# Backbone exponent and annulus crossing probability for 2D percolation via Liouville quantum gravity

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# Schramm Loewner Evolution (SLE)

#### Schramm (1999)

Random interfaces in many 2D statistical physics models should converge to  $SLE_{\kappa}$  with  $\kappa > 0$ .



A few scaling limit results, many more conjectures. Percolation  $\rightarrow$  SLE<sub>6</sub>, lsing model  $\rightarrow$  SLE<sub>3</sub> (Smirnov et. al.) Xin Sun (PKU) Backbone Exponent 2/28

# Critical Bernoulli percolation

 Bernoulli site percolation on the triangular lattice; Color each hexagon either black or white with equal probability independently.





- Full understanding of the scaling limit:
  - Conformal invariance of the quadrangle crossing probability and scaling limit of one interface to **SLE**<sub>6</sub> (Smirnov '01).
  - Full scaling limit of interfaces as **CLE**<sub>6</sub> (Camia-Newman '06).

#### Polychromatic arm crossing events and exponents

- $C_R$ : circle of radius R centered at 0.
- Polychromatic *j*-arm event:

 $\mathcal{A}_j(r, R) := \{ \exists j \text{ disjoint black/white paths connecting } C_r \text{ to } C_R, \}$ 

and not all of the same color for j > 1}.



Polychromatic 2-arm event  $\mathcal{A}_2(r, R)$ .

#### Smirnov-Werner '01, Lawler-Schramm-Werner '02

 $orall j \geq 1$  ,

$$\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{A}_j(r,R)] = (rac{r}{R})^{-lpha_j + o(1)}$$
 as  $r/R o 0$ 

with  $\alpha_j = \frac{j^2 - 1}{12}$  for all  $j \ge 2$ ;  $\alpha_1 = \frac{5}{48}$ .

#### Monochromatic arm events and exponents

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 $\mathcal{B}_j(r, R) := \{ \exists j \text{ disjoint black paths connecting } C_r \text{ to } C_R \}.$ 



Monochromatic 2-arm event  $\mathcal{B}_2(r, R)$ .

#### Beffara-Nolin '11

There exists  $\beta_j > 0$  such that

$$\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{B}_j(r,R)] = (rac{r}{R})^{-eta_j+o(1)} \quad ext{as } r/R o 0.$$

 $\beta_2$ : today's topic;  $\beta_j \ (j \ge 3)$ : still unsolved.

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Image: A matrix

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- Monochromatic two-arm exponent β<sub>2</sub> is also called the **backbone exponent**.
- Introduced in physics more than 40 years ago to study electric flow within a critical percolation cluster.
- With high probability, there are  $R^{2-\beta_2+o(1)}$  points on the support of electric current.



Support of electric current.

#### Nolin-Qian-S.-Zhuang (2023)

 $\beta_2$  is the unique solution in the interval  $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{3})$  to the equation

$$\frac{\sqrt{36x+3}}{4} + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi\sqrt{12x+1}}{3}\right) = 0.$$

 $\beta_2$  is a transcendental number.

$$\beta_2 = 0.35666683671288\cdots$$

•  $\beta_2 = 0.35661 \pm 0.00005$ ; Match most recent numerical result, Fang-Ke-Zhong-Deng '22.

•  $\beta_2 \neq \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = \frac{5}{48} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{17}{48} = 0.354...;$ Disprove conjecture by Beffera-Nolin based on earlier numerical work.

# Annulus crossing formulae

Cardy has a famous formula for the left-right crossing probability for percolation on a rectangle.

Smirnov proved it for site percolation on the triangular lattice.

What about the exact probabilities for the annulus crossing?

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Let 
$$\tau = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log(\frac{R}{r})$$
 and  $\eta(z) = e^{\frac{i\pi z}{12}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - e^{2ni\pi z}).$ 

$$\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{A}_1(r,R)] = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot \frac{\eta(6i\tau)\eta\left(\frac{3}{2}i\tau\right)}{\eta(2i\tau)\eta(3i\tau)};$$
$$\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{A}_2(r,R)] = \sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{\eta(i\tau)\eta(6i\tau)^2}{\eta(3i\tau)\eta(2i\tau)^2}.$$

Predicted by Cardy ('02, '06) using (non-rigorous) Coulomb gas approach. Hard to derive via Ito's calculus, in contrast to the rectangle crossing.

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# CFT style expressions for annulus crossing probabilities

Closed channel expansion: let 
$$\tau = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log(\frac{R}{r})$$
 and  $q = e^{-2\pi\tau}$ .  

$$\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{A}_1(r, R)] = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot \frac{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (q^{2h_{4k} - \frac{1}{2}, 0} - q^{2h_{4k} + \frac{3}{2}, 0})}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{2n})}.$$

$$\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{A}_2(r, R)] = \sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (q^{2h_{0,6k+1}} - q^{2h_{0,6k+2}})}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{2n})}.$$

$$h_{r,s} = \frac{(3r-2s)^2-1}{24}$$
; Kac table for central charge  $c = 0$ .

Open channel expansion: let  $\tilde{q} = e^{-\pi/\tau}$ .

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{P}[\mathcal{A}_1(r,R)] &= \frac{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (\tilde{q}^{h_{1,4k+1}} - \tilde{q}^{h_{1,4k+3}})}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \tilde{q}^n)}.\\ \mathbb{P}[\mathcal{A}_2(r,R)] &= \frac{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (\tilde{q}^{h_{1,6k+2}} + \tilde{q}^{h_{1,6k+4}} - 2\tilde{q}^{h_{1,6k+3}})}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \tilde{q}^n)}. \end{split}$$

A CFT derivation is missing.

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$$\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{B}_{2}(r,R)] = \frac{q^{-\frac{1}{12}}}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty}(1-q^{2n})} \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \frac{-\sqrt{3}\sin(\frac{2\pi}{3}\sqrt{3s})\sin(\pi\sqrt{3s})}{\cos(\frac{4\pi}{3}\sqrt{3s}) + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8\pi}} q^{s},$$

 $\mathcal{S} = \{0.440, \ 2.194 \pm 0.601i, \ 5.522 \pm 1.269i, \ 10.361 \pm 2.020i, \ldots\}.$ all (complex) solutions to  $\sin(4\pi\sqrt{\frac{x}{3}}) + \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{x} = 0$ , except 0 and  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

Relation to a CFT with complex and transcendental spectrum?

Open channel expansion: let  $\tilde{q} = e^{-\pi/\tau}$ .

 $\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{B}_2(r,R)] = 1 - (1 + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}\tau^{-1})\tilde{q}^{\frac{1}{3}}$ + remaining terms of similar form.

Logarithmic structure. Relation to a log CFT?

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#### Quantum gravity derivation of one-arm exponent

 $\mathbb{P}[\text{one arm event}] \sim n^{-\frac{5}{48}}$  is equivalent to:

If we have  $n^2$  vertices on the lattice region, the size of the boundary connecting cluster is  $\sim n^{91/48}$ .  $(n^2 \times n^{-\frac{5}{48}} = n^{\frac{91}{48}})$ 



A vertex v is in the boundary connecting cluster if the one arm event occurs at v.

# Knizhnik-Polyakov-Zamolodchikov (KPZ) Relation



#### A KPZ derivation of the one-arm exponent

• On random triangulation, the answer is  $n^{\text{quantum exponent}}$ .

**2** 91/48 = KPZ(quantum exponent)

#### Enumeration on RHS is simpler;

#### $KPZ(\cdot)$ is explicit quadratic.

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# History of KPZ

- Derived from the CFT description of LQG.
- "Verified" by enumeration of planar maps. (around '90) David, Douglas, Gross, Kazakov, Kostov, Migdal, Shenker ...
- Provide a powerful framework to study fractals.



Conjecture	Mandelbrot	'82
Frontier of planar Brownian has fractal dimension $4/3$	motion	

- physics "proof" by KPZ. Duplantier '98.
- rigorous proof via SLE<sub>6</sub>.

Lawler-Schramm-Werner '00.

Duplantier-Sheffield (2011): First rigorous KPZ relation. Starting point of Liouville quantum gravity in probability

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Backbone Exponent

(KPZ '88).

The quantum exponent corresponds to  $\beta_2$  is still a transcendental number. A standard application of KPZ is hard for evaluating  $\beta_2$ .

Two crucial tools in our approach:

- Conformal radius encoding of arm-exponent;
- integrability of Liouville CFT that governs LQG surfaces.

Conformal radius: for a loop  $\eta$  and a point z,  $CR(z, \eta) := |f'(0)|$ .



#### Example: One-arm exponent



- $\mathcal{L}$ : outermost  $\mathrm{CLE}_6$  loop.
- $\mathbb{P}[d(0,\mathcal{L}) \leq \epsilon] = \mathbb{P}[\mathcal{A}_1(\epsilon,1)] \approx \epsilon^{\alpha_1}.$

• 
$$\alpha_1 = \inf\{x : \mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{CLE}_6}[d(0,\mathcal{L})^{-x}] = \infty\}.$$

• Koebe 1/4 theorem:  $\frac{1}{4}$ CR $(0, \mathcal{L}) \le d(0, \mathcal{L}) \le CR(0, \mathcal{L}).$ 

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#### Schramm-Sheffield-Wilson '09

$$\mathbb{E}_{ ext{CLE}_6}[ ext{CR}(0,\mathcal{L})^{-x}] = rac{1}{2\cos(rac{\pi}{3}\sqrt{12x+1})}$$
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ence 
$$\alpha_1 = \frac{5}{48}$$
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#### Conformal Radius Encoding for the Backbone exponent

Consider the outer boundaries of  $\mathsf{CLE}_6$  loops: a collection of simple loops.  $\eta$ : outermost one surrounding 0; locally looks like an  $\mathsf{SLE}_{8/3}$  curve.

Exist two monochromatic arms in the annulus bounded by  $\eta$  and  $\partial \mathbb{D}$ .  $\mathbb{P}[\operatorname{CR}(0,\eta) \leq \epsilon] \approx p_{BB}(\epsilon, 1) \approx \epsilon^{\beta_2}$ .



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# 2D Quantum Gravity coupled with percolation



- Sample random triangulation of the disk decorated with a percolation.
- Conformally embed the random surface on the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$ .

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Continuum limit: LQG on  $\mathbb{D}$  with  $\gamma = \sqrt{8/3}$  decorated with CLE<sub>6</sub>.

A random geometry on  $\mathbb{D}$  with area measure  $e^{\gamma\phi}d^2x$  on  $\mathbb{D}$ ; length measure  $e^{\frac{\gamma}{2}\phi}dx$  on  $\partial\mathbb{D}$ . (Gaussian multiplicative chaos)  $\phi$ : a random generalized function, locally looks like a Gaussian free field.

(Convergence proved by Holden-S. under a certain conformal embedding.)

## Liouville field description of the law of the canonical $\phi$

The law of the field  $\phi$  is " $e^{-S_L[\phi]}D\phi$ ";  $S_L[\phi]$ : Liouville action on  $\mathbb{D}$ .

$$\begin{split} S_{\mathcal{L}}[\phi] &= \int_{\mathbb{D}} (\frac{1}{4\pi} |\nabla \phi|^2 + \mu e^{\gamma \phi}) d^2 x + \int_{\partial \mathbb{D}} (\frac{Q\phi}{2\pi} + \nu e^{\frac{\gamma}{2}\phi}) dl. \\ Q &= \frac{2}{\gamma} + \frac{\gamma}{2}, \qquad \qquad \mu \text{ and } \nu: \text{ cosmological constants.} \end{split}$$

" $e^{-\text{Liouville action}}D\phi$ " defines a quantum field theory called Liouville theory, made rigorous by David-Kupiainen-Rhodes-Vargas and follow-up.

Liouville theory is a conformal field theory, with rich integrability:

- DOZZ formula: Kupiainen-Rhodes-Vargas.
- Conformal bootstrap on closed surface: Guillarmou-KRV.
- We need the disk analog of DOZZ (with  $\mu = 0$ ) solved by Remy-Zhu.
- We need the annulus conformal bootstrap by B. Wu.

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# Cut and glue random surfaces: discrete

 $\eta$ : the outermost outer boundary surrounding a marked interior point.  $\eta$  cuts the triangulation decorated by percolation into:



Sample random triangulation according to Boltzmann weight  $a^n b^L$ ; *n*: number of triangles *L*: number of boundary edges.

$$\sum_{\ell} Z_{\text{outside}}(L,\ell) \times \ell \times Z_{\text{inside}}(\ell) = Z_{\text{whole}}(L).$$

$$\ell: \text{ the length of } \eta. \qquad Z_{\text{outside}}, Z_{\text{inside}}, Z_{\text{whole}}: \text{ surface partition functions.}$$

$$\sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \mathcal{I}} Z_{\ell} \times Z_{\ell} \times$$

# Cut and glue random surfaces: continuum

 $Z_{\rm whole}(L) \propto L^{-3/2}$  in the continuum limit for critical weights *a* and *b*. Partition function for the most canonical random disk in  $\sqrt{8/3}$ -LQG with one interior marked point and boundary length *L*.



Using SLE/LQG coupling (Sheffield's quantum zipper): The inside of  $\eta$  is another copy of  $\sqrt{8/3}$ -LQG disk;  $Z_{\text{inside}}(\ell) \propto \ell^{-3/2}$ .

 $\int_0^\infty Z_{\text{outside}}(L,\ell) \times \ell \times \ell^{-3/2} d\ell = L^{-3/2}. \quad \text{(proved purely from continuum)}$ 

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#### Conformal Radius from Deforming the Bulk Insertion

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From  $L^{-\frac{3}{2}}$  to  $L^{-\frac{3}{2}+a}$  using the field description of the LQG disk.

$$\int_{\phi:\mathbb{D}\to\mathbb{R}} F(\int_{\partial\mathbb{D}} e^{\frac{\gamma}{2}\phi} dx) e^{\gamma\phi(0)} e^{-S_{L}[\phi]} D\phi \propto \int_{0}^{\infty} F(L) e^{-\nu L} L^{-\frac{3}{2}} dL.$$

 $\nu$ : boundary cosmological constant in the Liouville action  $S_L[\phi] = e^{\gamma \phi(0)}$  is inserted since 0 is the marked point on the  $\sqrt{8/3}$ -LQG disk.

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Same reason for  $\ell^{-\frac{3}{2}}$  to  $\ell^{-\frac{3}{2}+a}$ , except the smaller disk is bounded by  $\eta$  instead of  $\partial \mathbb{D}$ . This difference is compensated by a power of conformal derivative at 0, which is  $\operatorname{CR}(0,\eta)^{-\frac{1}{3}a(a-1)}$ .

# Solving the conformal radius and the backbone exponent

Equations like  $(\star)$  relating boundary length partition function and conformal radius were systematically derived in Ang-Holden-S. (2021).

$$\int_0^\infty Z_{\text{outside}}(L,\ell) \times \ell \times \ell^{-\frac{3}{2}+a} d\ell = L^{-\frac{3}{2}+a} \mathbb{E}[\text{CR}(0,\eta)^{-\frac{1}{3}a(a-1)}]. \quad (\star)$$

No formula for  $Z_{\text{outside}}(L, \ell)$  is available for Nolin-Qian-S.-Zhuang (2023) to solve  $\mathbb{E}[\operatorname{CR}(0, \eta)^{-\frac{1}{3}a(a-1)}]$  using (\*).

NQSZ found an effective variant of  $\mathbb{E}[CR(0,\eta)^{-\frac{1}{3}a(a-1)}]$  such that:

- still encodes the backbone exponent;
- has an equation like  $(\star)$  with a solvable  $Z_{\text{outside}}(L, \ell)$ .

The NQSZ variant is defined in terms the SLE<sub>6</sub> bubble measure. The counterpart for  $Z_{\text{outside}}(L, \ell)$  is solved using the boundary analog of DOZZ due to Remy-Zhu.

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 $Z_{\text{outside}}(L,\ell) = Z^{\text{nt}}(L,\ell) + Z^{\text{t}}(L,\ell). \quad Z_{\text{outside}}: \text{ surface between } \eta \text{ and } \partial \mathbb{D}$ 

 $Z^{\mathrm{nt}}(L,\ell)$ :  $\eta$  does not touch  $\partial \mathbb{D}$ .  $Z^{\mathrm{t}}(L,\ell)$ :  $\eta$  touches  $\partial \mathbb{D}$ .

$$\int_0^\infty Z^{\rm t}(L,\ell)\ell^{ix}d\ell = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}\frac{\sinh(\frac{\pi x}{3})}{\sinh(\frac{2\pi x}{3})}L^{ix-1}; \qquad \text{still by Ang-Holden-S. method,}$$

We now use  $Z^{nt}(L, \ell)$  to solve  $\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{B}_2(r, R)]$ .

#### Quantum gravity on the annulus



 $Z^{nt}(L, \ell)$ : partition function of the random triangulation of the annulus coupled with a percolation with monochromatic two-arm crossing.

Random triangulation of the annulus without any decoration converges to the most canonical random annulus in  $\sqrt{8/3}$ -LQG (Brownian annulus).

with partition function:  $Z^{\mathrm{B}}(L, \ell) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L\ell}(L+\ell)}$ .

When the Brownian annulus is conformally embedded to the flat annulus  $C_{\tau}$  of modulus  $\tau$ , we still get Liouville field on  $C_{\tau}$ , but the modulus  $\tau$  itself is random.

[Ang-Remy-S. '22] Exact Law of 
$$\tau$$
: Liouville + ghost  

$$\iint_{0}^{\infty} e^{-\nu_{1}L-\nu_{2}\ell} Z^{B}(L,\ell) d\ell dL = \int_{0}^{\infty} Z^{\nu_{1},\nu_{2}}_{\text{Liouville}}(\tau) \cdot Z_{\text{ghost}}(\tau) d\tau$$

$$Z^{\nu_{1},\nu_{2}}_{\text{Liouville}}(\tau) = \int_{\phi:C_{\tau} \to \mathbb{R}} e^{-S_{L}(\phi)} D\phi; \text{ solved by B. Wu (2022).}$$

$$S_{L}(\phi) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} (\frac{1}{4\pi} |\nabla \phi|^{2} + \mu e^{\gamma \phi}) d^{2}x + \int_{\partial_{\text{in}}C_{\tau}} \nu_{1} e^{\frac{\gamma}{2}\phi} dl + \int_{\partial_{\text{out}}C_{\tau}} \nu_{2} e^{\frac{\gamma}{2}\phi} dl$$

The formula for  $Z^{B}(L, \ell)$  gives  $Z_{ghost}(\tau) = \eta (2i\tau)^{2}$ , as predicted in the bosonic string theory, ghost CFT has c = -26; math conjecture formulated by Guillarmou-Rhodes-Vargas; Remy.

$$\iint_0^\infty e^{-\nu_1 L - \nu_2 \ell} Z^{\mathrm{nt}}(L,\ell) d\ell dL = \int_0^\infty Z_L(\tau) \cdot \mathbb{P}[\mathcal{B}_2(e^{-2\pi\tau},1)] \cdot Z_{\mathrm{ghost}}(\tau) d\tau.$$

$$\int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}[\mathcal{B}_2(e^{-2\pi\tau},1)]\eta(2i\tau)e^{-\frac{2\pi x^2\tau}{3}}d\tau = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{x}\Big(\frac{\sinh(\frac{2}{3}\pi x)\sinh(\pi x)}{\sinh(\frac{4}{3}\pi x)+\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x} - \sinh(\frac{1}{3}\pi x)\Big).$$

# S.-Zhuang (2024+) $\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{B}_{2}(e^{-2\pi\tau},1)] = \frac{q^{-\frac{1}{12}}}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty}(1-q^{2n})} \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \frac{-\sqrt{3}\sin(\frac{2\pi}{3}\sqrt{3s})\sin(\pi\sqrt{3s})}{\cos(\frac{4\pi}{3}\sqrt{3s}) + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8\pi}} q^{s},$

 $\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{A}_1(r, R)]$  and  $\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{A}_2(r, R)]$  are derived using the same strategy.

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- Determine  $\beta_j$  for  $j \ge 3$ ? (NQSZ variant not found yet.)
- CFT interpretations of the  $\beta_2$  and  $\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{B}_2(r, R)]$  formulas?

One-arm and dichomatic two-arm exponents naturally appear in a percolation related CFT proposed recently in physics.

Physics: Jacobsen, Rilbault, Saluer, et.al.: bootstrap formulas for the probability that four points are on the same cluster or the same loop

Math: Ang, Cai, S., Wu.: rigorously derive the three-point probability formulas involving the Imaginary DOZZ formula.