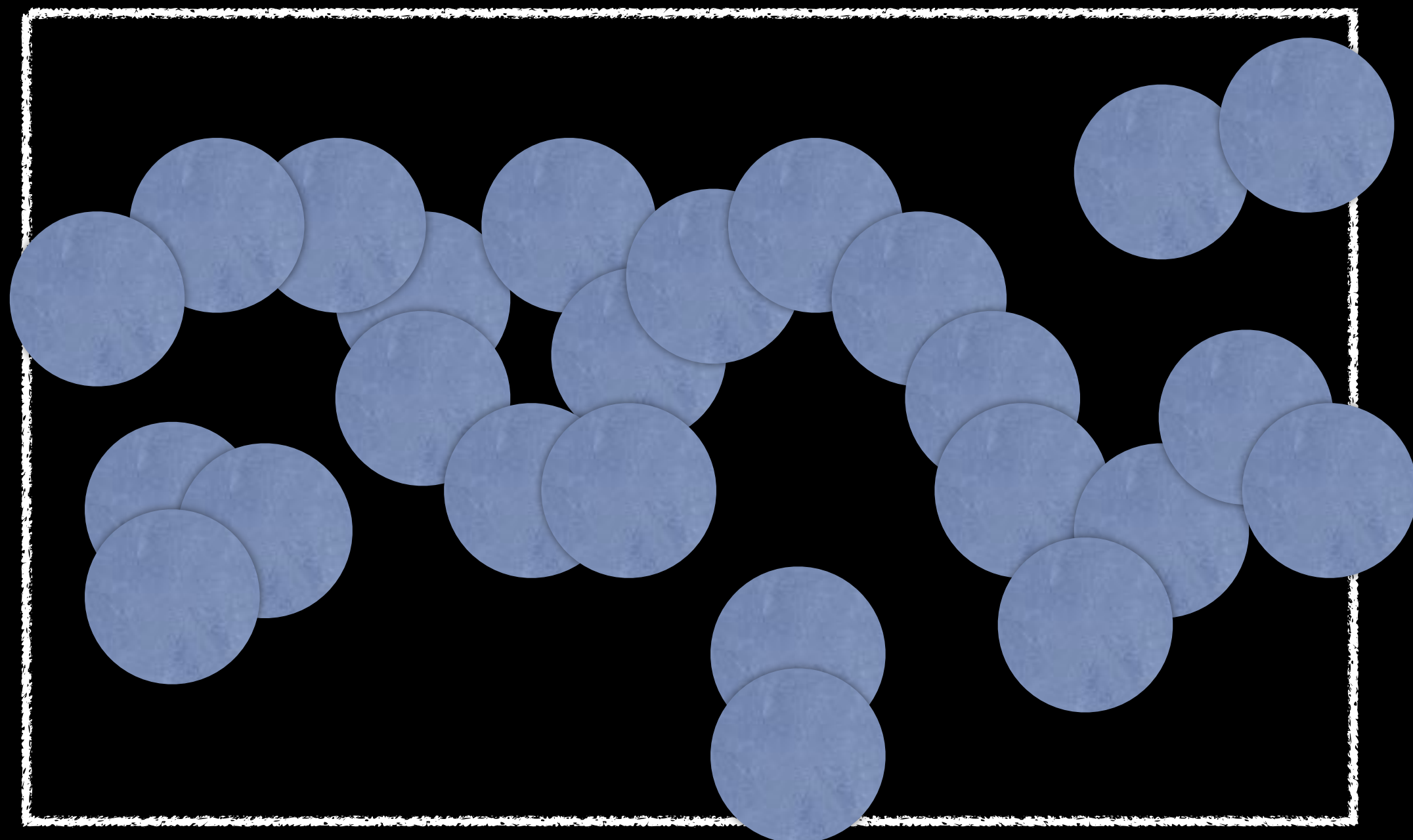


Planar Continuum percolation : Phase transition

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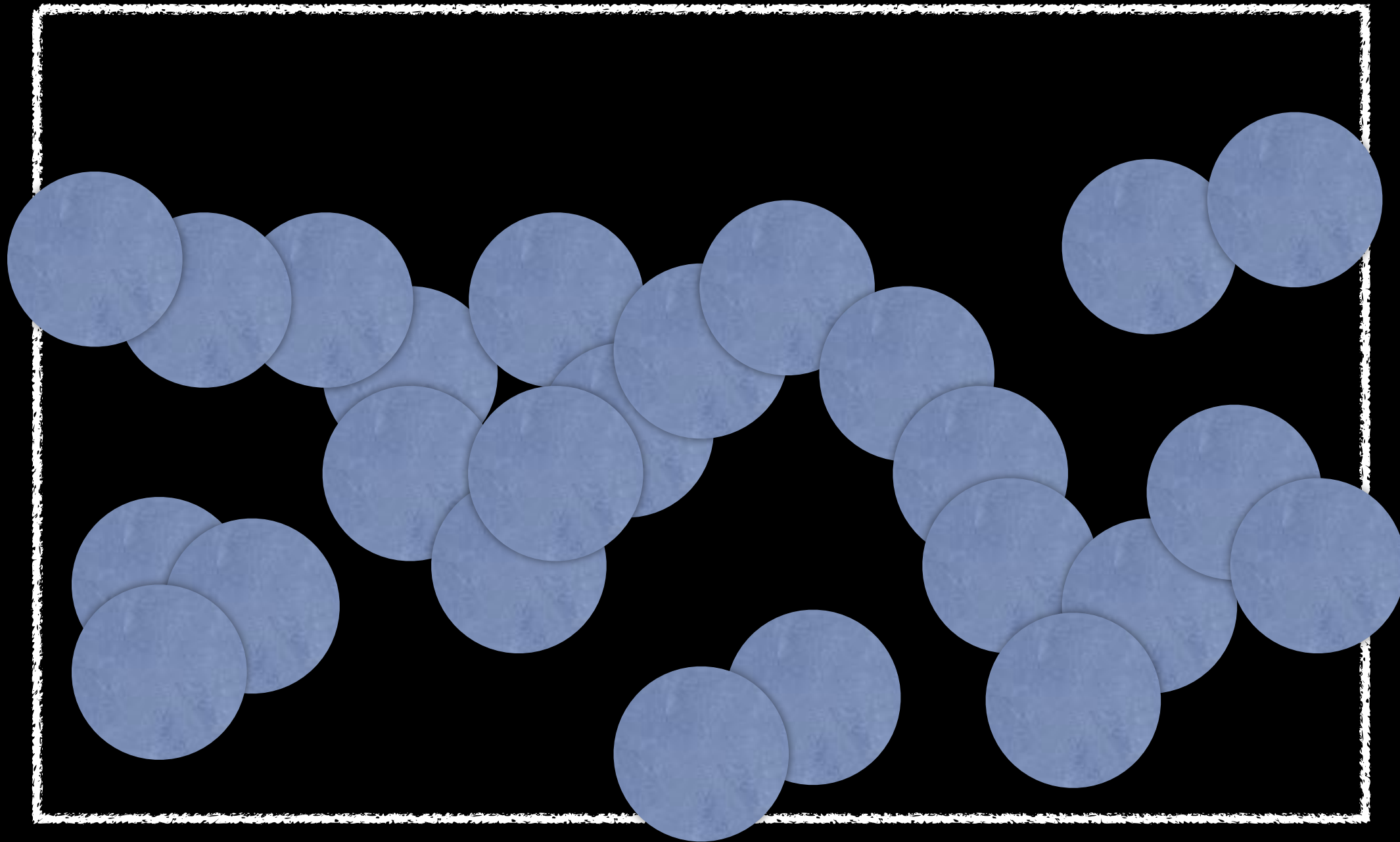
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Sharp noise instability / sensitivity

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η_t - Stationary dynamics for Poisson process.

Noise Stable

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow 0} \lim_L \mathbb{P}(Cross_L(\eta) \neq Cross_L(\eta_t)) = 0.$$

Noise Sensitive

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} COV(Cross_L(\eta), Cross_L(\eta_t)) = 0, \forall t > 0.$$

Sharp Noise Instable $\exists A_L \rightarrow \infty$, Noise stable for $t_L A_L \rightarrow 0$ & not for $t_L A_L \rightarrow \infty$.

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$$\mathbb{P}(Cross_L(\eta) \neq Cross_L(\eta_{t_L})) \rightarrow 0.$$

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$$\liminf_{L \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(Cross_L(\eta) \neq Cross_L(\eta_{t_L})) > 0.$$

Sharp noise instability / sensitivity : Predictions

$\eta = \{X_i\}_{i \geq 1}$; Stationary Poisson(λ) process in $\mathbb{R}^2$; $\mathcal{O}(\eta)$ – Occupied region; $\mathcal{V}(\eta) = \mathcal{O}^c$, Vacant region.

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Sub-critical

0 if $\lambda < \lambda_c$

Noise stable and sensitive as degenerate.

$\mathbb{P}(Cross_L(\eta))$

$[a, 1 - a]$ if $\lambda = \lambda_c$

Sharp noise instable & sensitive with

$$A_L = L^2 \alpha_4(L)$$

1 if $\lambda > \lambda_c$

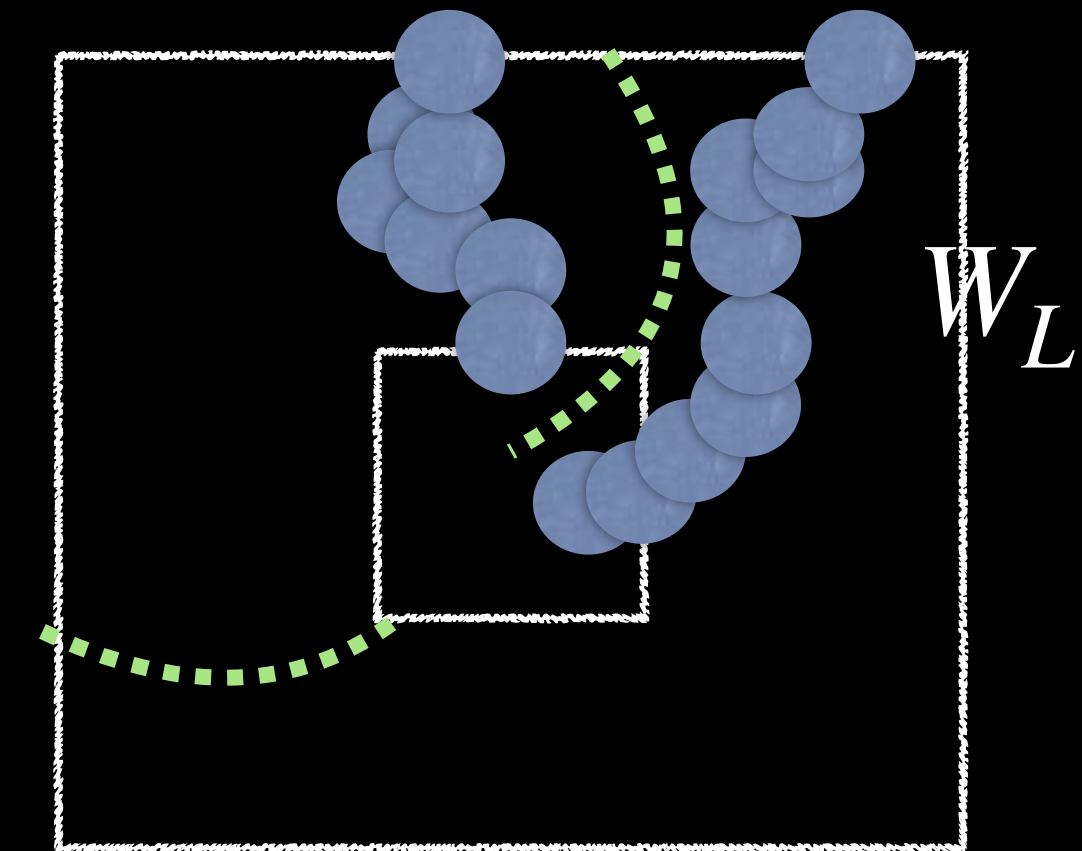
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$\alpha_4(L) =$ 4-arm probability

= Probability of 4 alternating arms from W_1 to W_L

$$\mathbb{E}[\text{\# Pivotal points for } Cross_L(\eta)] \approx L^2 \alpha_4(L)$$



Why sharp noise instability ?

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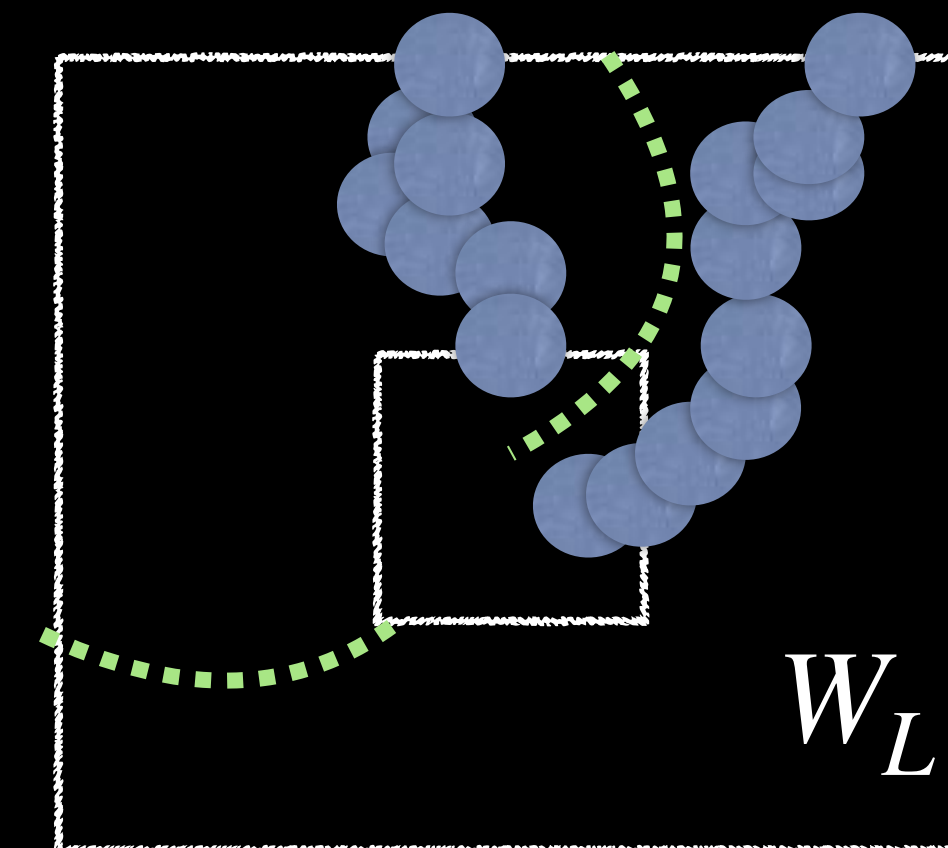
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0 if $\lambda_L = \lambda_c (1 - o(A_L^{-1}))$

1 if $\lambda_L = \lambda_c (1 + \omega(A_L^{-1}))$



$\alpha_4(L)$

W_L

OU or Birth-Death Dynamics for Poisson process

η – Stationary Poisson process in $\mathbb{R}^2$ with intensity $\lambda > 0$;

Points are deleted at unit rate and new points are born at rate $\lambda - \eta_t$, $t \geq 0$

$\eta_t \stackrel{d}{=} e^{-t} \circ \eta + (1 - e^{-t}) \circ \eta' \stackrel{d}{=} \eta$; η, η' are independent Poisson (λ) processes.

$e^{-t} \circ \eta$ – Poisson process with points retained independently with probability e^{-t}

Reversible dynamics w.r.t. η

Noise stability w.r.t OU Dynamics implies Stability w.r.t. CONSERVATIVE Dynamics.

Conserve number of points but move them according to a Brownian motion ;

Points die and relocate ;

Noise sensitivity w.r.t CONSERVATIVE Dynamics implies sensitivity w.r.t. OU Dynamics.

Sharp noise instability for Boolean Percolation

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THEOREM (BPY 2024 and LPY 2023.)

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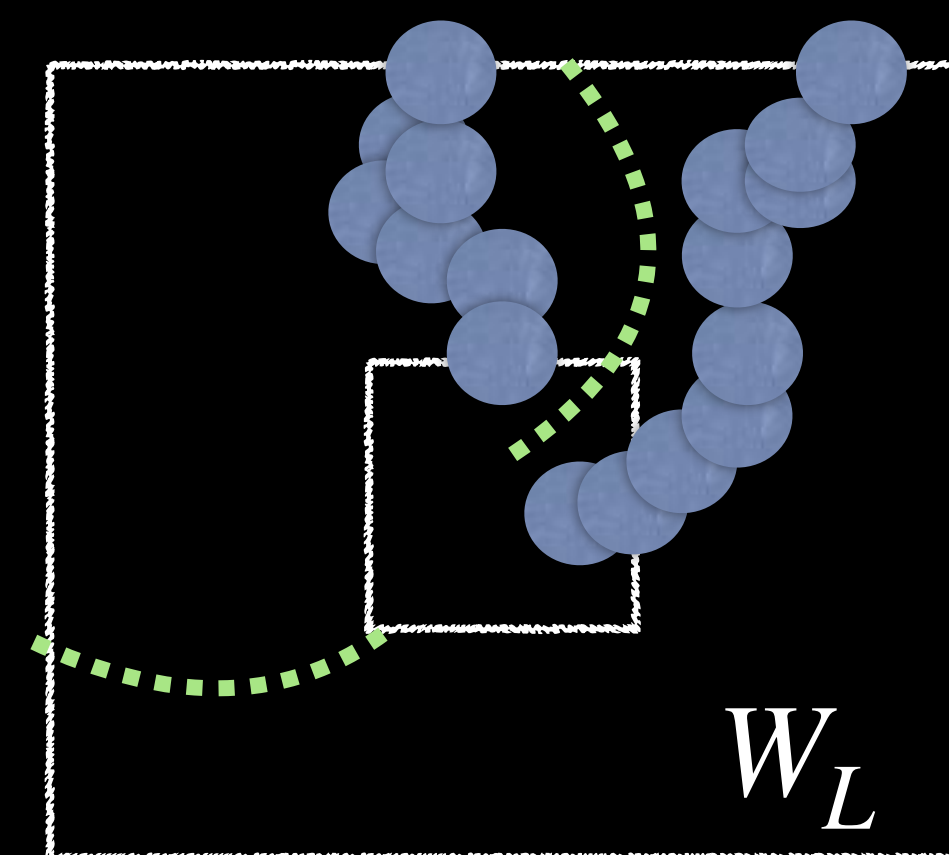
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$\liminf_{L \rightarrow \infty} \text{COV}(Cross_L(\eta), Cross_L(\eta_{t_L})) = 0.$



Spectral approach to sharp noise sensitivity

- $\eta = \{X_i\}_{i \geq 1}$; Stationary Poisson(λ) process in $\mathbb{R}^2$; $F(\eta) \in \{-1, +1\}$ - Functional.
- $\gamma_F \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ - **Spectral Point process**; $E_F(k) = \mathbb{P}(\#\gamma_F = k)$ - **Energy**.
- $$\mathbb{E} F(\eta) F(\eta_t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-kt} E_F(k) = \mathbb{E} e^{-t \#\gamma_F} \geq e^{-t \mathbb{E} \#\gamma_F} .$$
- "TO UNDERSTAND CONCENTRATION OF $\#\gamma_F$ "
- $\mathcal{P}_F := \{X_i : F(\eta) \neq F(\eta - X_i)\}$ - **Pivotal Point process**. For ex., $\mathbb{E} \#\mathcal{P}_{Cross_L} \approx L^2 \alpha_4(L)$.
- $\mathbb{E} \#\gamma_F \cap B = \mathbb{E} \#\mathcal{P}_F \cap B$, B bounded subset ; Not true for higher moments !!!
- $\#\gamma_{Cross_L} \stackrel{???}{\approx} \mathbb{E} \#\gamma_{Cross_L} = \mathbb{E} \#\mathcal{P}_{Cross_L} \approx L^2 \alpha_4(L)$; Concentration of γ_{Cross_L} is **DIFFICULT** !!!

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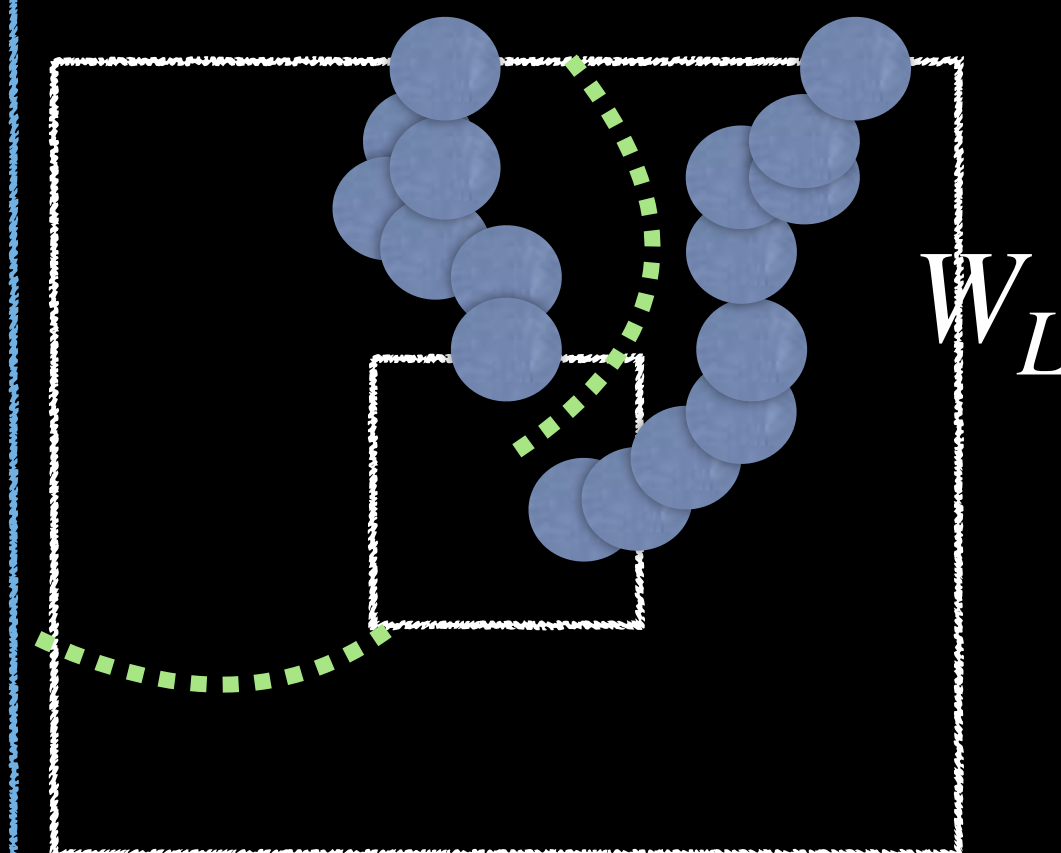
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Schramm-Steif inequality and Stopping sets

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- $\mathbb{E} F(\eta) F(\eta_t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-kt} E_F(k) = \mathbb{E} e^{-t\#\gamma_F}$. **Mehler's Formula**.
- $Z(\eta) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ **Randomised stopping set**. $\{Z(\eta) \subset B\}$ is determined by $\eta \cap B$
- Z determines F i.e., $F(\eta) = F(\eta \cap Z(\eta))$.
- **Continuum Schramm-Steif inequality**: $E_F(k) \leq k \delta(Z)$; $\delta(Z) := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} \mathbb{P}(x \in Z)$
- If $\delta(Z_L) \rightarrow 0$ then $\liminf_{L \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{C}OV(Cross_L(\eta), Cross_L(\eta_{t_L})) = 0$ for $t_L > \gg \sqrt{\delta(Z_L)}$.

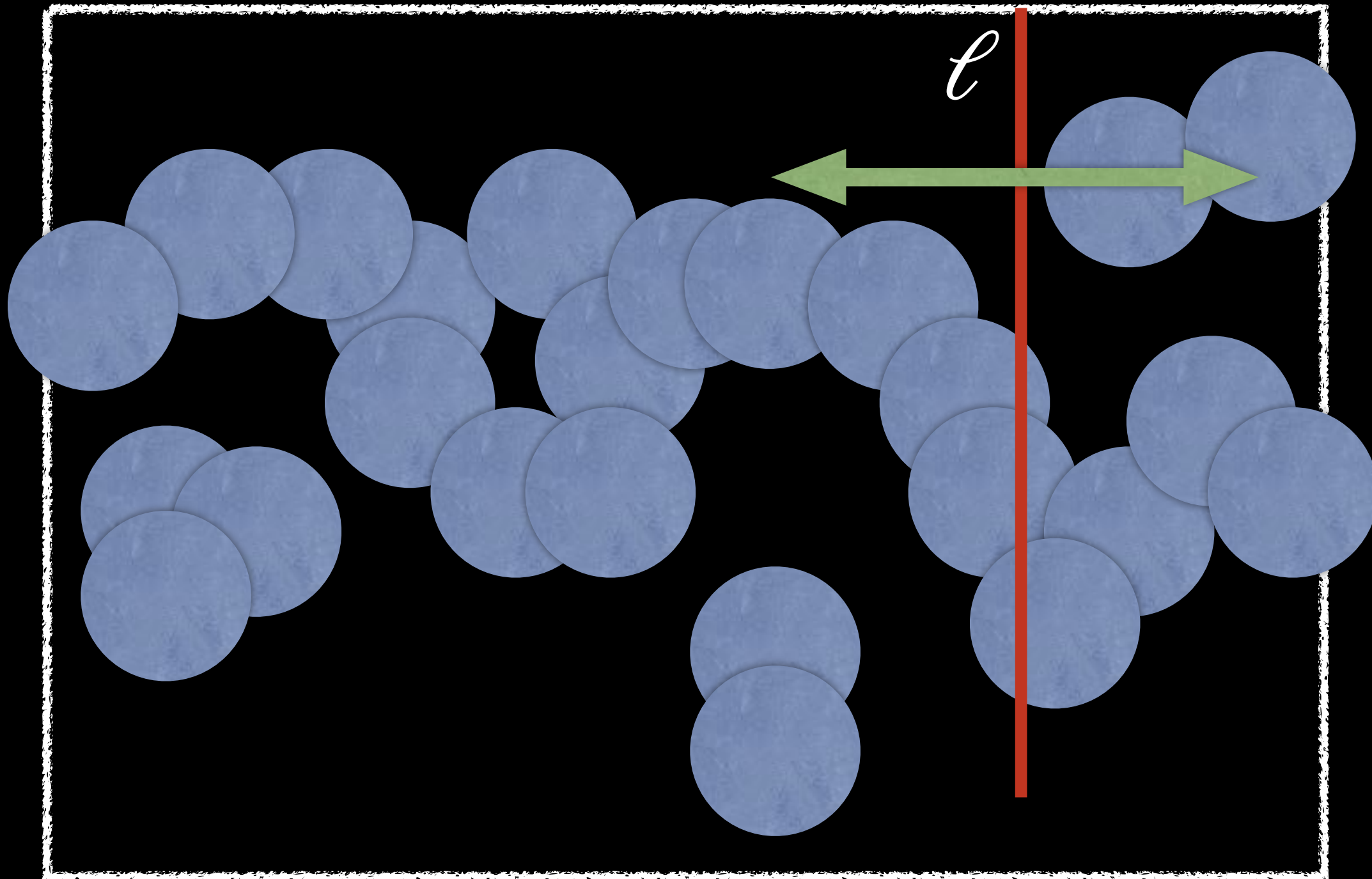
Stopping set for Crossings

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Start at a random vertical line ℓ and explore the occupied region to the left and right.



$$\mathbb{P}(x \in Z) \leq \mathbb{P}(B_1(x) \leftrightarrow \ell \text{ in } \mathcal{O}(\eta))$$

$$\leq \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \alpha_1(s) ds \approx L^{-c}$$

$\alpha_1(s) =$ 1-arm crossing probability from W_1 to W_s .

Polynomial decay in many percolation models !

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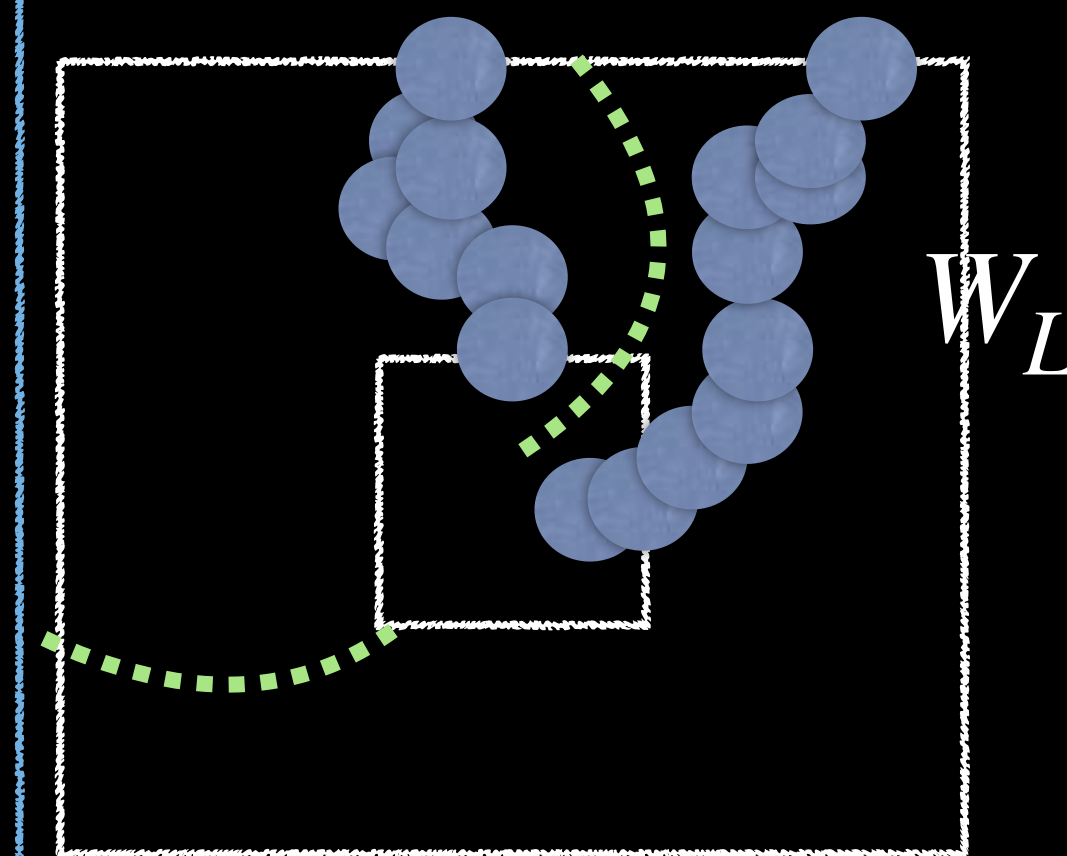
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Key Ingredients -

- Lower bound on 4-arm probabilities ; $\epsilon L^\epsilon \lesssim L^2\alpha_4(L)$ (Manolescu-Santoro '22)
- Quasi-multiplicativity - $\alpha_4(s, t) \approx \alpha_4(s, r)\alpha(r, t)$ for $1 \leq s \leq r \leq t$; à la Kesten.
- Expected Pivotal points - $\mathbb{E} \# \mathcal{P}_{\text{Cross}_L} \approx L^2\alpha_4(L)$
- Asymptotic Independence.

Spectral and Pivotal point process for Poisson functionals

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kth Correlation functions are $\mathbb{E} D_{x_1} F(\eta)^2 \dots D_{x_k} F(\eta)^2$ - Geometric and easier to analyse !!!
- $F(\eta) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} I_k(u_k)$ **Wiener-Itô Chaos expansion**. $k! u_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \mathbb{E} D_{x_1, \dots, x_k}^k F(\eta)$, **Diff. Operators**
- $1 = \mathbb{E} F(\eta)^2 = k! \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E} I_k(u_k)^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E_F(k)$
- $\mathbb{P}(\# \gamma_F = k) = E_F(k) = k! \mathbb{E} I_k(u_k)^2$ &. if $\# \gamma_F = k$, joint density = $\frac{u_k^2}{\mathbb{E} I_k(u_k)^2}$
- γ_F - **Spectral Point process**; **kth Correlation functions are** $\mathbb{E} D_{x_1, \dots, x_k}^k F(\eta)^2$.

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- First correlation functions **ALONE** coincide $\longrightarrow \mathbb{E} \# \gamma_F \cap B = \mathbb{E} \# \mathcal{P}_F \cap B$, B bounded.
- $\mathbb{E} F(\eta) F(\eta_t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-kt} \mathbb{E} I_k(u_k)^2 = \mathbb{E} e^{-t \# \gamma_F}$; **Concentration of γ_F** yields Sharp Noise sensitivity.
- Analyse $\mathbb{E} (\# \gamma_F)^2$ using its second correlation function and partial concentration results !

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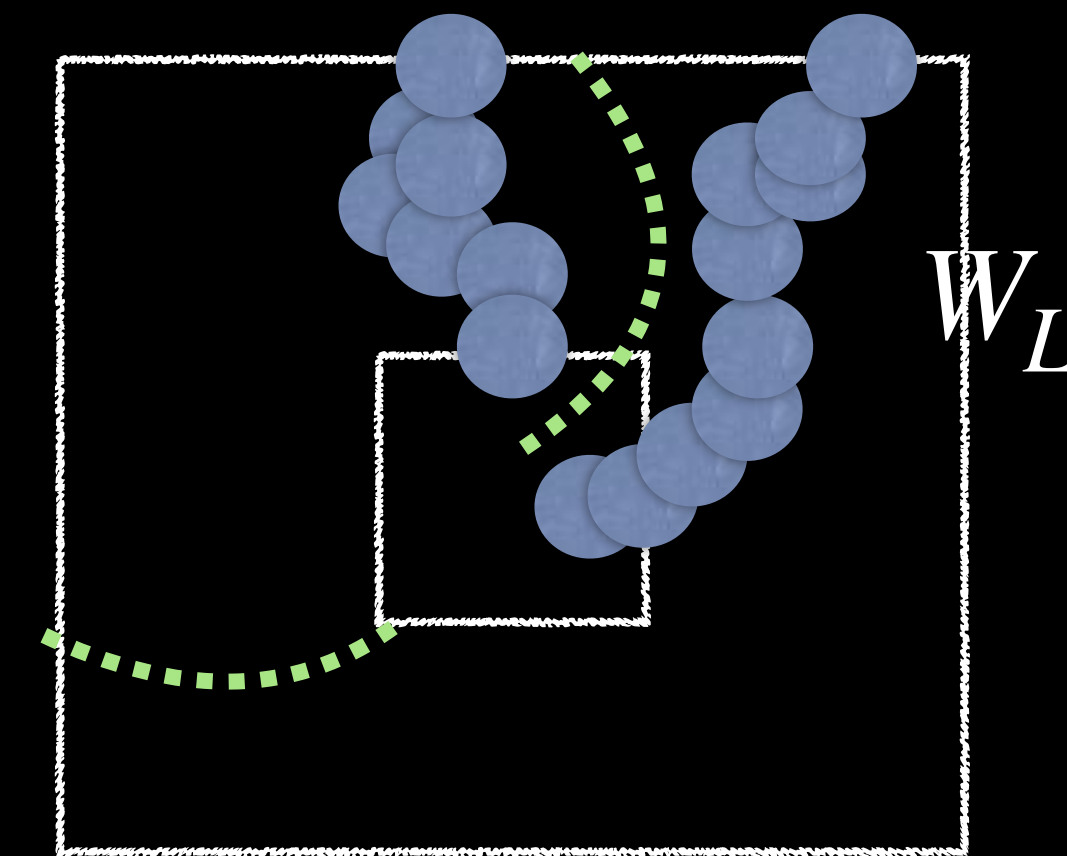
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Sharp noise instability and sensitivity for Voronoi percolation as well
via Sharp noise sensitivity for Frozen dynamics by Hugo Vanneuville.