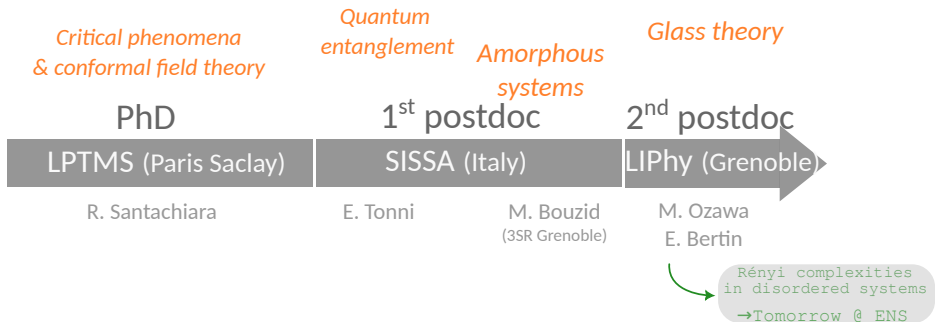


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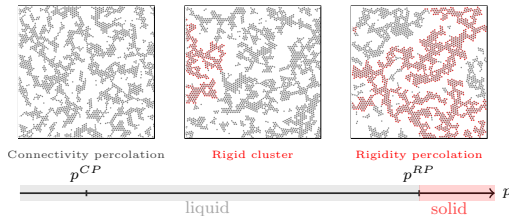
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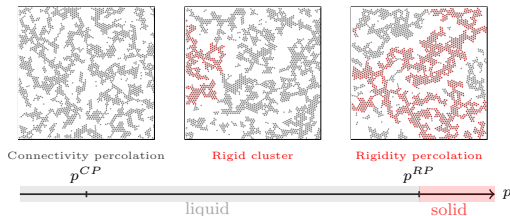
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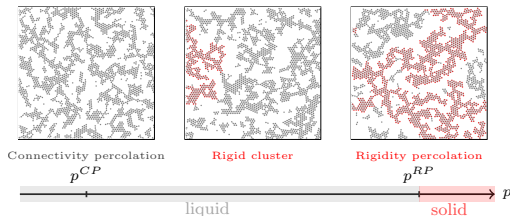
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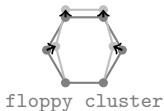
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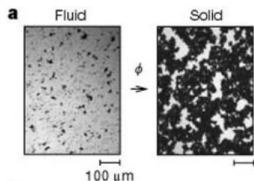
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Generalize: bonds as springs, Lennard-Jones interactions... → central potentials

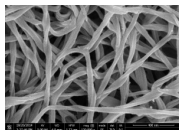
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Non trivial: no long-range structural order



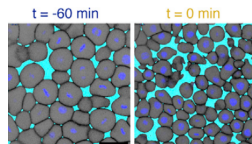
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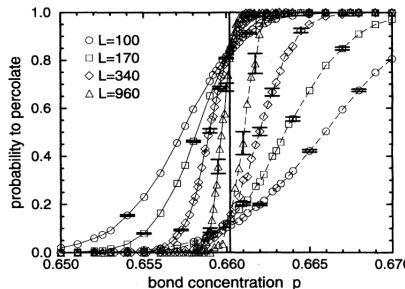
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Rigidity Percolation: universal framework
for (athermal) fluid/solid transitions

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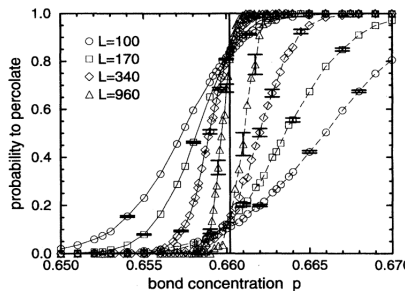
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- 2nd order transition

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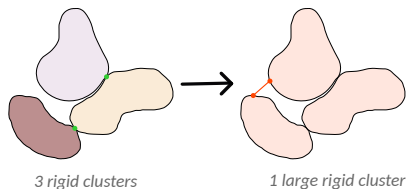
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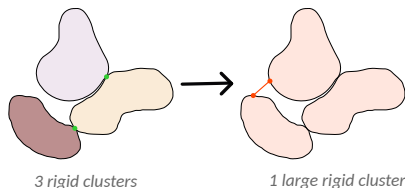
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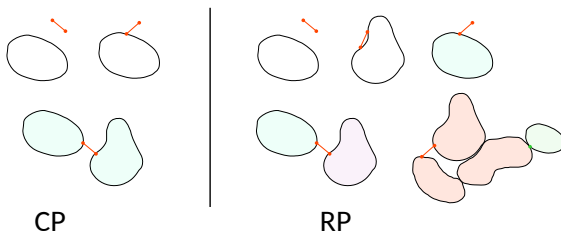


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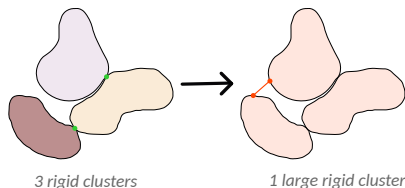


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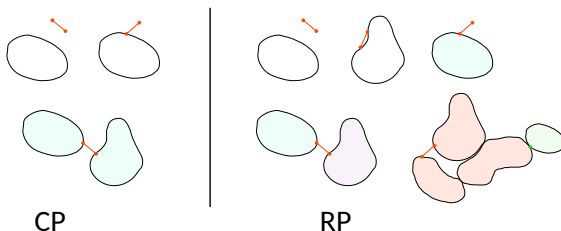


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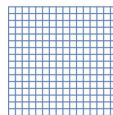


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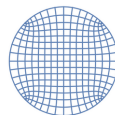
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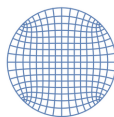
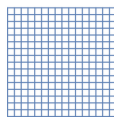
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Exploiting the constraints from conformal invariance is very powerful:

- Exact critical exponents: e.g. the backbone exponent of percolation Nolin et al 2023
- Solve 2d unitary models (Ising, 3-state Potts,...)
- And non-unitary ones: e.g. 2d random clusters Q -state Potts model Di Francesco, Saleur, Zuber, Viti, Delfino, Picco, Ribault, Santachiara, Ikhlef, Estienne, Jacobsen, He, ...
- Conformal bootstrap in $d > 2$: exponents of the 3d Ising model El Showk et al 2012
- In other fields too: e.g. entanglement entropy in quantum physics

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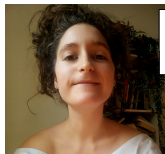
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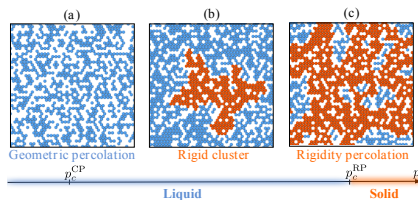
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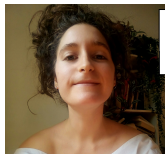
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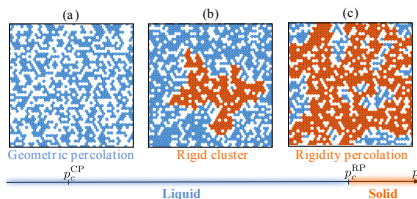
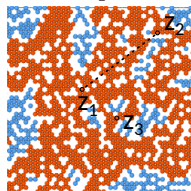
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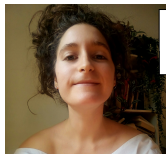
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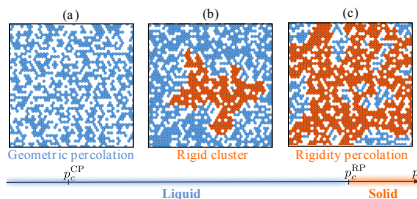
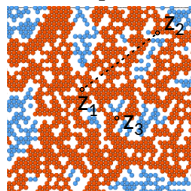
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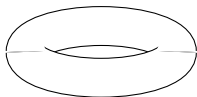
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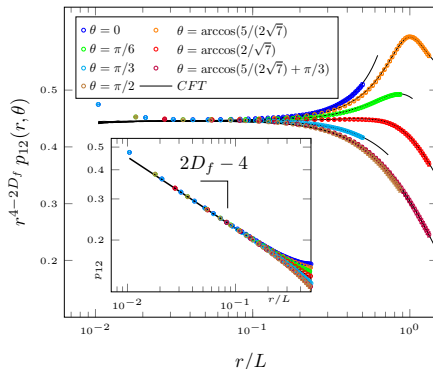
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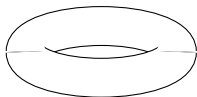
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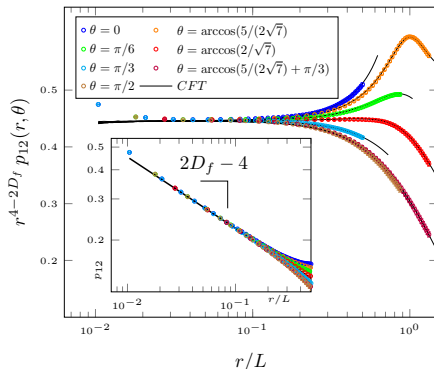
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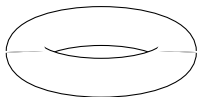


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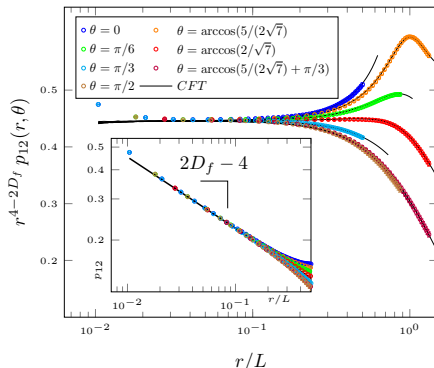
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$\rightarrow \Phi$ transforms as a Virasoro primary ✓

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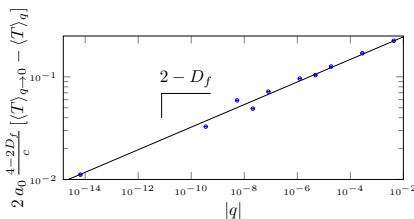
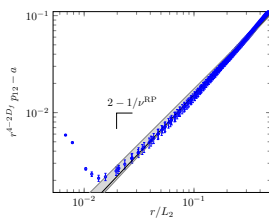
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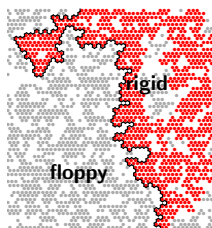
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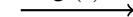
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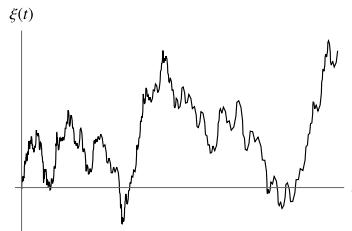


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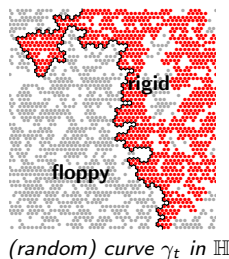


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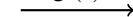
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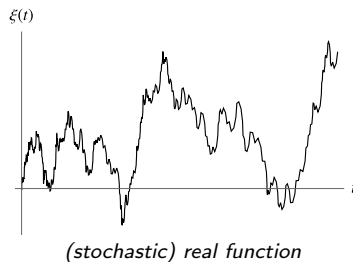
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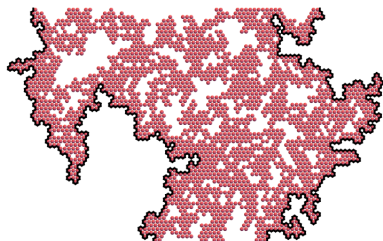
Theorem (Schramm 2000):

Conformally invariant curves map to Brownian motions: $\xi_t = \sqrt{\kappa} B_t$.

→ Universal behaviour of the curve parametrized by κ .

SLE analysis of RP in a nutshell:

1. Identify spanning perimeters of rigid clusters (in a strip)
2. Obtain instances of ξ_t from instances of the discrete curves $\{z_0, z_1, \dots, z_l\}$, by iterative mapping via g_t
3. Test consistency of ξ_t with a Brownian motion
→ independent evidence of conformal invariance of RP ✓



4. Estimate κ from SLE's observables:

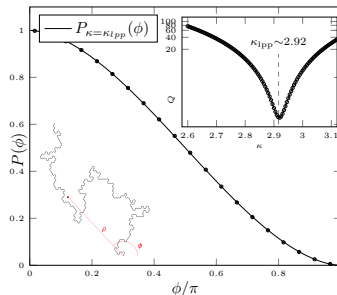
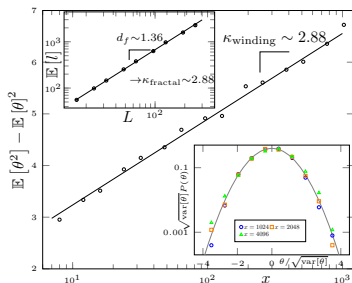
▶ fractal dimension $\ell \sim L^{d_f}$: $d_f = 1 + \frac{\kappa}{8}$ Beffara 2008

▶ winding angle $\theta(\ell)$: $\text{var}[\theta(\ell)] = a + \frac{2\kappa}{8+\kappa} \log \ell$

Duplantier Saleur 1988, Schramm 2000

▶ Left-passage probability:

$$P_\kappa(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\Gamma(\frac{4}{\kappa})}{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\frac{8-\kappa}{2\kappa})} \cot(\phi) {}_2F_1\left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{4}{\kappa}, \frac{3}{2}, -\cot^2(\phi)\right] \quad \text{Schramm 2000}$$



$\rightarrow \kappa_{\text{RP}} \approx 2.90(2).$

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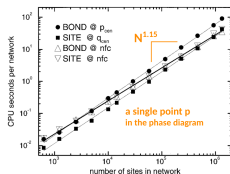
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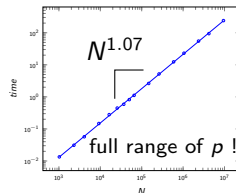
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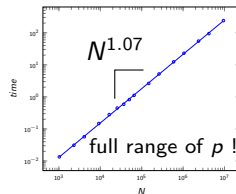
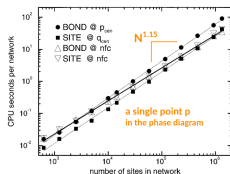
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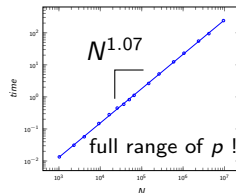
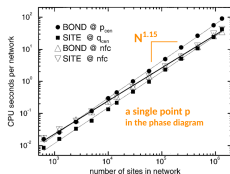
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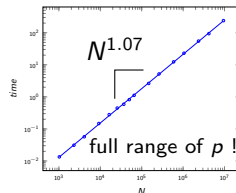
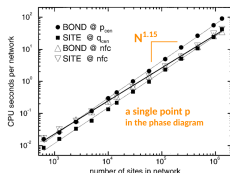
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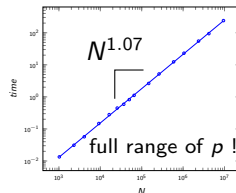
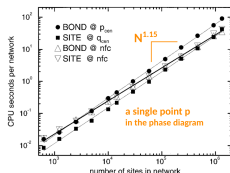
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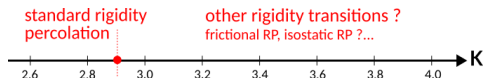
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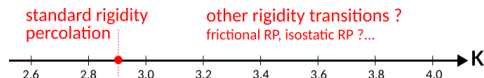
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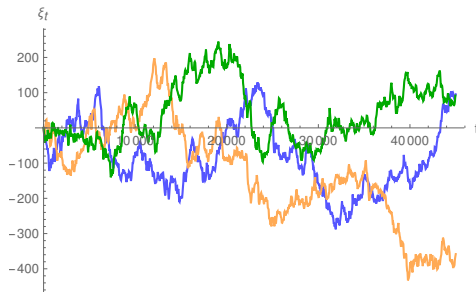
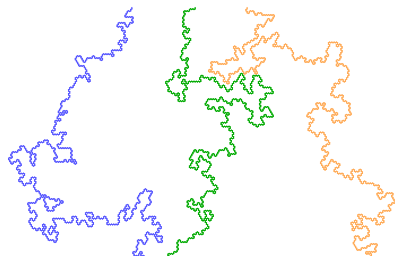
Compute iteratively t_j and ξ_{t_j} by applications of g_{t_j} ;

$$\{z_j^{j-1}, \dots, z_l^{j-1}\} \rightarrow \{z_{j+1}^j = g_{t_j}(z_{j+1}^{j-1}), \dots, z_l^j = g_{t_j}(z_l^{j-1})\}, \quad g_{t_j}(z) = \xi_{t_j} + \frac{2L_y}{\pi} \cosh^{-1} \left[\frac{\cosh \left[\frac{\pi}{2L_y} (z - \xi_{t_j}) \right]}{\cos \Delta_j} \right]$$

$$\xi_{t_j} = \operatorname{Re}(z_j^{j-1})$$

$$t_j = t_{j-1} - 2 \left(\frac{L_y}{\pi} \right)^2 \log(\cos \Delta_j)$$

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2– Test if $\xi(t)$ is a Brownian motion

Increments $X_j \equiv \xi_{t_j+\delta} - \xi_{t_j}$ must be independent and normal

→ Test the joint distribution of $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$: Kennedy 2008

- define $m = 2^n$ cells: possible sign sequences, eg. $(+, -, \dots, -)$
- count the number O_j of instances falling in each cell j
- compare to expectation E_j for indep. normal variables using

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{(O_j - E_j)^2}{E_j} \quad \text{and associated p-value}$$

n	5	7	9
p-value	0.95	0.78	0.81

p-values not small:

$\xi_t = \text{Brownian motion}$ ✓