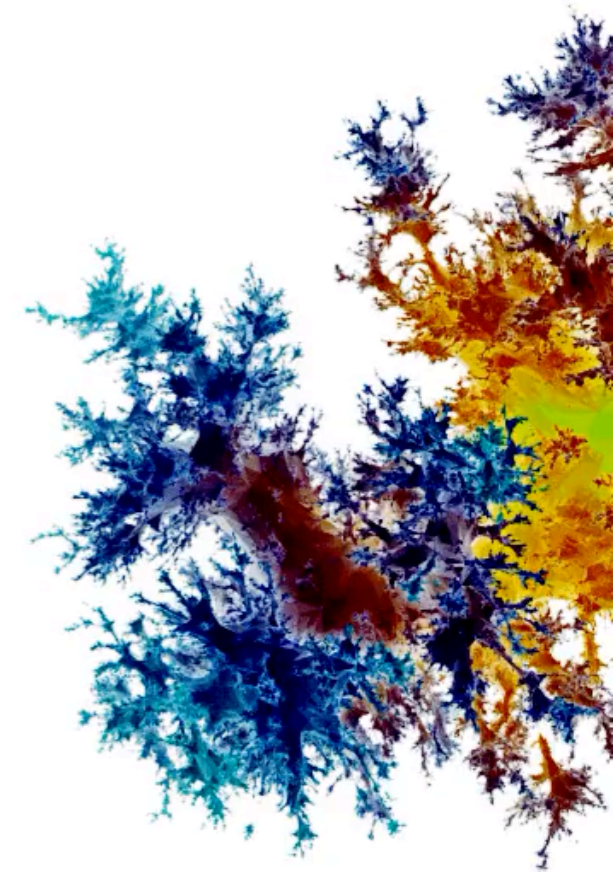
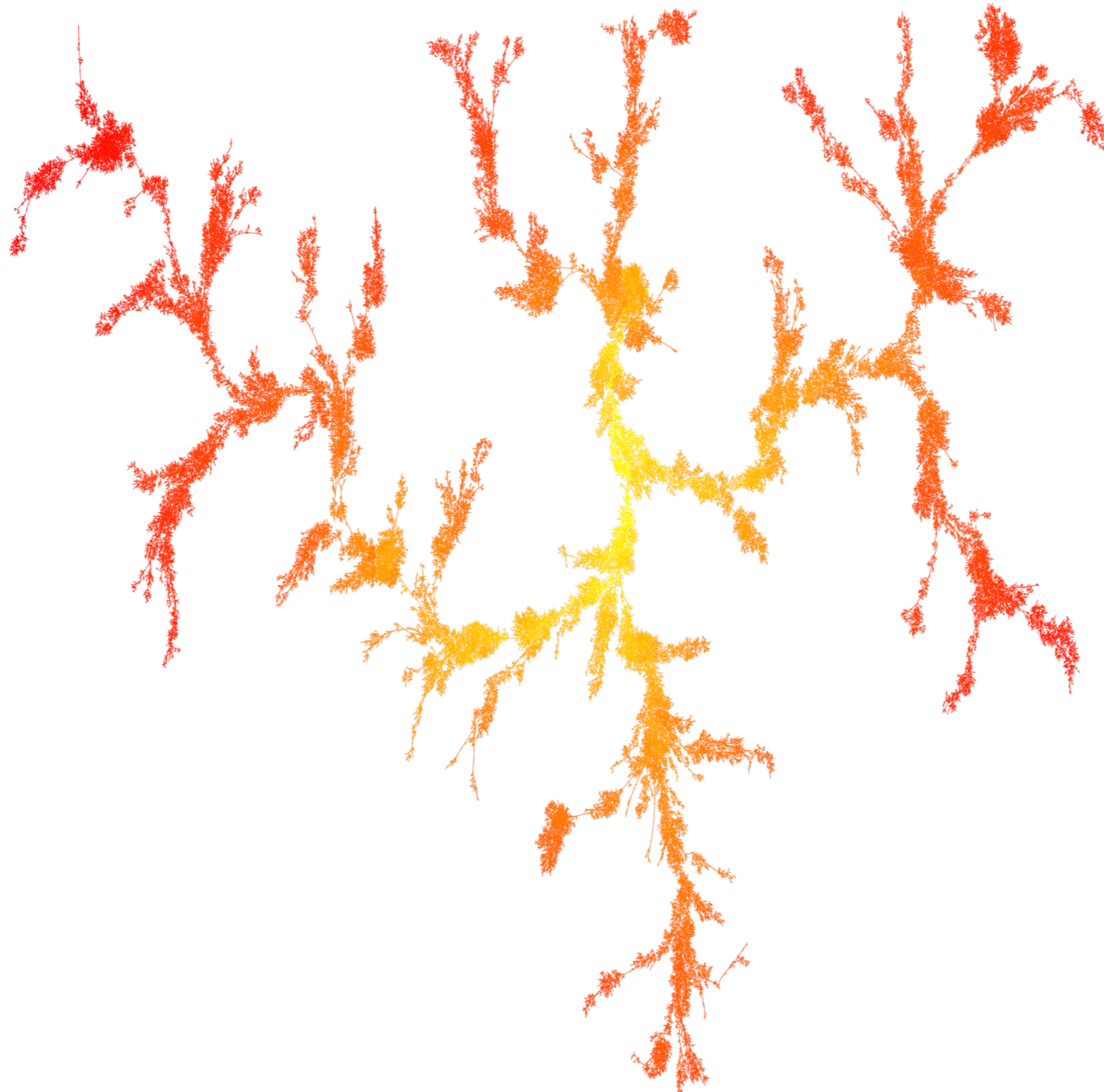


# SCALING LIMITS OF RANDOM ELEMENTS OF COMBINATORIAL CLASSES



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# BROWNIAN TREE: UNIVERSAL LIMIT OF RANDOM TREES



# LIMITS OF DILUTE SUPERTREES

$$T_1(z) = z \exp(T_1(z))$$

$$T_d(z) = T_1(zT_{d-1}(z)) \text{ for } d \geq 2.$$

**Stufler (2022, 2023+):** — We have

$$[z^n]T_d(z) \sim \frac{2^{1-1/2^d}}{|\Gamma(-1/2^d)|} n^{-1-2^{-d}} e^n$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . The uniform  $n$ -vertex supertree  $\mathbb{T}_{d,n}$  from the class  $T_d$  equipped with the uniform measure  $\mu_{\mathbb{T}_{d,n}}$  on its vertex set satisfies

$$(\mathbb{T}_{d,n}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} d_{\mathbb{T}_{d,n}}, \mu_{\mathbb{T}_{d,n}}) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{S}(1/2, -1/2^d, 1/2, L_{\text{Brownian}})$$

in the Gromov–Hausdorff–Prokhorov sense as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

# COMPOSITION SCHEMES / GIBBS PARTITIONS

Consider a composition scheme  $V(W(z))$  with coefficients  $v_n, w_n$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

- Convergent case: single giant component, rest stochastically bounded
- Dense case: linear number of components
- Mixture case: coin flip small or linear number of components
- Dilute case: polynomial (sublinear) number of components
- ...

Gourdon (1996)

Banderier, Flajolet, Schaeffer, Soria (2001)

Flajolet, Sedgewick (2009)

Addario-Berry (2019)

Stufler (2018, 2020)

Banderier, Kuba, Wallner (in print)

Stufler (in print)



## DILUTE REGIME

Let  $0 < \alpha, \beta < 1$  and suppose  $w_n \sim c_w n^{-1-\alpha} \rho_w$  and  $v_n = L_v(n) n^{-1-\beta} W(\rho_w)^{-n}$  with  $L_v$  slowly varying. Let  $K_{(1)} \geq K_{(2)} \geq \dots$  denote the ordered component sizes of the associated random Gibbs partition / composition scheme  $V(W(z))$ .

Stufler (2022), Gibbs partitions: a comprehensive phase diagram

Let  $\Upsilon_n = \sum_{i:K_{(i)}>0} \delta_{K_{(i)}/n}$  denote the point process on  $]0,1]$  with  $\delta$  referring to the

Dirac measure. Then  $\Upsilon_n \xrightarrow{d} \Upsilon_{\alpha,\beta}$  for a point process  $\Upsilon_{\alpha,\beta}$  with intensity

$$\frac{x^{-\alpha-1}(1-x)^{\alpha(1-\beta)-1}}{B(1-\alpha, \alpha(1-\beta))} dx$$

## DILUTE REGIME

also observed that for each integer  $m \geq 1$  the  $m$ th correlation function of  $\Upsilon_{\alpha,\beta}$  is given by

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \text{Poi} \left( \frac{c_w}{W(\rho_w)} Z \right) \right)_m \right] \mathbb{1}_{\substack{x_1 + \dots + x_m \leq 1 \\ x_1, \dots, x_m \geq 0}} \frac{(1 - x_1 - \dots - x_m)^{\alpha(m-\beta)-1}}{x_1^{\alpha+1} \dots x_m^{\alpha+1}},$$

with the first factor denoting the  $m$ th factorial moment of the Poisson random variable  $\text{Poi} \left( \frac{c_w}{W(\rho_w)} Z \right)$  with random parameter  $\frac{c_w}{W(\rho_w)} Z$ , so that

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{Poi}(vZ) = k) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{k!} \left( \frac{c_w}{W(\rho_w)} Z \right)^k \exp \left( -\frac{c_w}{W(\rho_w)} Z \right) \right], \quad k \geq 0.$$

The distribution of  $\frac{c_w}{W(\rho_w)} Z$  in fact only depends on  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , so that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \text{Poi} \left( \frac{c_w}{W(\rho_w)} Z \right) \right)_m \right] = \left( \frac{\alpha}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \right)^m \frac{\Gamma(1-\alpha\beta)\Gamma(m+1-\beta)}{\Gamma(1+\alpha(m-\beta))\Gamma(1-\beta)}.$$

## DILUTE REGIME

We let  $\eta_1 \geq \eta_2 \geq \dots > 0$  denote the ranked points of  $\Upsilon$  on  $]0, 1]$ . Since almost surely  $\Upsilon(]0, 1]) = \infty$ , there are indeed infinitely many such points. For all integers  $k \geq 1$  the size  $K_{(k)}$  of the  $k$ th largest component of  $P_n$  satisfies the joint distributional convergence

$$K_{(k)}/n \xrightarrow{w} \eta_k, \quad k \geq 1 \text{ (jointly)}.$$

Since the sum of the component sizes equals  $n$  we have  $\eta_k \leq 1/k$ .

But what is the distribution of  $\eta_k$ ?

## DILUTE REGIME

For all  $0 < x \leq 1$  and all integers  $k \geq 1$  this leads to

$$\mathbb{P}(\eta_k < x) = \frac{\Gamma(1 - \alpha(b - 1))}{2\pi |\Gamma(-\alpha)|^{b-1} \Gamma(2 - b)} \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty u^{\alpha(b-1)} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{u^\alpha} \int_x^1 \frac{e^{ityu}}{y^{1+\alpha}} dy - iut - |\Gamma(-\alpha)| (-it)^\alpha \right) \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{1}{j!} \left( \frac{1}{u^\alpha} \int_x^1 \frac{e^{ityu}}{y^{1+\alpha}} dy \right)^j dt du.$$

Be aware that we may not interchange the order of integration.

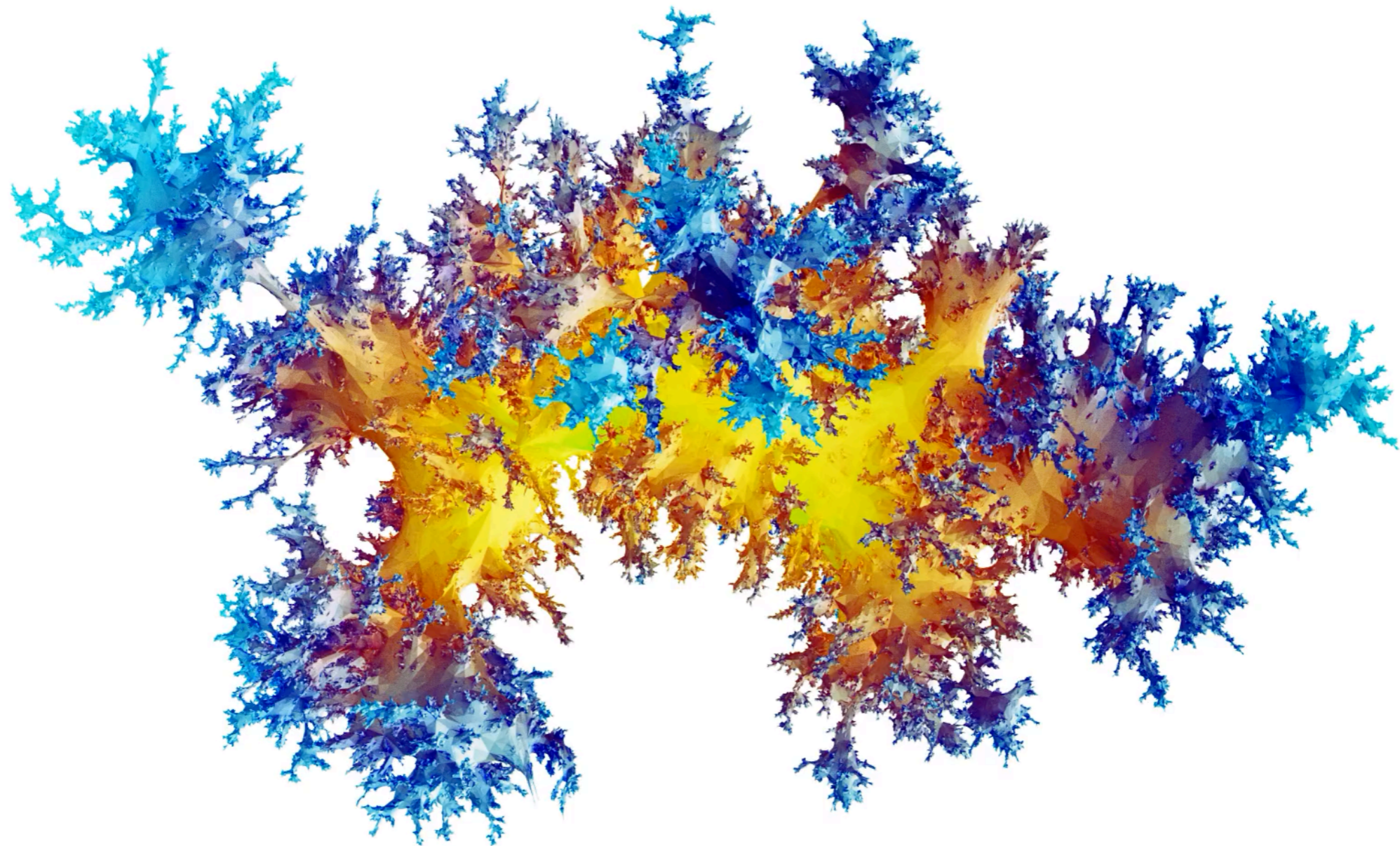
# DILUTE REGIME

- Consider the two-parameter Poisson-Dirichlet process  $\text{PD}(\alpha, \theta)$  introduced by Pitman, Yor (1997)
- Handa (2009) determined its correlation functions. For  $\theta = -\alpha\beta$  they agree with those of  $\Upsilon_{\alpha, \beta}$ .
- Using the method of moments a lemma from Kallenberg's book *Random measures* it follows that

$$\Upsilon(\alpha, \beta) \stackrel{d}{=} \text{PD}(\alpha, -\alpha\beta)$$

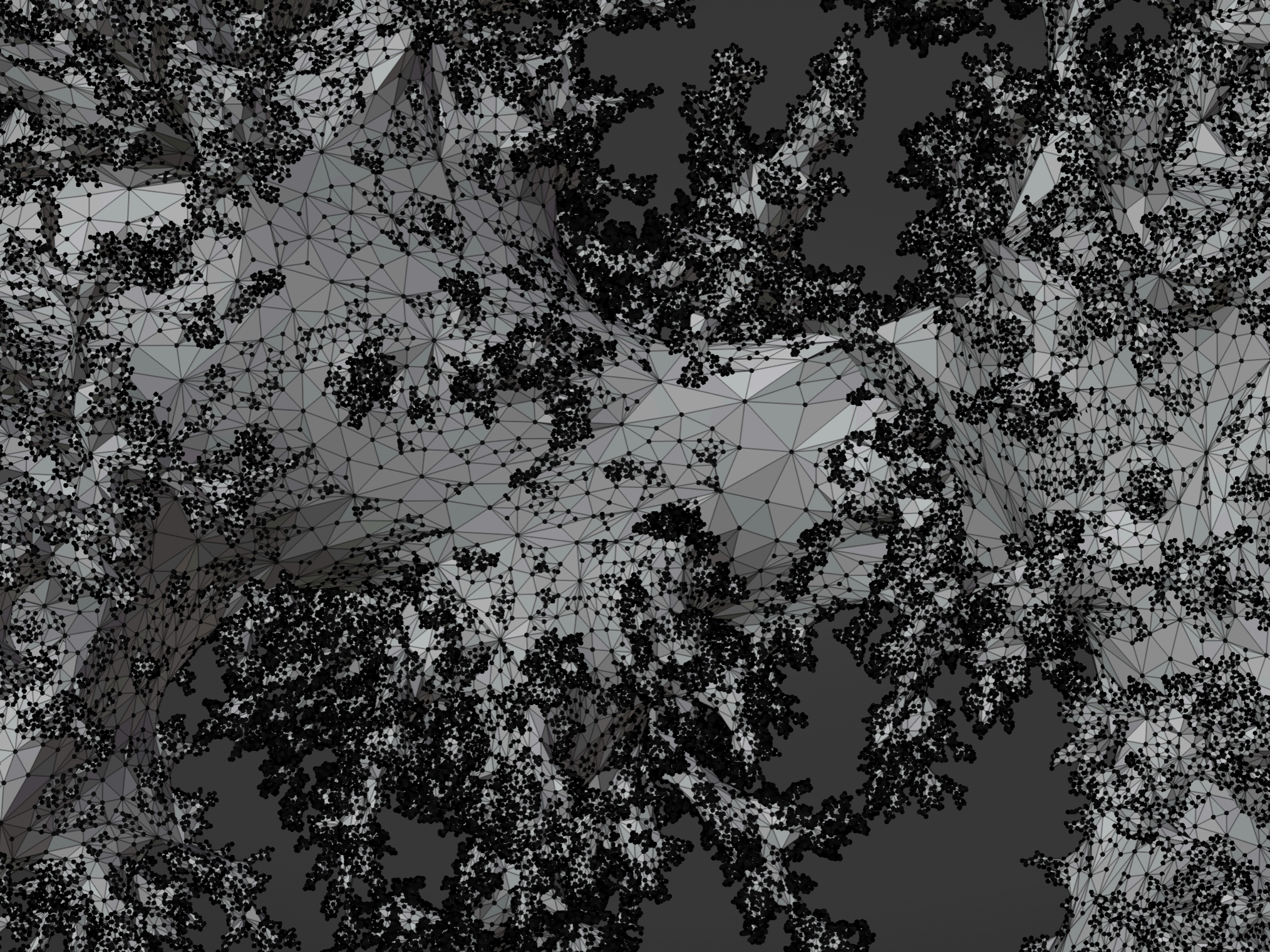


# BROWNIAN SPHERE: UNIVERSAL LIMIT OF RANDOM PLANAR MAPS



Simulation: SIMTRIA (Generate SIMple TRIAngulations): <http://github.com/BenediktStufler/simtria>,  
SCENT (Calculate closeness centrality): <http://github.com/BenediktStufler/scent>  
Mathematica, Blender







# ASYMPTOTIC ENUMERATION

- **Bodirsky, Kang, Löffler, McDiarmid (2007), Noy, Requilé, Rué (2020)**: the number  $c_n$  of cubic planar graphs with  $n$  labelled vertices satisfies

$$c_n \sim c_{\text{cubic}} n^{-7/2} \rho_{\text{cubic}}^{-n} n! \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

for some constants  $c, \rho > 0$ .

- **Giménez, Noy (2009)**: the number  $p_n$  of unrestricted planar graphs with  $n$  labelled vertices satisfies

$$p_n \sim c n^{-7/2} \rho^{-n} n! \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

for some constants  $c, \rho > 0$ . Proof uses analytic integration and enumerative results for the 2-connected case by **Bender, Gao, Wormald (2002)**

- **Chapuy, Fusy, Kang, Shoilekova (2008)**: "combinatorial integration": purely combinatorial approach to recover analytic specification by Giménez and Noy
- **S. (2023)**: recover  $p_n \sim c n^{-7/2} \rho^{-n} n!$  without integration, approach based on large deviation results for random walks in the big-jump domain

## WHAT ABOUT THE GLOBAL SHAPE?

- **Chapuy, Fusy, Giménez, Noy (2010):** The uniform random planar graph with  $n$  labelled vertices has diameter  $n^{1/4+o_p(1)}$
- **Problem: Methods for establishing limits for planar maps break down for graphs. No known bijection to trees with label processes!**
- Asymptotic enumeration factor  $n^{-7/2}$  provides a hint but has no probabilistic implications.

# SCALING LIMIT OF CUBIC PLANAR GRAPHS

**Thm. (S., 2022+)** Let  $C_n$  denote the uniform connected cubic planar graph with  $n$  labelled vertices. Let  $d_{C_n}$  denote the graph distance and  $\mu_{C_n}$  the uniform measure on its vertex set. There is a constant  $\gamma > 0$  such that in distribution

$$(C_n, \gamma n^{-1/4} d_{C_n}, \mu_{C_n}) \rightarrow (M, d_M, \mu_M)$$

as  $n \in 2\mathbb{N}$  tends to infinity. Convergence is in distribution in the Gromov-Hausdorff-Prokhorov sense, with  $(M, d_M, \mu_M)$  denoting the Brownian sphere.

Independent parallel proof: Albenque, Fusy, Lehericy (2022+)

Unrestricted planar graphs: ongoing joint work with Addario-Berry, Albenque, and Fusy

# NETWORK DECOMPOSITION

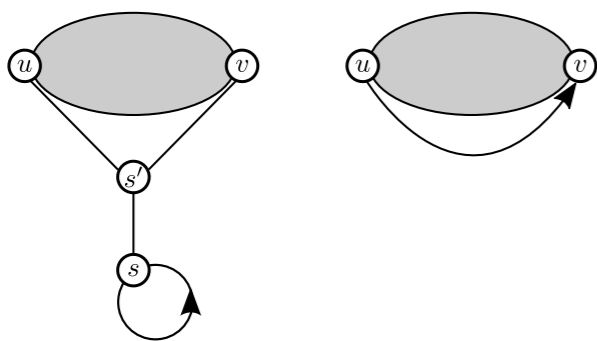
**Cubic network:** oriented root edge that is allowed to be a loop or double edge

Asymptotic enumeration of cubic planar graphs via cubic network decomposition:

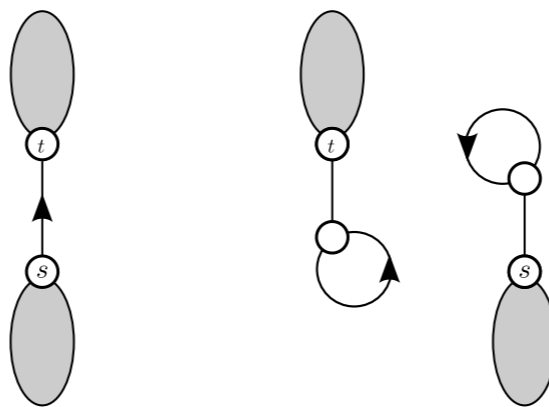
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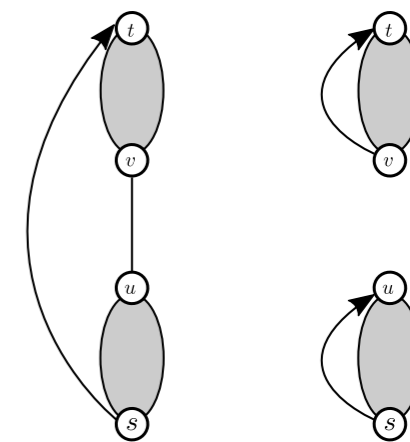
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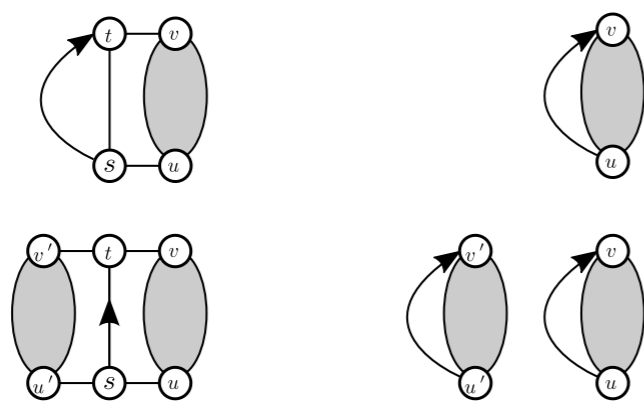
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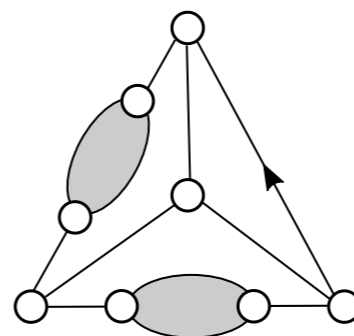
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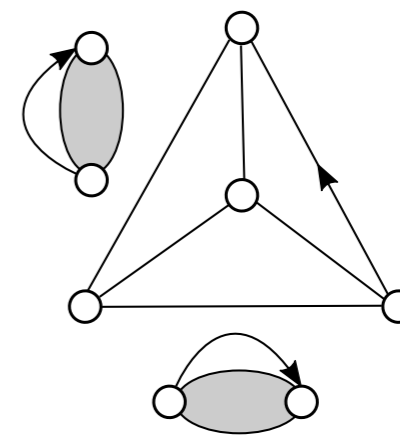
Series Networks



Parallel Networks



Polyhedral Networks





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# PROOF STRATEGY: PART III

**THEOREM** — *Let  $V_n$  denote the number of vertices in the largest 3-connected component of the uniform random  $n$ -vertex cubic planar graph  $\mathbf{C}_n$ . Let*

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{\pi t} \sum_{n \geq 1} (-t3^{2/3})^n \frac{\Gamma(2n/3 + 1)}{n!} \sin(-2n\pi/3), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

*denote the density of the map type Airy distribution. There are algebraic constants*

$$\kappa = 0.850853090058314333870385348879612617197477 \dots$$

$$c_v = 1.205660773457703954344217302817493214574105 \dots$$

*such that for any constant  $M > 0$*

$$(1.3) \quad \mathbb{P}(V_n = \kappa n + tn^{2/3}) = n^{-2/3}(2c_v h(c_v t) + o(1))$$

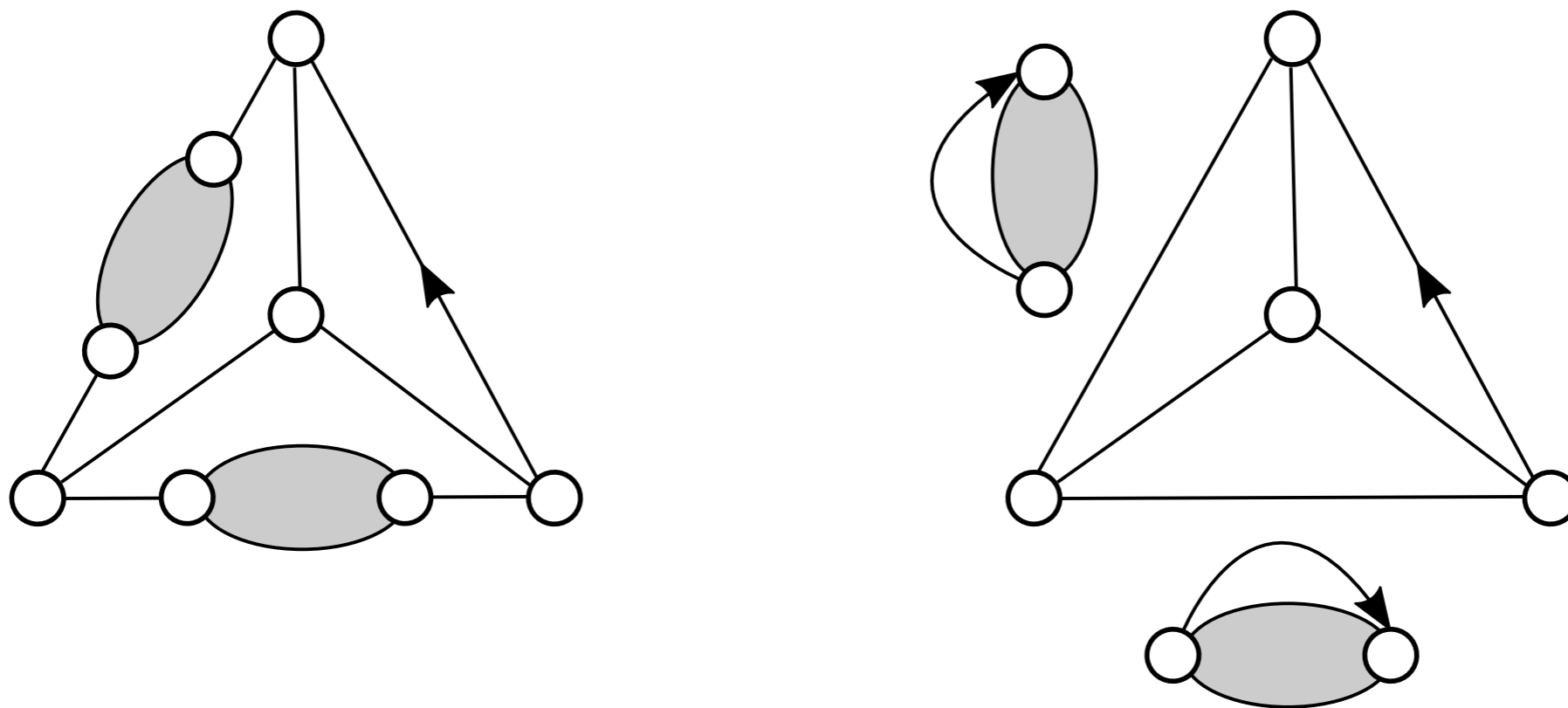
*uniformly for all  $t \in [-M, M]$  satisfying  $\kappa n + tn^{2/3} \in 2\mathbb{N}$ . Consequently,*

$$(1.4) \quad \frac{V_n - \kappa n}{n^{2/3}} \xrightarrow{d} V_{3/2}$$

*for a 3/2-stable random variable  $V_{3/2}$  with density  $c_v h(c_v t)$ .*

Related parallel work: Drmota, Noy, Rué (2022+) on cubic planar maps. Warm thanks for comments.

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# PROOF STRATEGY: PART III

LEMMA — *The numbers  $|\mathcal{D}_i(\mathbf{C}_n)|$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3V_n/2$ , of vertices in the network components attached to  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{C}_n)$  satisfy*

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq 3V_n/2} |\mathcal{D}_i(\mathbf{C}_n)| = O_p(n^{2/3}).$$

LEMMA — *In a random network  $\mathbf{D}_n$  of size  $n$ , for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exist constants  $C, c, \delta > 0$  such that*

$$\mathbb{P}(D(\mathbf{D}_n) \geq n^{1/4+\epsilon}) \leq C \exp(-cn^\delta)$$

*for all even integers  $n \geq 4$ .*

LEMMA — *For any  $\epsilon > 0$  it holds that*

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq 3V_n/2} \text{Diam}(\mathcal{D}_i(\mathbf{C}_n)) = o_p(n^{1/6+\epsilon}).$$

This shows that the subspace metric  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{C}_n)$  approximates  $\mathbf{C}_n$  in the Gromov-Hausdorff sense with  $o_p(n^{1/4})$  fluctuations.

Prokhorov distance: linear scaling of mass measure due to exchangeability of components. Argument analogous to Addario-Berry and Wen (2017)

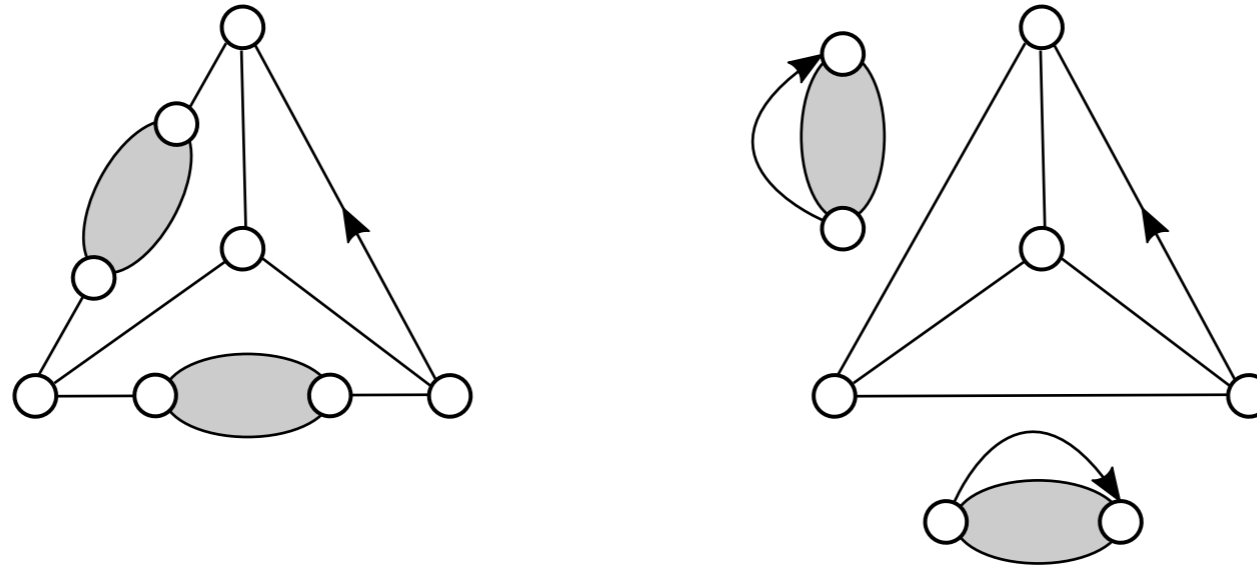
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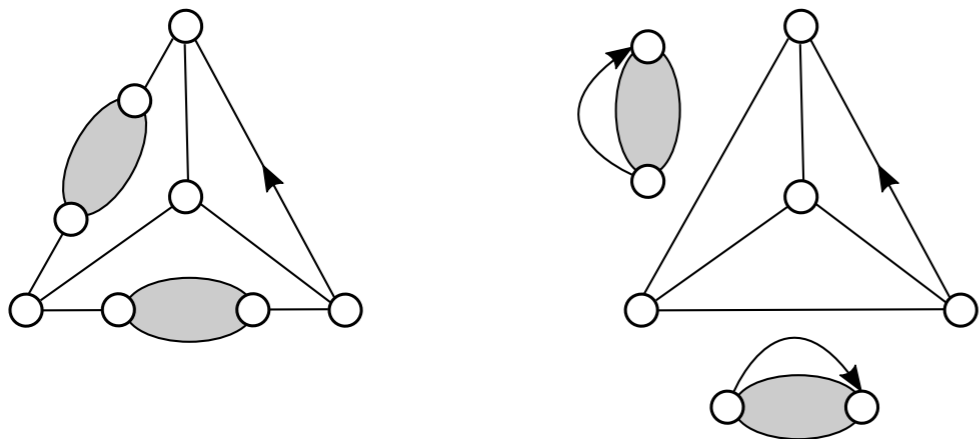


3 DIFFERENT METRICS ON 3-CONNECTED CORE  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{C}_n)$ :

1. Graph distance.
2. First-passage percolation distance
3. Subspace distance  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{C}_n) \subset \mathbf{C}_n$



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Let  $\mathbf{D}$  denote the Boltzmann network model for the class  $\mathcal{D} + 1$  of non-isthmus networks + a single edge

LEMMA — Let  $(\mathbf{D}(i))_{i \geq 1}$  denote independent copies of the Boltzmann network  $\mathbf{D}$ . For any  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $0 < \delta < 3\kappa/2$  there exist constants  $0 < c < C$  and  $N > 0$  and sets  $(\mathcal{E}_n)_{n \geq N}$  such that for all  $n \in 2\mathbb{N}$  with  $n \geq N$

$$\mathbb{P}((\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{C}_n), (\mathcal{D}_i(\mathbf{C}_n))_{\delta n \leq i \leq 3V_n/2}) \notin \mathcal{E}_n) < \epsilon$$

and

$$\mathbb{P}((\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{C}_n), (\mathbf{D}(i))_{\delta n \leq i \leq 3V_n/2}) \notin \mathcal{E}_n) < \epsilon$$

and for all elements  $E \in \mathcal{E}_n$

$$c < \frac{\mathbb{P}((\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{C}_n), (\mathcal{D}_i(\mathbf{C}_n))_{\delta n \leq i \leq 3V_n/2}) = E)}{\mathbb{P}((\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{C}_n), (\mathbf{D}(i))_{\delta n \leq i \leq 3V_n/2}) = E)} < C.$$

# PROOF STRATEGY: PART II

For any  $\epsilon > 0$  and any element  $(X, d_X, \nu_X) \in \mathfrak{K}$  we define

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_\epsilon^X &:= \inf_{x \in X} \nu_X(C_\epsilon^X(x)) & \lambda_\epsilon^X &:= \sup_{x \in X} \nu_X(B_\epsilon^X(x)) \\ C_\epsilon^X(x) &= \{y \in X \mid d_X(x, y) \leq \epsilon\} & B_\epsilon^X(x) &= \{y \in X \mid d_X(x, y) < \epsilon\} \end{aligned}$$

**COROLLARY** — *Let  $(X, d_X, \nu_X)$  and  $(X_n, d_{X_n}, \nu_{X_n})_{n \geq 1}$  be random elements of  $\mathfrak{K}$  satisfying*

$$(X_n, d_{X_n}, \nu_{X_n}) \xrightarrow{d} (X, d_X, \nu_X).$$

*Then the following statements are equivalent:*

1. *Almost surely there is no  $x \in X$  with  $\nu_X(\{x\}) > 0$ .*
2. *For all  $\epsilon, \epsilon' > 0$  there exist  $\delta > 0$  and  $N > 0$  such that for all  $n \geq N$ :  $\mathbb{P}(\lambda_\delta^{X_n} > \epsilon) < \epsilon'$ .*

*Then the following statements are equivalent:*

1.  *$\nu_X$  has almost surely full support.*
2. *For all  $\epsilon, \epsilon' > 0$  there are  $\delta, N > 0$  such that for all  $n \geq N$ :  $\mathbb{P}(\rho_\epsilon^{X_n} < \delta) < \epsilon'$ .*

In other words: if the limit is almost surely diffuse, then for large  $n$  each open ball in  $X_n$  with small radius is likely to have small mass. Conversely, if the limit is almost surely fully supported, then each closed ball in  $X_n$  with small mass is likely to have small radius.

# PROOF STRATEGY: PART II

LEMMA — *Let  $\Omega_\delta \subset \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{C}_n)$  denote the subset of vertices consisting of the endpoints of the first  $\lfloor \delta n \rfloor$  edges. For all  $\epsilon > 0$  we may select  $\delta > 0$  small enough, such that*

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{Diam}(\Omega_\delta) \leq \epsilon n^{1/4}) \geq 1 - \epsilon$$

*for all sufficiently large  $n \in 2\mathbb{N}$ .*

Using contiguity + time-reversal argument and Part I allows us take  $\delta$  even smaller so that the diameter is still small with respect to the subgraph and fpp metrics.

LEMMA — *There exists a constant  $c_{\text{fpp}} > 0$  with*

$$\sup_{x,y \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{C}_n)} |d_{\mathbf{C}_n}(x,y) - c_{\text{fpp}} d_{\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{C}_n)}(x,y)| = o_p(n^{1/4}).$$

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$$n^{-1/4} \sup_{x,y \in V(\mathcal{T}_n)} \left| d_{\text{fpp}}^{\mathcal{T}_n}(x,y) - c_{\text{fpp}}^{\mathcal{T}} d_{\mathcal{T}_n}(x,y) \right| \xrightarrow{p} 0$$

*as  $n$  tends to infinity.*

**THEOREM** — *Let  $\mathcal{C}_n$  denote a uniformly selected 3-connected cubic planar graph with  $n$  labelled vertices. Suppose that  $\iota$  has finite exponential moments and that there exists a constant  $\kappa > 0$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(\iota \geq \kappa) = 1$ . Then there exists a constant  $c_{\text{fpp}}^{\mathcal{C}} > 0$  such that*

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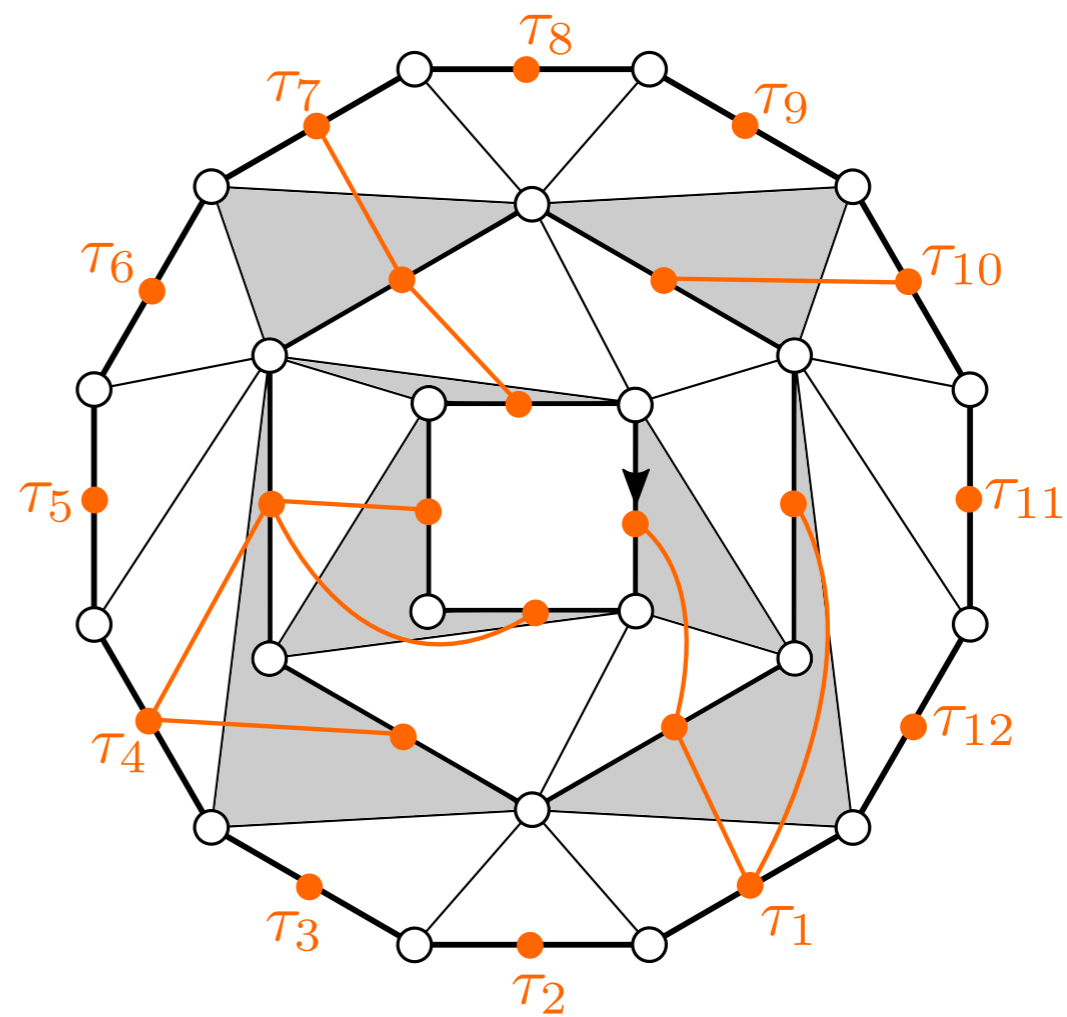
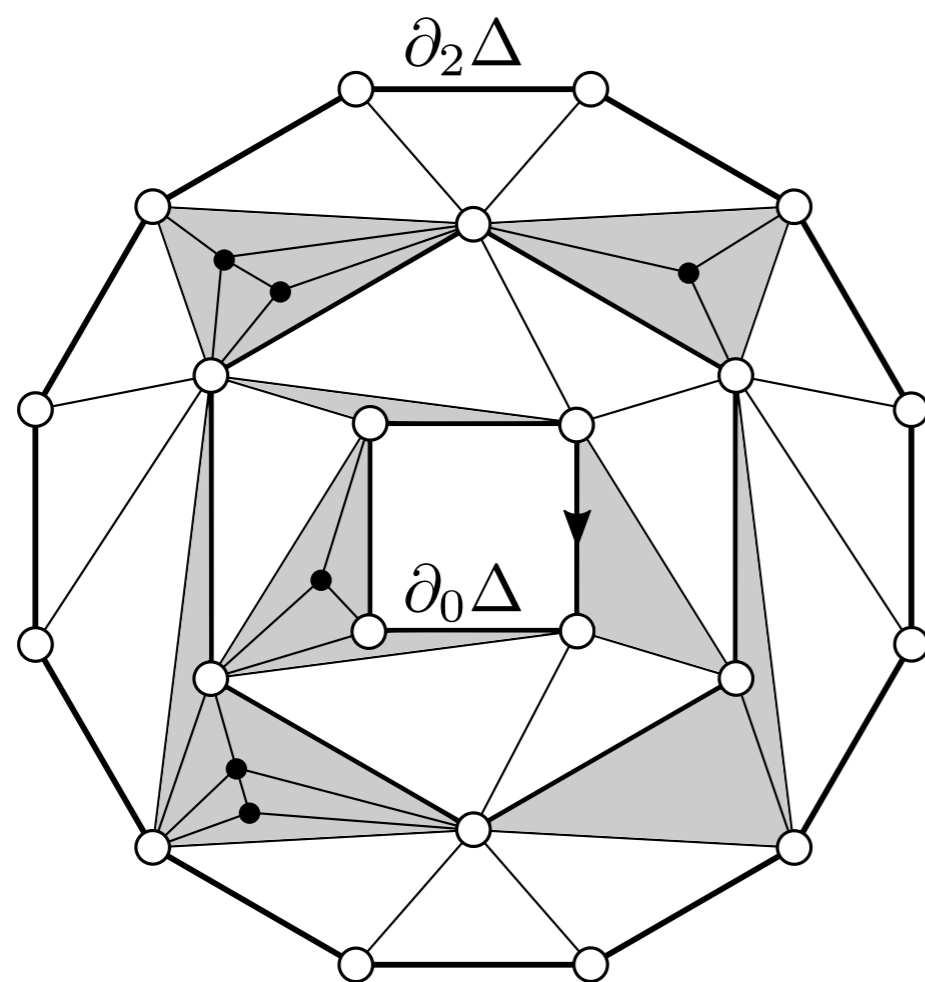
Methods: Angel and Schramm (2003); Krikun (2005)

Curien and Le Gall (2017)

Scaling limit of simple triangulations:

Addario-Berry and Albenque (2017)

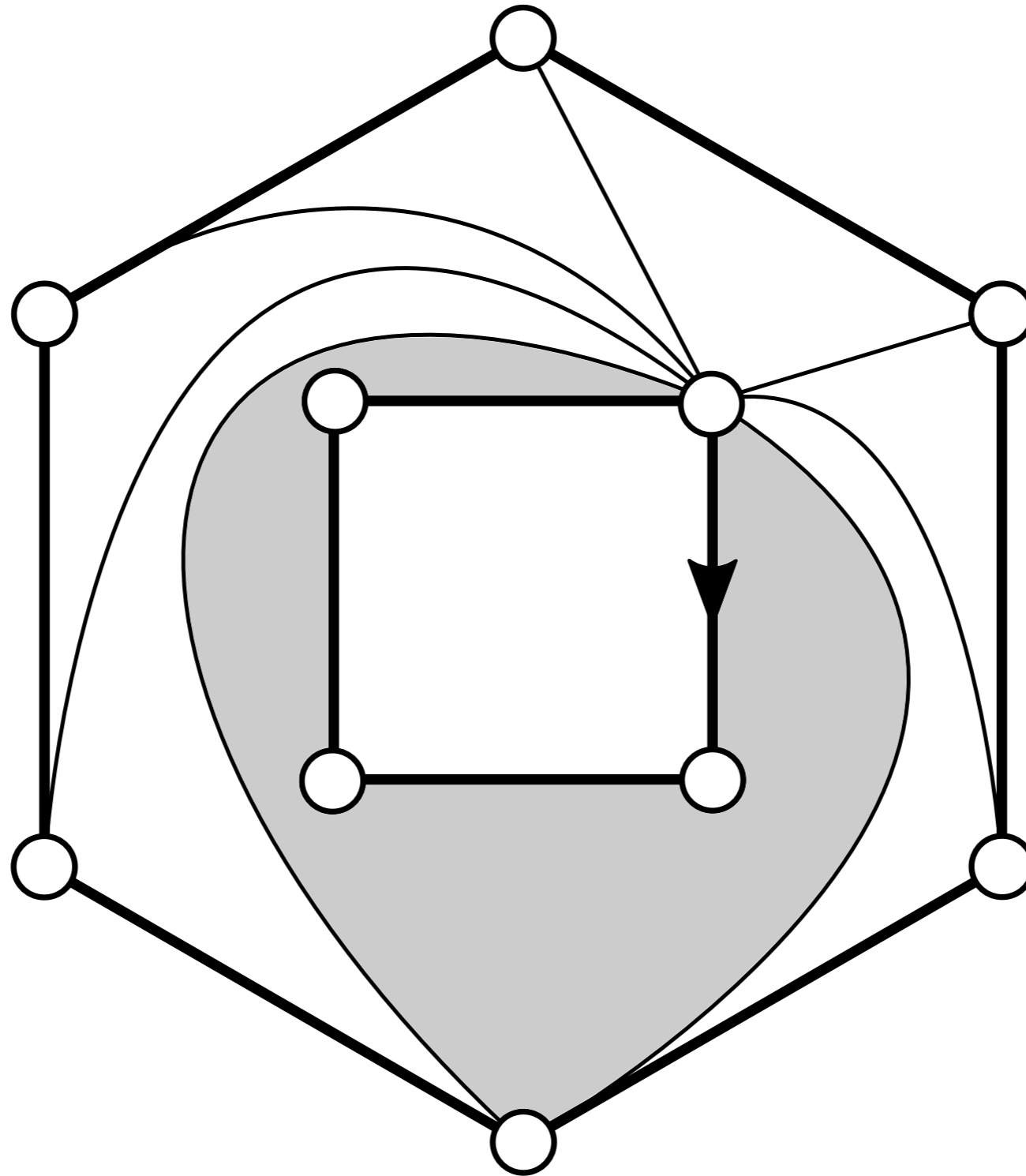
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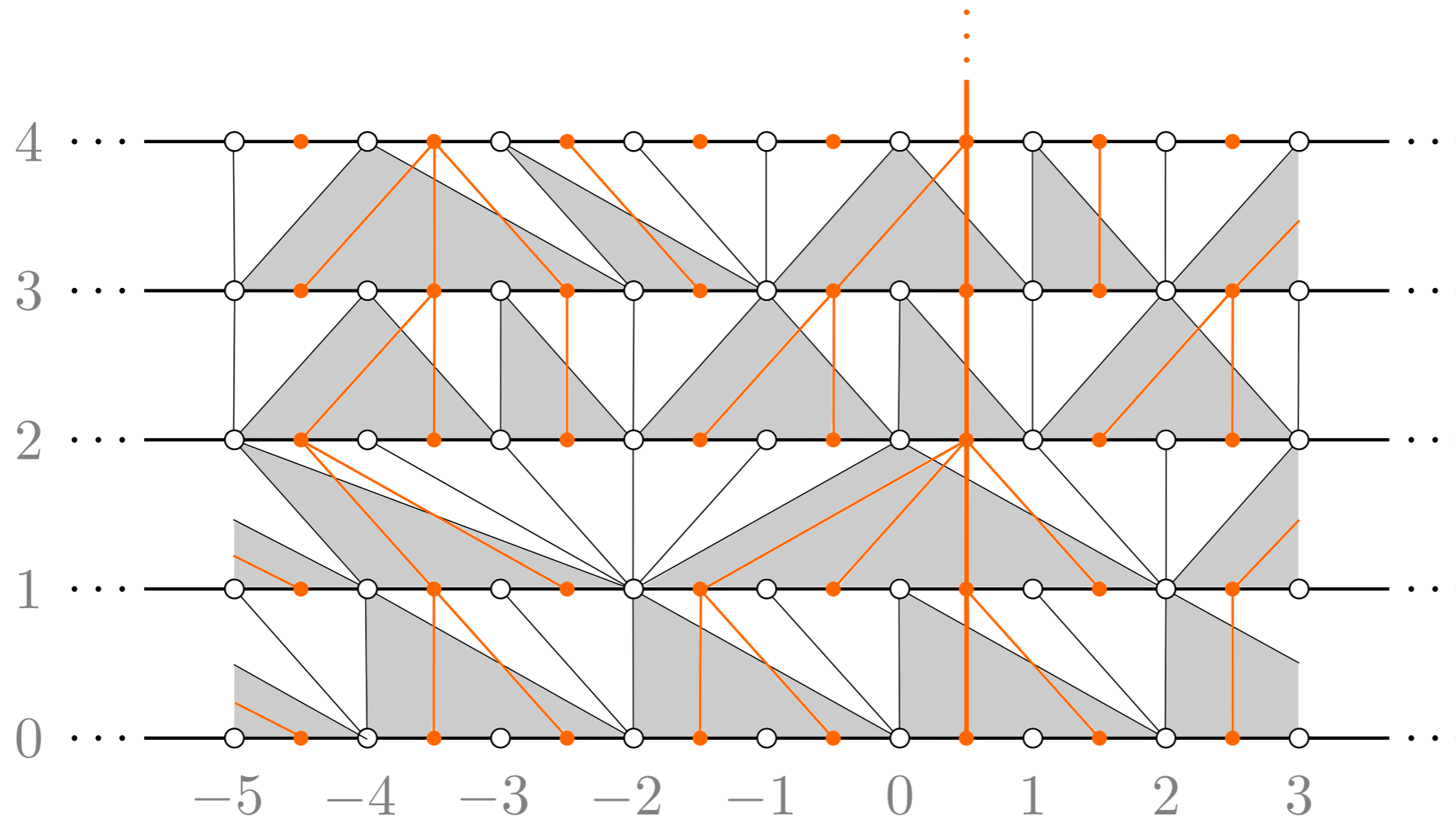
Skeleton Decomposition



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- UIPT of  $p$ -gon:  $\mathcal{T}_\infty^{(p)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{T}_n^{(p)}$
- UHPT:  $\mathcal{U} = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{T}_\infty^{(p)}$
- Use Liggett's version of Kingman's subadditive ergodic theorem

# SCALING LIMIT OF CUBIC PLANAR GRAPHS

And the proof is complete!

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**Thanks for your attention.**

