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*Interference in presence of Dissipation*

Next ??



# Are 2D Ising spin glass domain walls described by a Stochastic Loewner Evolution?

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Pure 2d critical systems    Conformal Invariance (CFT)

interfaces    *SLE*

*Q: Can some property (interfaces)  
of a system w. quenched disorder (ising spin glass)  
be described using conformal invariance (SLE) ??*

*idea: ISG domains may exhibit Conf. Inv*

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Conformal Invariance **and SLE**

in Two-Dimensional Ising Spin Glasses

*We did several direct tests of SLE*

# Outline

- what is SLE ?
- 2d Ising spin glass DW
- numerical evidence

## Schramm 1999

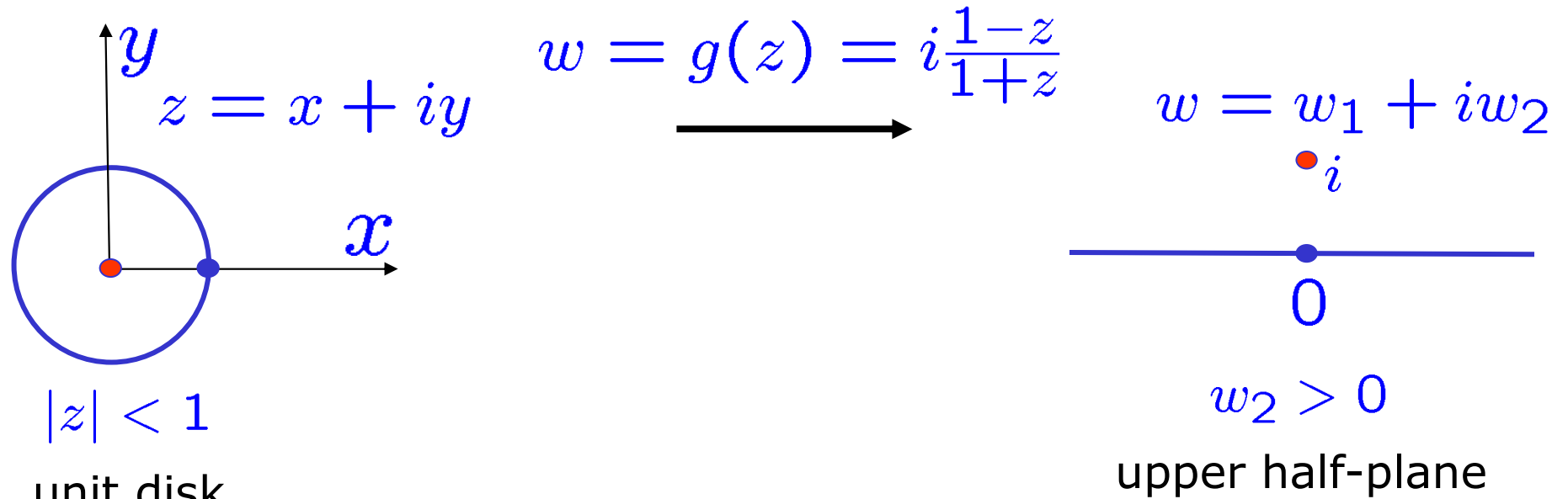
Probability measure on set of curves in upper half plane  $\mathbb{H}$  such that:

- conformal invariant
- Markov property

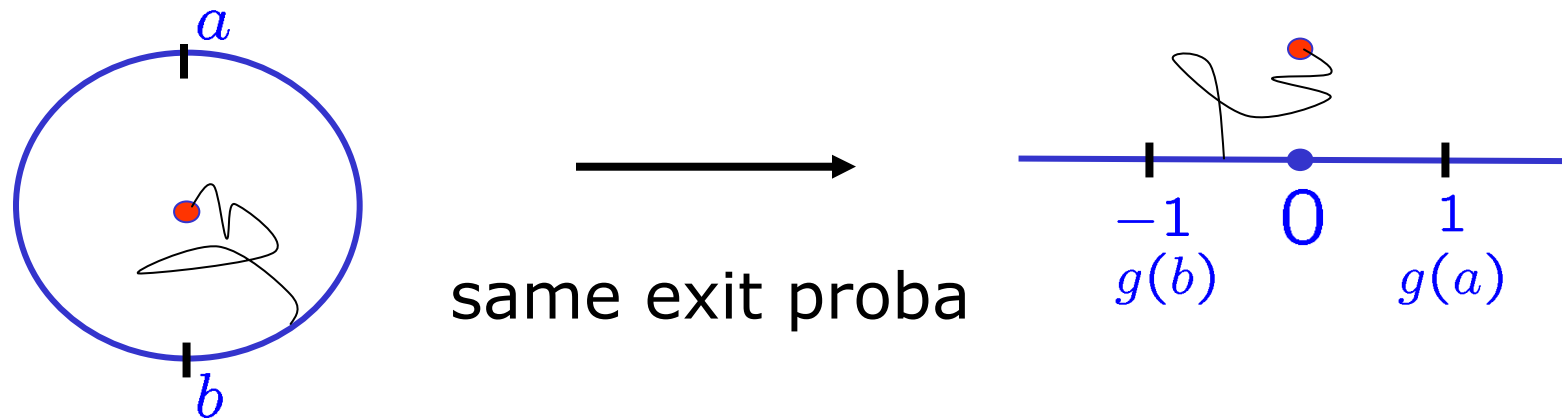
Is  $SLE_{\kappa}$

Greg Lawler, Oded Schramm, Wendelin Werner

# conformal maps, conformal invariance



Brownian Motion has a CI:

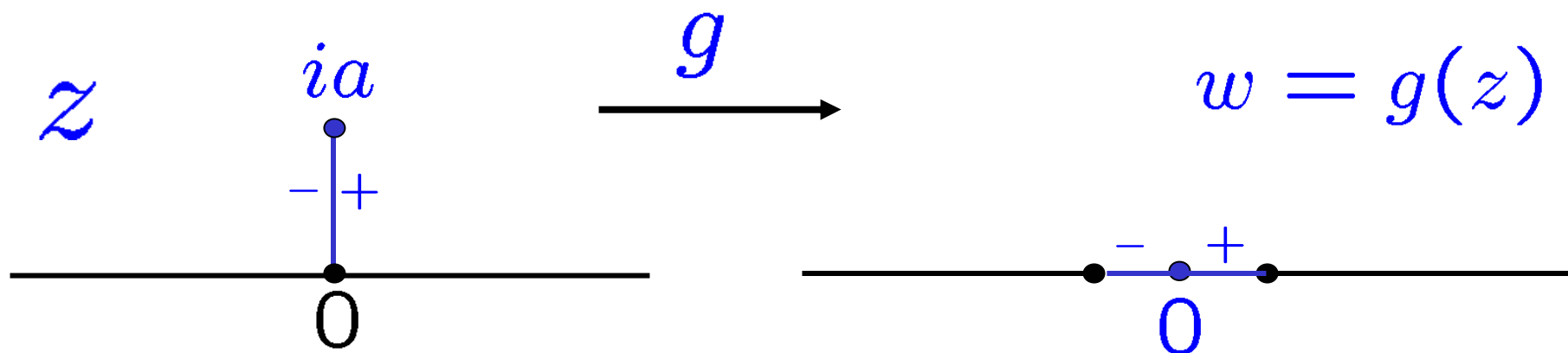




# Outline SLE

- uniformizing maps
- Loewner equation
- Markov property: SLE
- Critical interfaces

# uniformizing map (segment)



$$a > 0$$

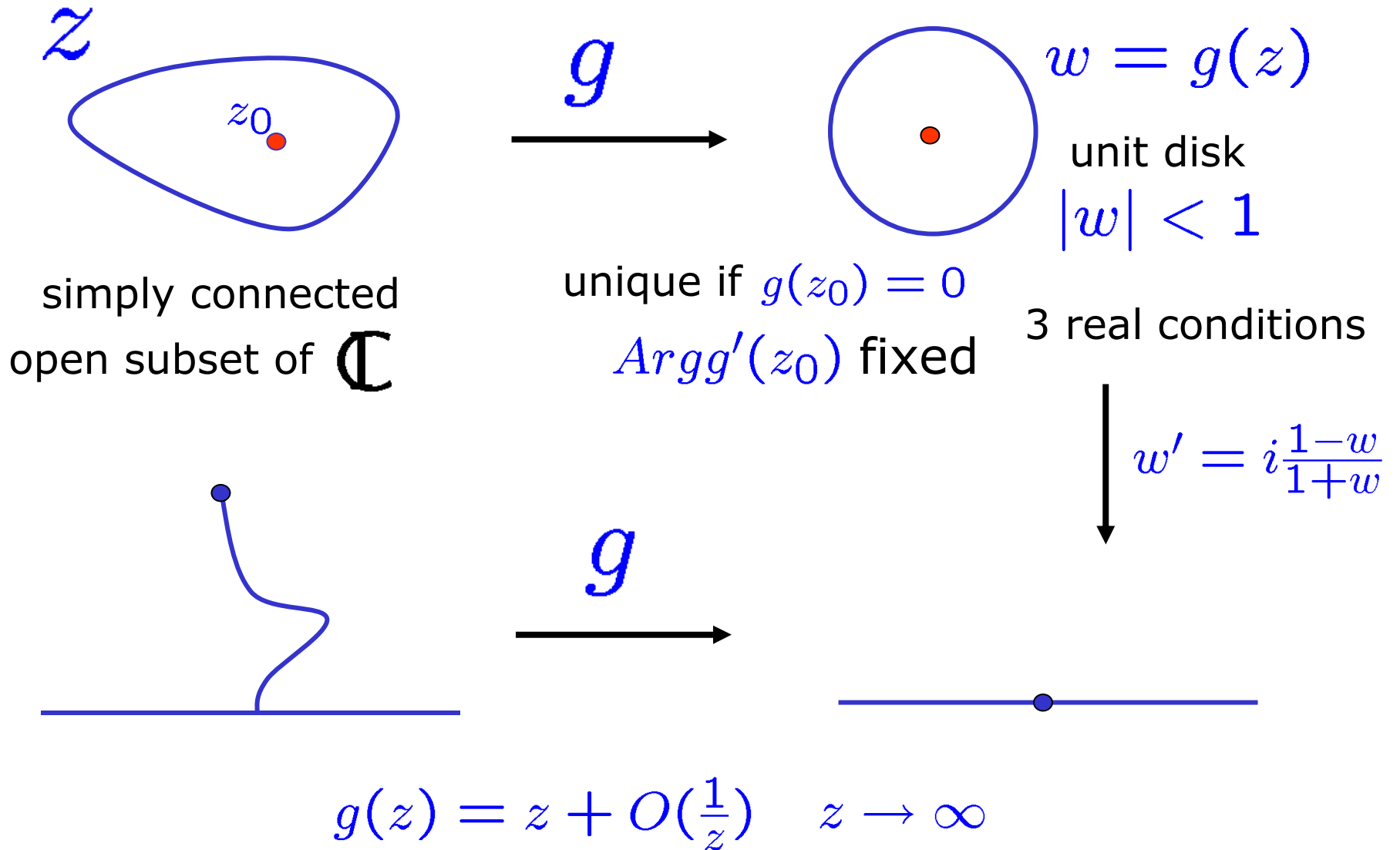
$$g(z) = \sqrt{z^2 + a^2}$$

$$g^{-1}(w) = \sqrt{w^2 - a^2}$$

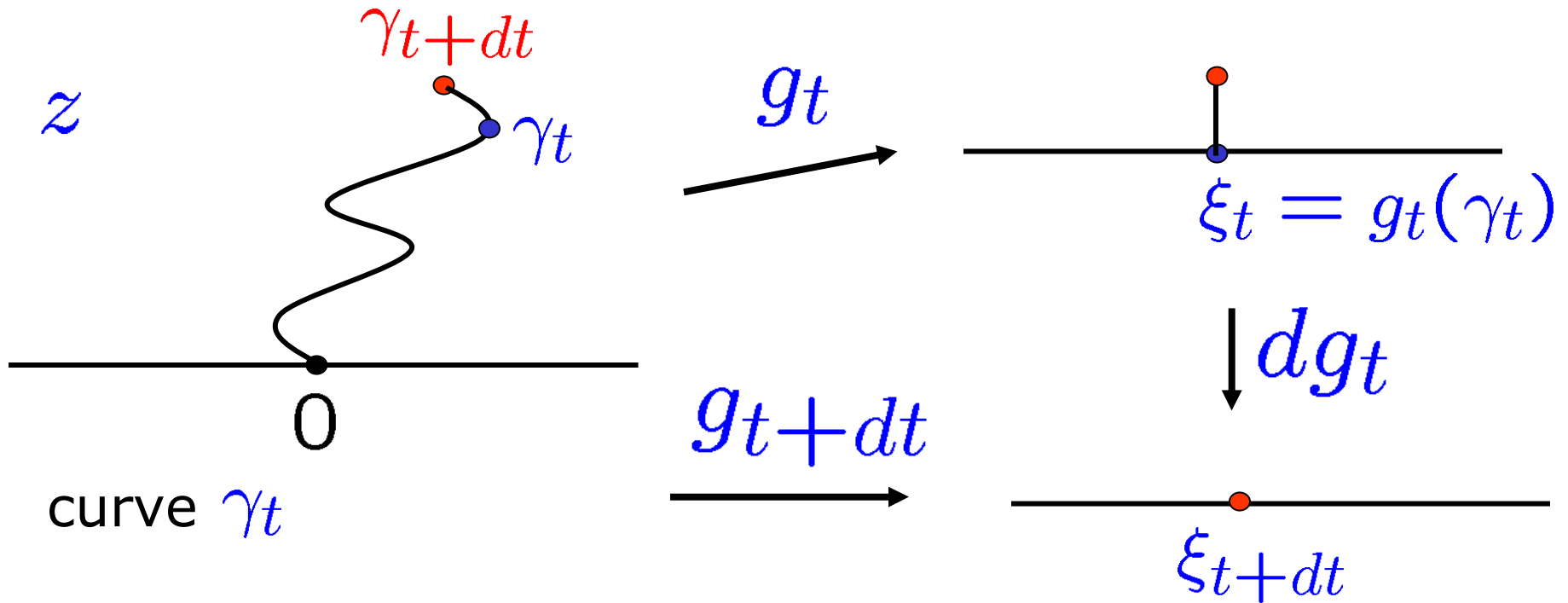
$$g(z) \sim_{z \rightarrow \infty} z + \frac{a^2}{2z} + \dots$$

map from  $\mathbb{H} \setminus [0, ia]$  to  $\mathbb{H}$

# Riemann mapping theorem



# uniformizing map and growth



$$dg_t(z) = \xi_t + \sqrt{(z - \xi_t)^2 + 4dt}$$

$$g_{t+dt}(z) = dg_t(g_t(z))$$

$$= g_t(z) + \frac{2dt}{g_t(z) - \xi_t}$$

# Loewner equation

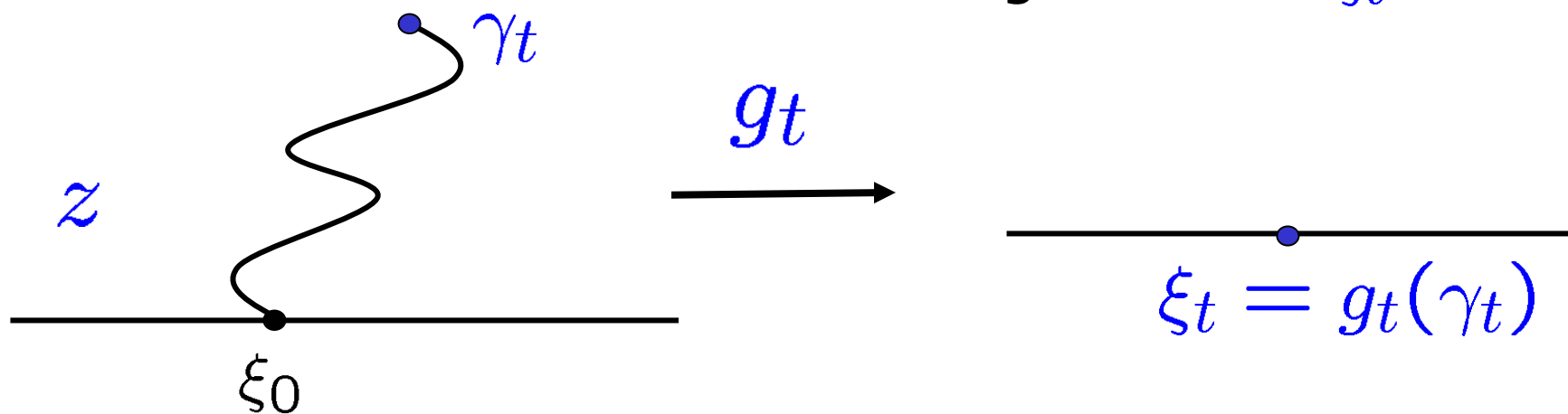
$$\partial_t g_t(z) = \frac{2}{g_t(z) - \xi_t}$$

$$g_{t=0}(z) = z$$

curve  $\gamma_t \in \mathbb{H}$



driving function  $\xi_t \in \mathbb{R}$



$$g_t(z) \sim_{z \rightarrow \infty} z + \frac{2t}{z} + \dots$$

t is capacity

# Schramm Loewner Evolution

$$\partial_t g_t(z) = \frac{2}{g_t(z) - \xi_t}$$

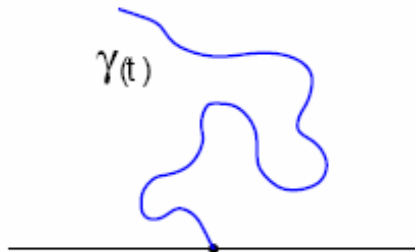
driving function  
is Brownian Motion

$$\langle \dot{B}(t) \dot{B}(t') \rangle = \delta(t - t')$$

$$g_{t=0}(z) = z$$

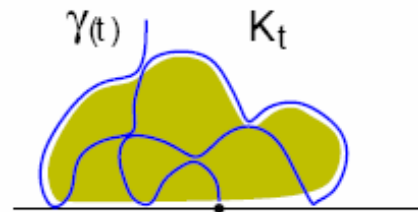
$$\xi_t = \sqrt{\kappa} B_t$$

resulting probability measure on curve  $\gamma_t$  is  $SLE_\kappa$   
non crossing



$$0 < \kappa \leq 4$$

trace is simple  
curve no touching



$$4 < \kappa < 8$$

trace touches itself  
infinitely many  
double points



$$\kappa > 8$$

space-filling

$$d_f = 1 + \frac{\kappa}{8}$$

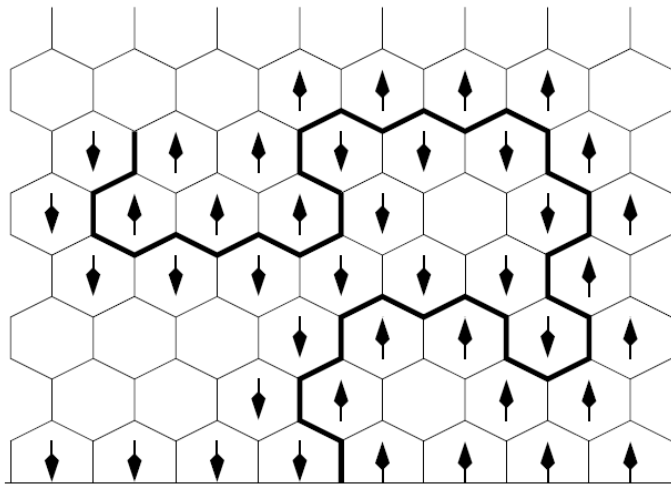
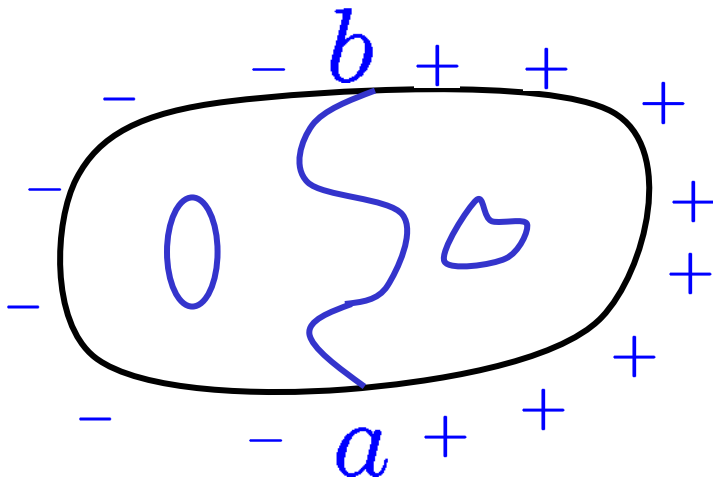
$\kappa \leq 8$

# Critical interfaces

Critical Ising model  $K = K_c$

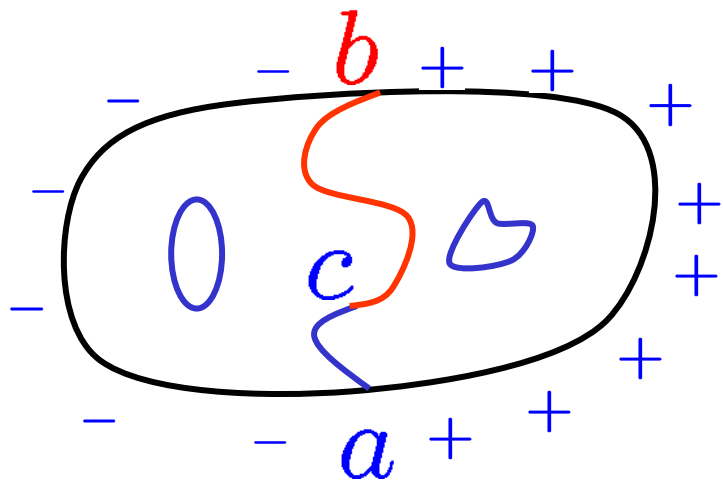
$$Z = \sum_{S_i = \pm 1} \exp(K \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} S_i S_j)$$

$$P_D(\gamma_{ab}) = \frac{Z_D(\gamma_{ab})}{Z_D}$$



$a$

# Critical interfaces



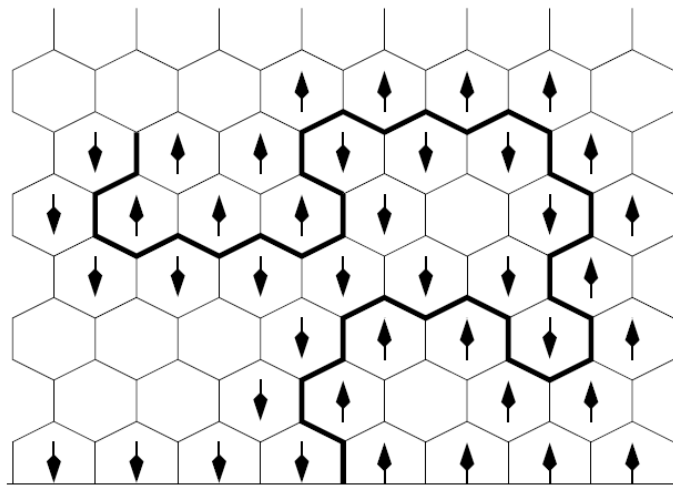
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$$P_D(\gamma_{ab} | \gamma_{ac}) = P_{D-\gamma_{ac}}(\gamma_{cb})$$

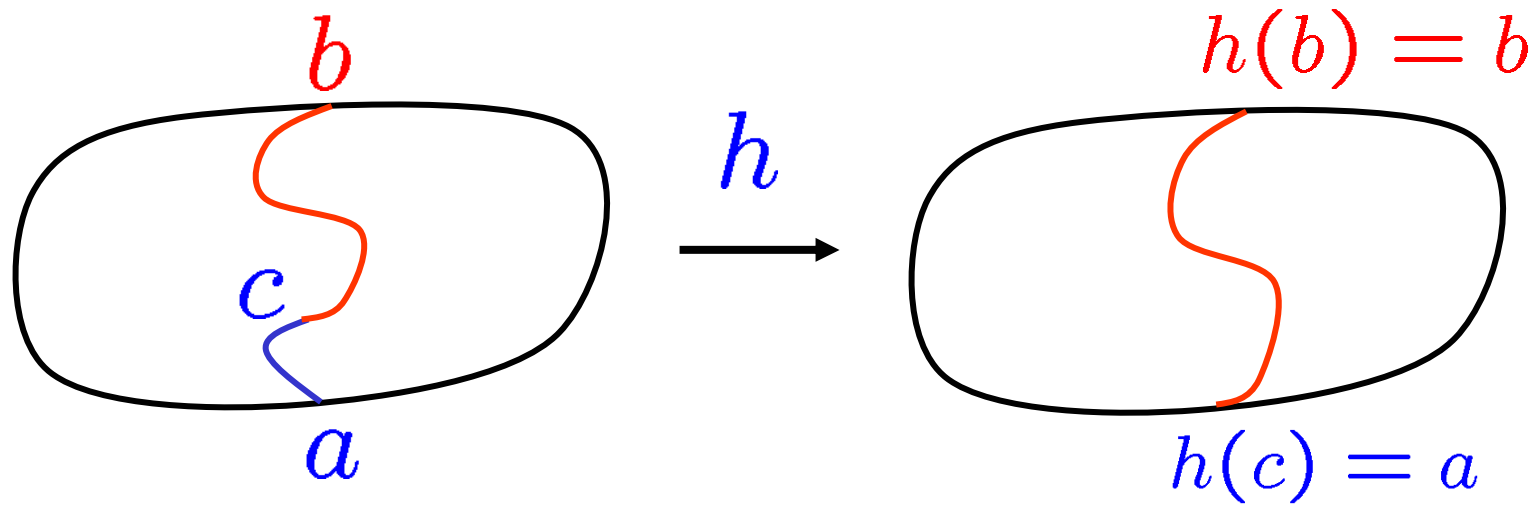
(Domain) Markov property



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# Conformal invariance



$$P_D(\gamma_{cb} | \gamma_{ac}) = P_{D - \gamma_{ac}}(\gamma_{cb})$$

$$= P_{h(D - \gamma_{ac})}(h(\gamma_{cb}))$$

$$= P_D(h(\gamma_{cb})) \longrightarrow \text{SLE}$$

## SLE and 2D critical models

Lattice model	$\kappa$	$c_\kappa$	$d_f(\kappa)$
Loop-erased random walk	2	-2	5/4
Self-avoiding random walk	8/3	0	4/3
Ising model spin cluster boundaries	3	1/2	11/8
Dimer tilings	4	1	3/2
Harmonic explorer	4	1	3/2
Level lines of Gaussian field	4	1	3/2
Ising model FK cluster boundaries	16/3	1/2	5/3
Percolation cluster boundaries	6	0	7/4
Uniform spanning trees	8	-2	2

$$d_f = 1 + \frac{\kappa}{8}$$

$$c = 1 - 3 \frac{(\kappa - 4)^2}{2\kappa}$$

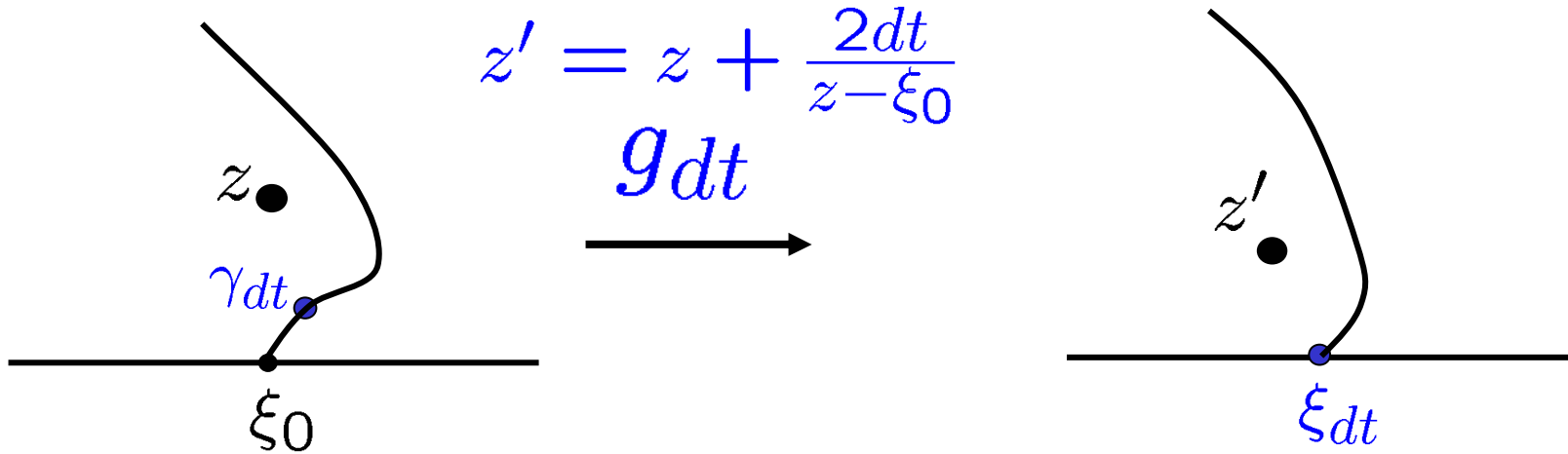
$$\kappa' = 16/\kappa \quad c_{\kappa'} = c_\kappa$$

duality: hull boundary  $\partial K_t$  of  $SLE_\kappa$

is  $SLE_{\kappa'}$

Also  $O(n)$  and Potts model, ..

# Probability trace passes left of point

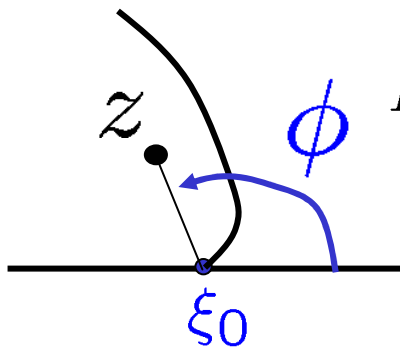


$$z' = z + \frac{2dt}{z - \xi_0}$$

$g dt$

$$p(z, \bar{z}, \xi_0) = \langle p(z + \frac{2dt}{z - \xi_0}, \bar{z} + \frac{2dt}{\bar{z} - \xi_0}, \xi_0 + d\xi) \rangle_{d\xi}$$

$$\left( \frac{2}{z - \xi_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \frac{2}{\bar{z} - \xi_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} + \frac{\kappa}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi_0^2} \right) p(z, \bar{z}, \xi_0) = 0$$



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

# can SLE describe other phenomena?

- 2D turbulence  
inverse cascade

Bernard, Boffetta,  
Celani, Falkovich, 2006

Surface quasi-geostrophic  
turbulence

[nlin.cd/0609069](http://nlin.cd/0609069)  $\kappa = 4$

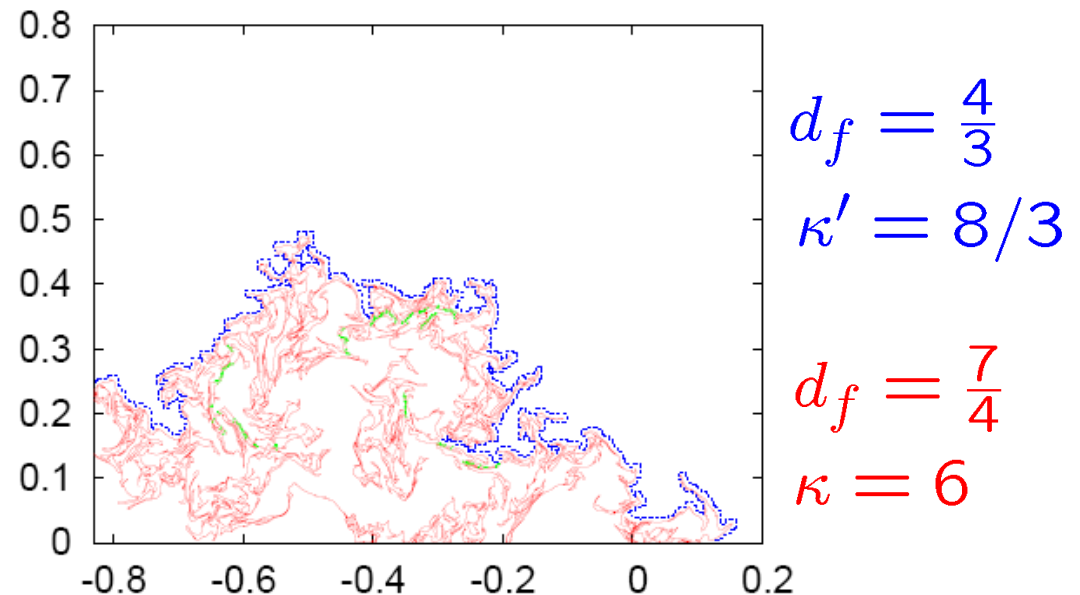


FIG. 3: A portion of a candidate SLE trace obtained from the vorticity field. The red curve is a zero-vorticity line in the upper half-plane. The dashed blue line is the "outer boundary" of the red curve, i.e. the boundary of the region that can be reached from infinity without getting closer than  $L_f$  to the red curve. The green dots mark the necks of large fjords and peninsulae.

- systems with quenched disorder ?

# 2d Ising spin glass

$$H = - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_{ij} S_i S_j \quad J_{ij} \text{ i.i.d.}$$

$$S_i = \pm 1 \quad P(-J) = P(J) \text{ unit gaussian}$$

$T > 0$  disordered

$T=0$  for given  $J$  find ground state pair

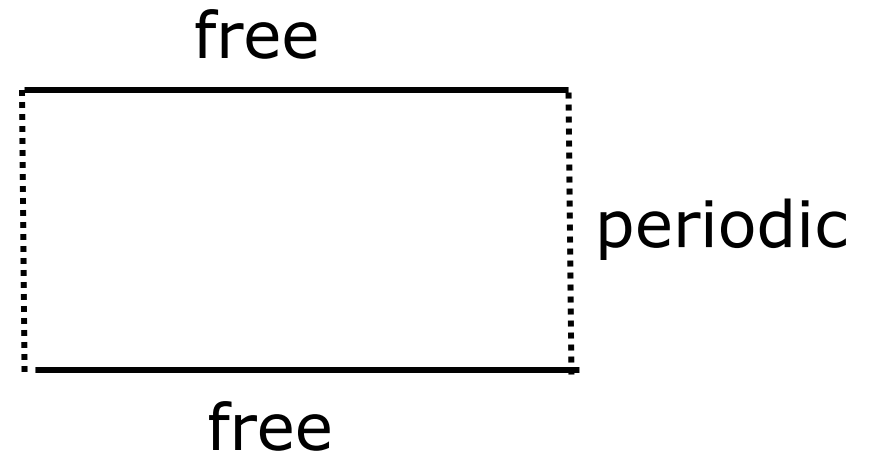
$$\alpha \quad S_i = S_i^0$$

$$\beta \quad S_i = -S_i^0$$

excitations size  $l$

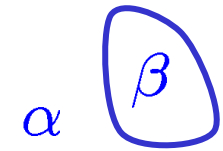
$$\Delta E \sim l^\theta$$

$$\theta < 0$$



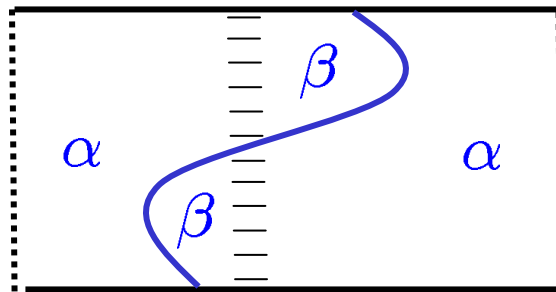
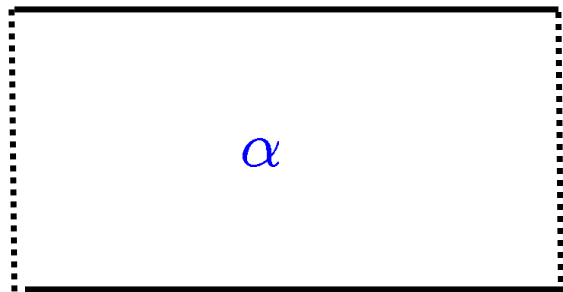
# Ground state and domain walls

$$F_{ij}^0 = J_{ij} S_i^0 S_j^0 \quad \text{bond satisfactions in G.S.}$$



flip spins in a block of frontier  $\gamma$

$$\Delta E = 2 \sum_{ij \in \gamma} F_{ij}^0 > 0 \quad \text{all closed loop } \gamma$$



$J_{ij} \rightarrow -J_{ij}$   
along a column

$$E_{antiper} - E_{per} = \min_{\gamma} 2 \sum_{ij \in \gamma} F_{ij}^0 \quad \text{over all } \gamma$$

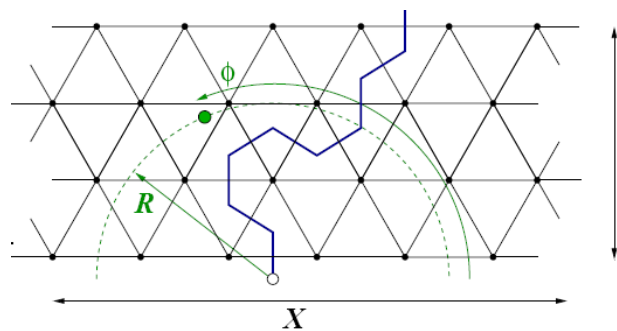
study distribution (over J) of  $\gamma_{opt}$  top to bottom paths

DW is where bond satisf changed

# numerics

Find exact GS (map to matching problem) and DW

$t \sim N^2$  A. Middleton

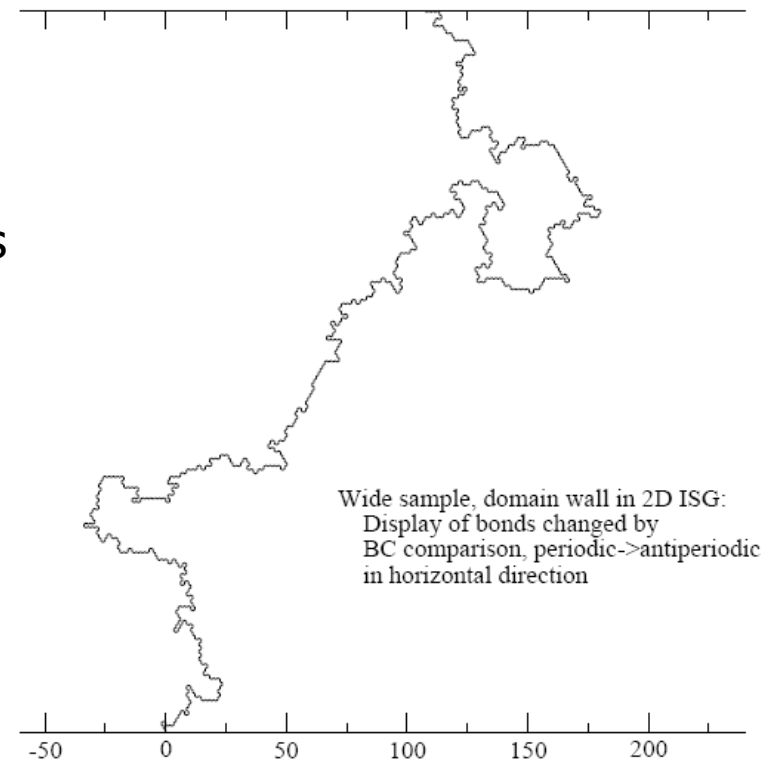


Up to  $720^2$   
or  $1024 \times 512$   
>  $10^4$  samples

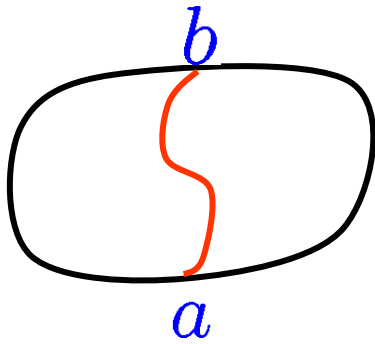
two types of BC: free-free  
localized-free

$$E_{DW} \sim L^\theta \quad \theta = -0.28(1)$$

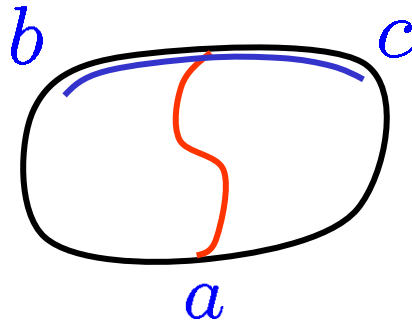
$$|\gamma| \sim L^{d_f} \quad d_f = 1.28(1)$$



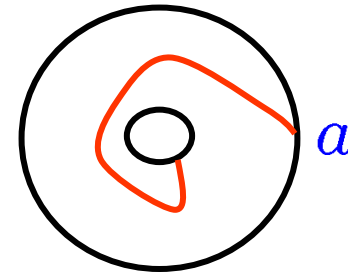
# compare with what?



chordal SLE

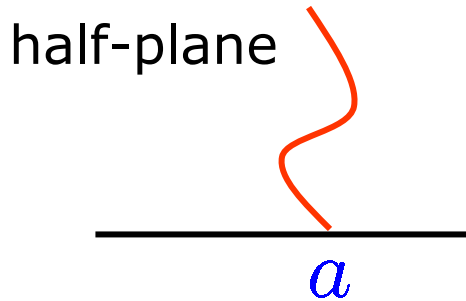


dipolar SLE

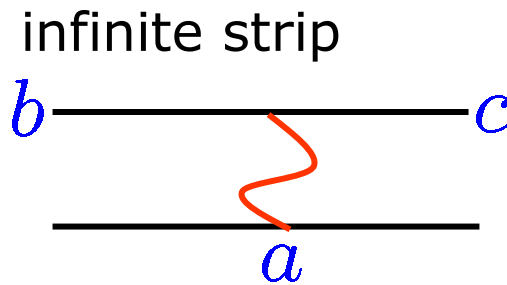


annulus SLE

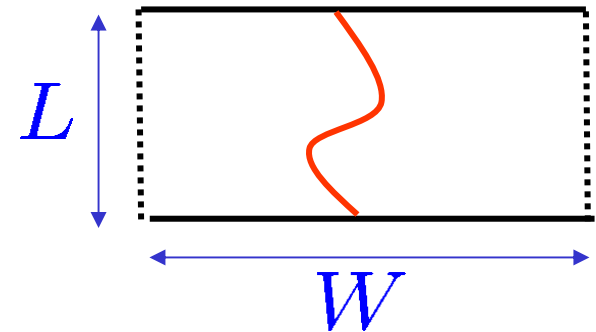
→ radial SLE



half-plane



infinite strip



- chordal near origin
- dipolar when  $W \gg L$
- radial when  $L \gg W$

For SGLass:

find SLE only free-free  
fixing endpoint is bad



# SLE tests

- probability DW passes left of point (chordal SLE)
- winding around long cylinder (radial SLE)
- hitting probability of top (dipolar SLE)
- iterated slit maps – is driving funct Brownian Motion?

$$\kappa = 8(d_f - 1) = 2.24(8) \qquad d_f = 1.28(1)$$

free-free BC: find consistent value all tests  $\kappa = 2.32(8)$

fixed endpoint BC: tests 1,3,4 give  $\kappa \approx 2.8$

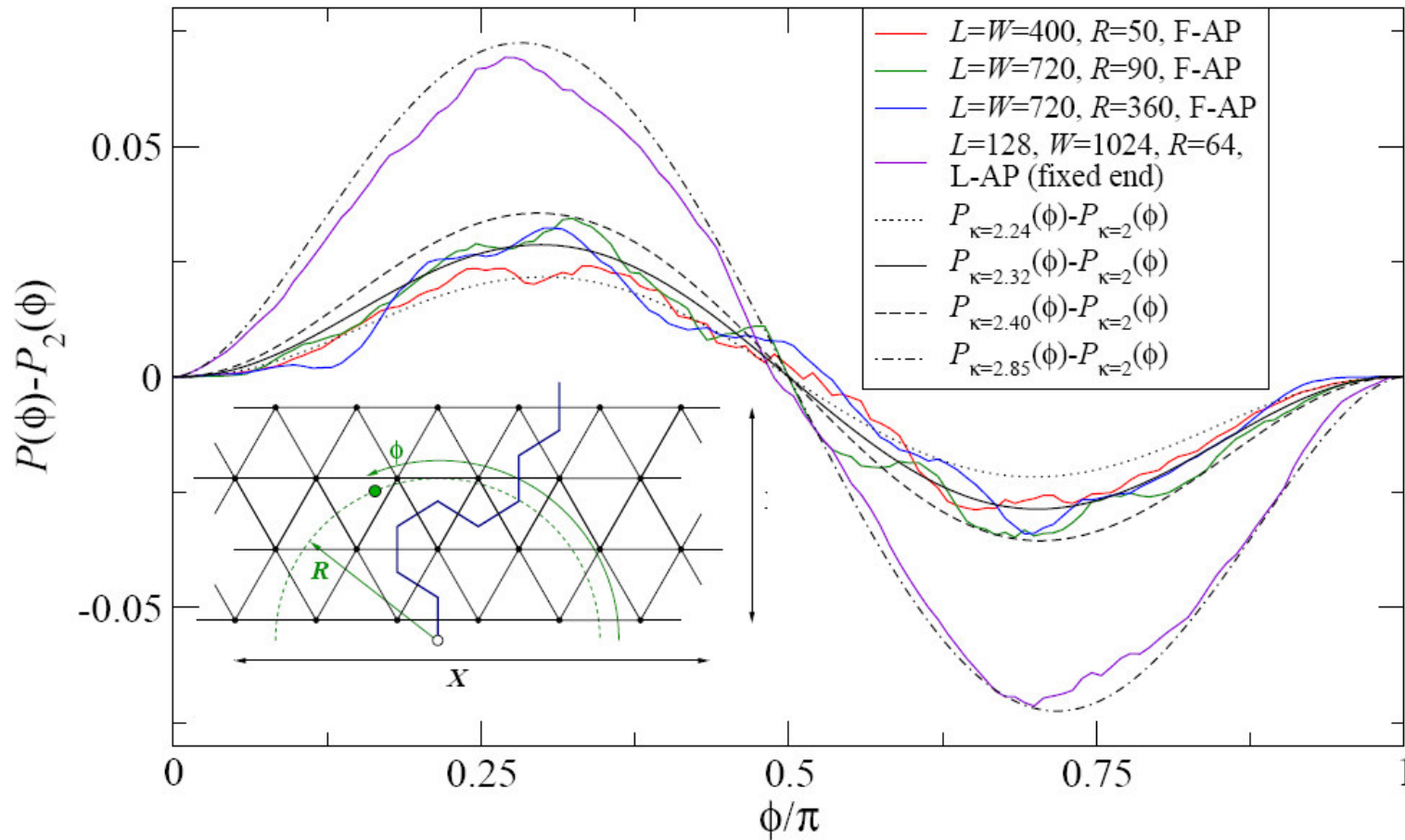
————→ Loop Erased RW  $d_f = 1.25$  absorbing BC:  $SLE_{\kappa=2}$

reflecting BC: not Markov  
not SLE

————→ Minimal spanning tree

$d_f = 1.217(3)$  not conformal inv. (Wilson) fails test 2

# probability of passage right



Chordal SLE

Schramm

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

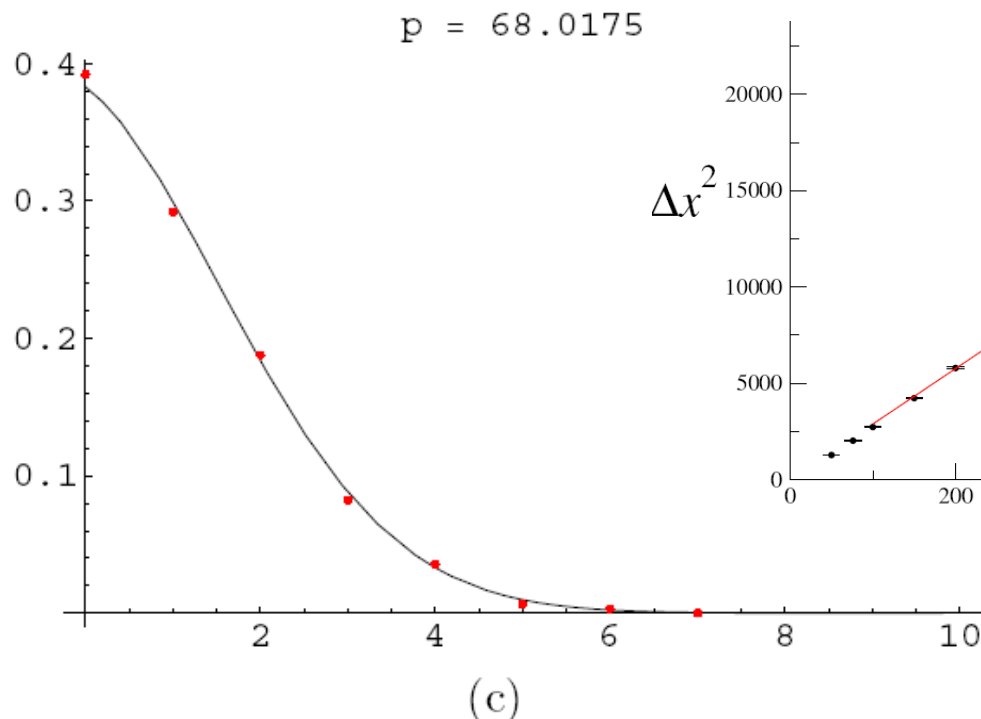
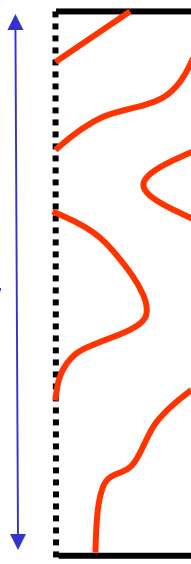
# winding around long cylinder

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{\kappa}{2\pi} XY$$

$x$  gaussian

$$Y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} L$$

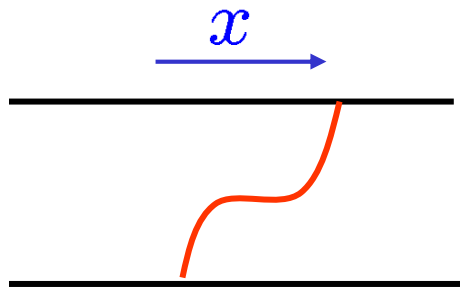
$$X = W$$



$$p = 2\pi Y/X$$

Figure 2: Winding probabilities  $w_n$  for different large  $p$  as a function of the winding number  $n$ . The continuous curves are the predictions from the Gaussian model (a guideline for the eyes) with  $\kappa = 2.32$ .

# endpoint distribution on a strip

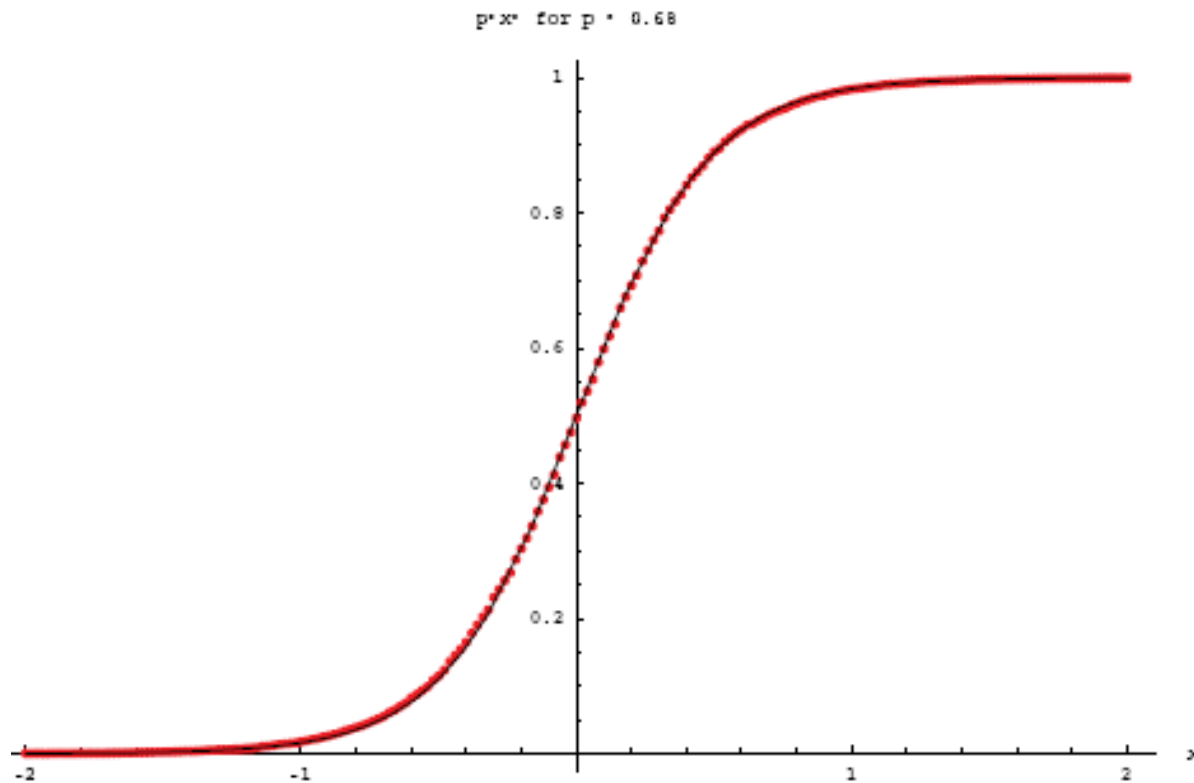


location of endpoint  
relative to start

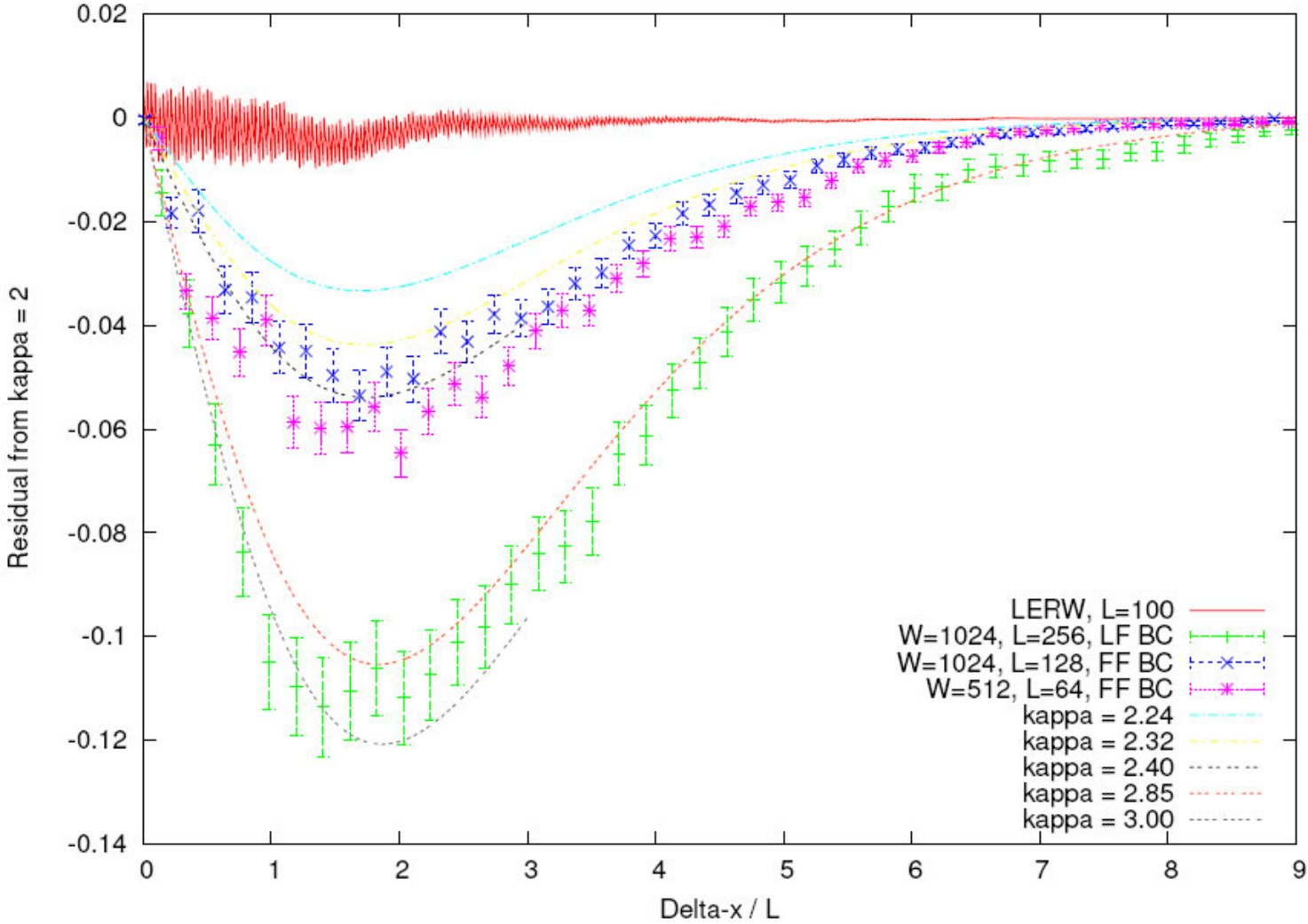
prediction from dipolar SLE

Bauer, Bernard

$$P(x) = A(\cosh(\frac{\pi x}{2Y}))^{-\frac{4}{\kappa}}$$



# endpoint distribution $P(x)$ residuals



# endpoint distribution for various aspect ratio

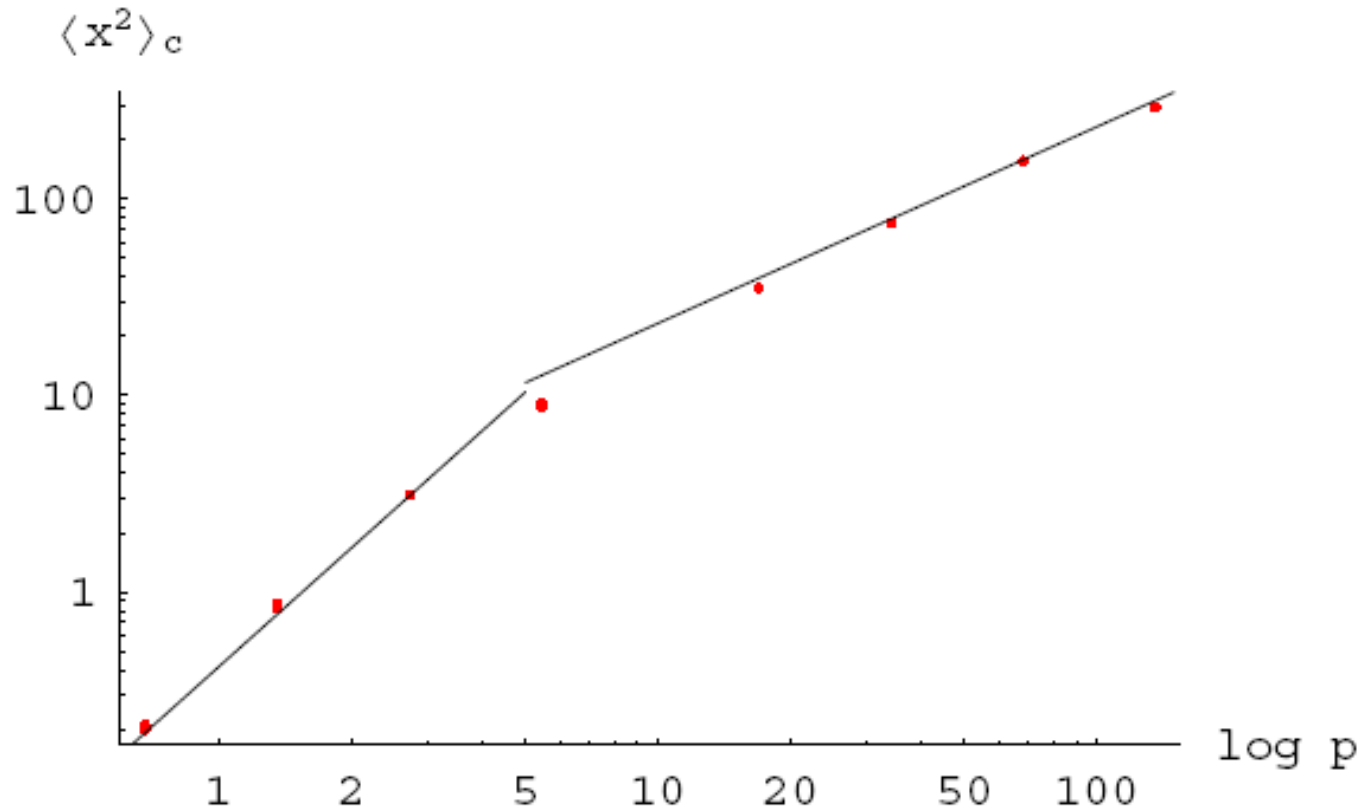
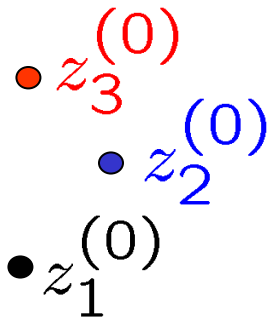
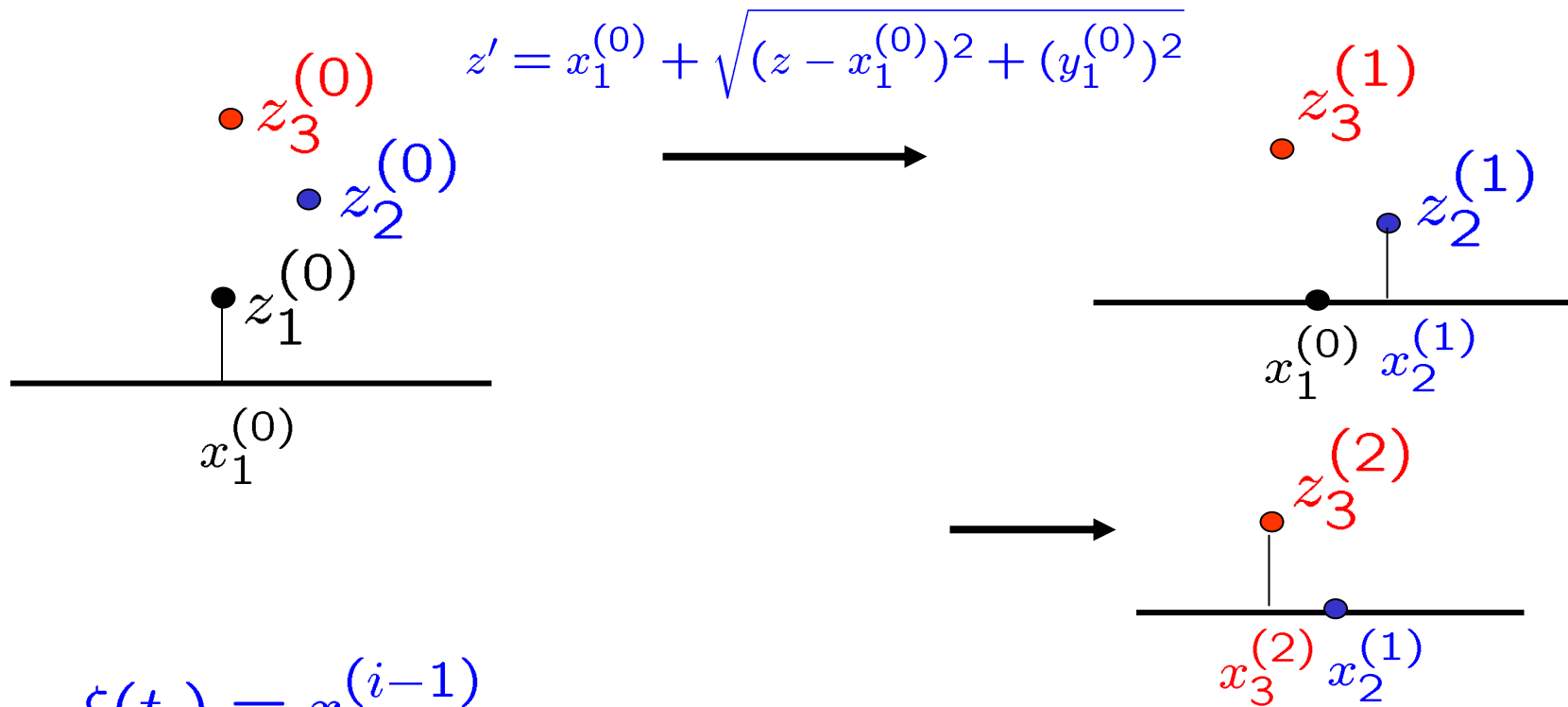


Figure 1: Log-log-plot for the second cumulant  $\langle x^2 \rangle_c = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2$  as a function of the modulus  $p$ . The straight black lines correspond to the predictions from dipolar and radial SLE with  $\kappa = 2.32$  for small and large  $p$  respectively.

# iterated slit map



# iterated slit map

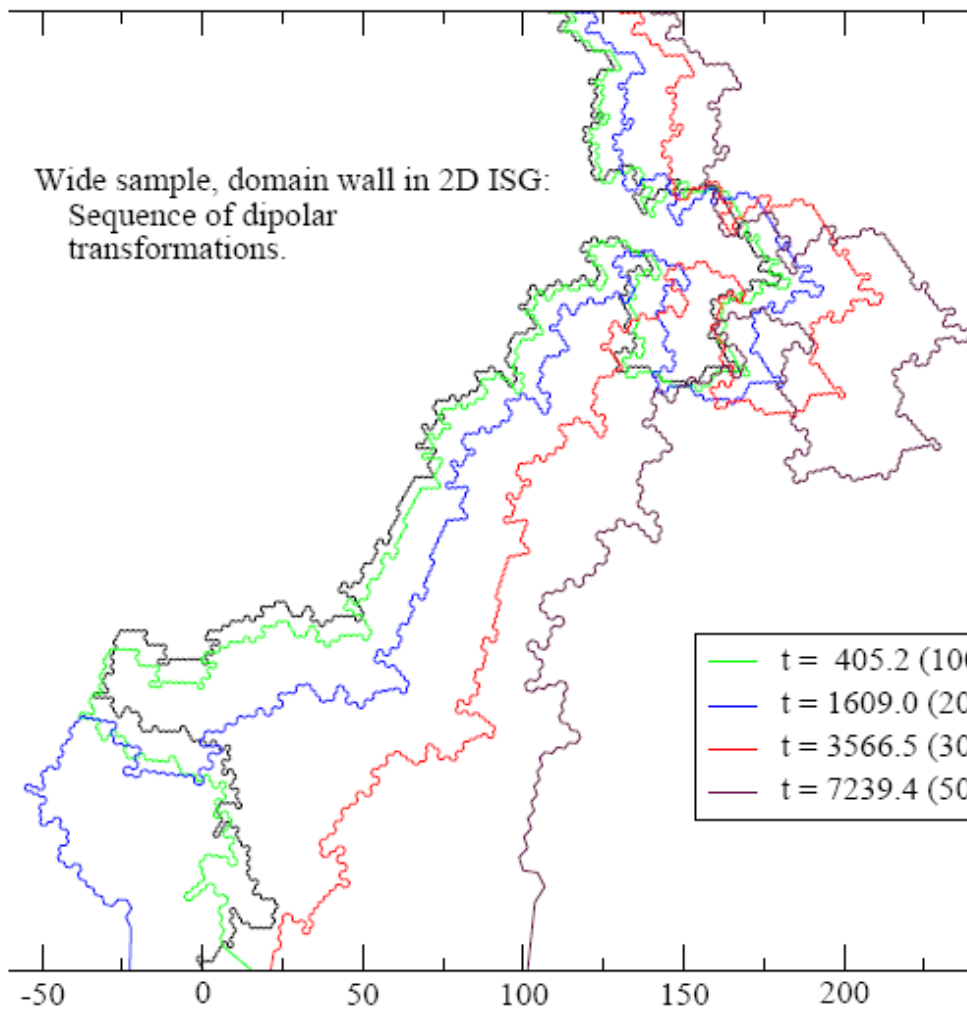


$$\xi(t_i) = x_i^{(i-1)}$$

$$t_i - t_{i-1} = (y_i^{(i-1)})^2 / 4$$



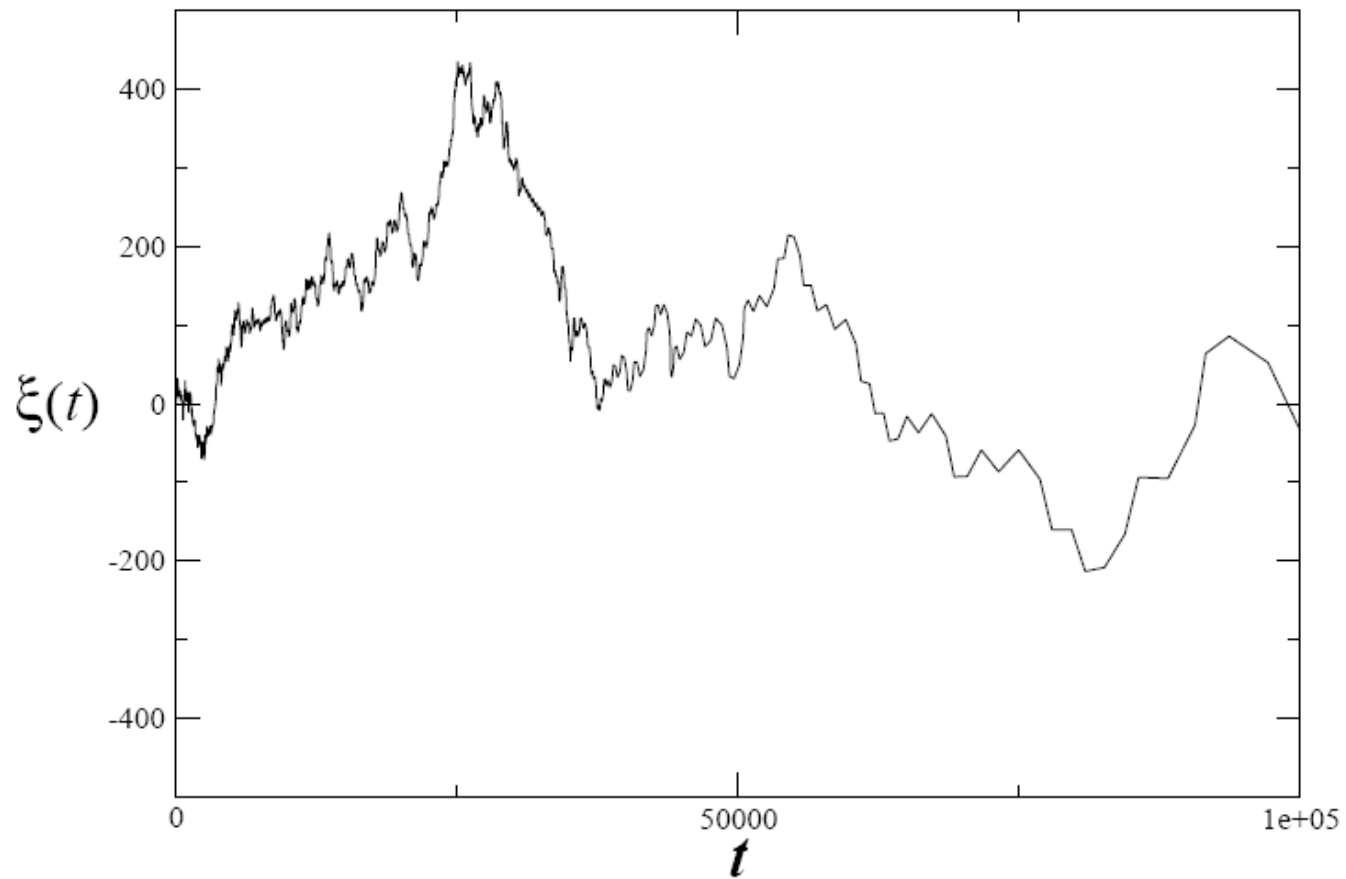
# Dipolar maps



$$\partial_t g_t(z) = \frac{2}{\tanh(g_t(z) - \xi_t)}$$

strip height  $\pi/2$

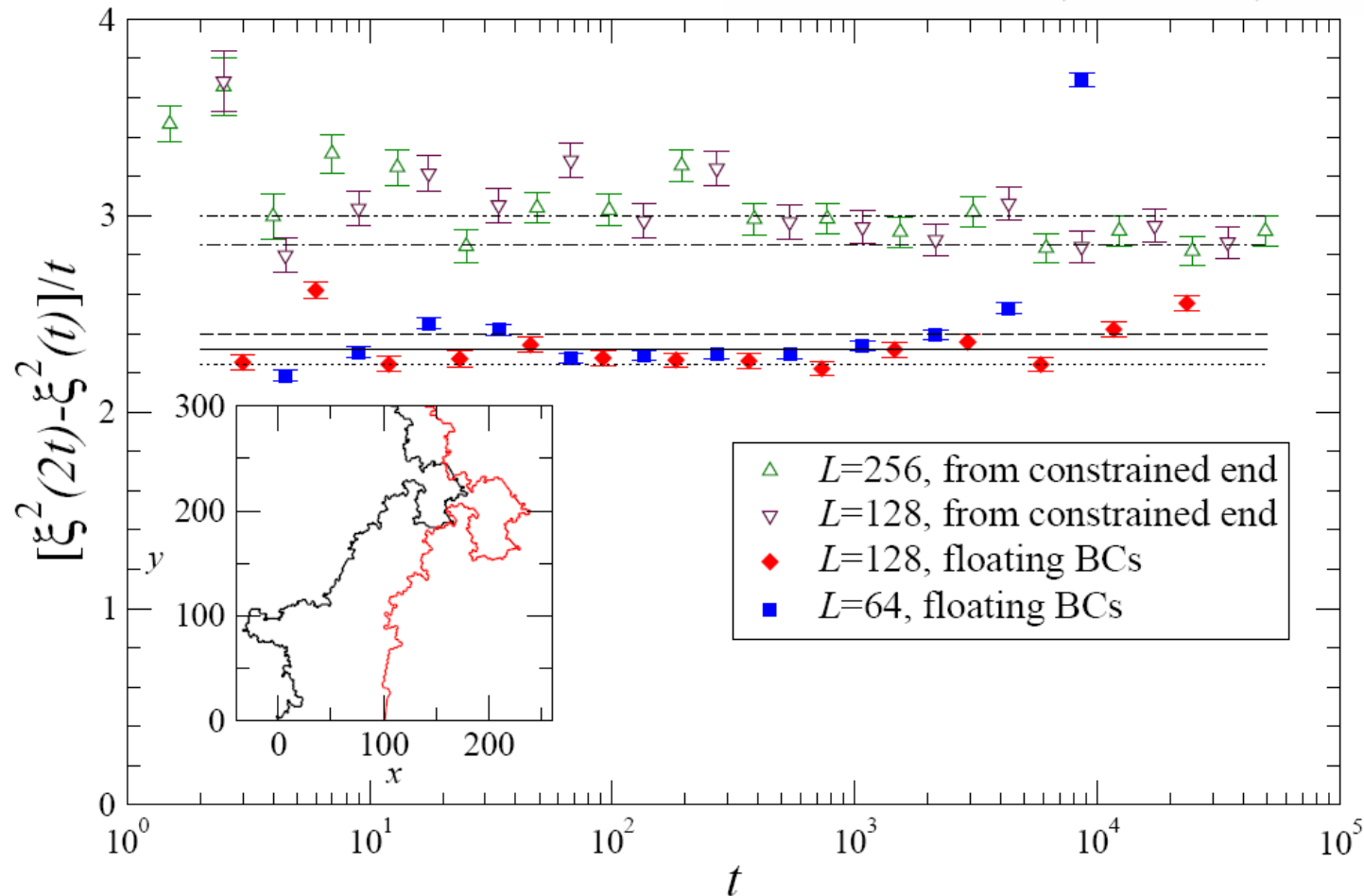
# driving function



tests of Brownian motion

# driving function

**Figure 2:** Plot of an effective diffusion constant  $\kappa_{\text{eff}} = \xi^2(2t) - \xi^2(t)/t$ , for  $W \geq 4L$ . Lines indicate  $\kappa = 2.24, 2.32, 2.40, 2.85$ , and  $3.00$ . The range  $2.24 < \kappa < 2.40$  fits the data for curves with F-AP BCs, while  $2.85 < \kappa < 3.00$  describes the diffusion measured from a constrained domain wall end. Inset: Part of a sample conversion of a domain wall in the 2D Ising spin glass to a sequence  $\xi(t_i)$ ,  $i = 1 \dots S$ . The left curve is the initial domain wall with  $\xi(0) = 0$ , while the red [lighter] curve is the remainder after 500 applications of the dipolar map, giving  $\xi(t_{500} \approx 7239.4) \approx 101.5$ .



## conclusion

- multiple tests of SLE suggest  
AP/P domain walls in 2D Ising Spin Glass  
are  $SLE_\kappa$   $\kappa = 2.32(8)$  free-free BC

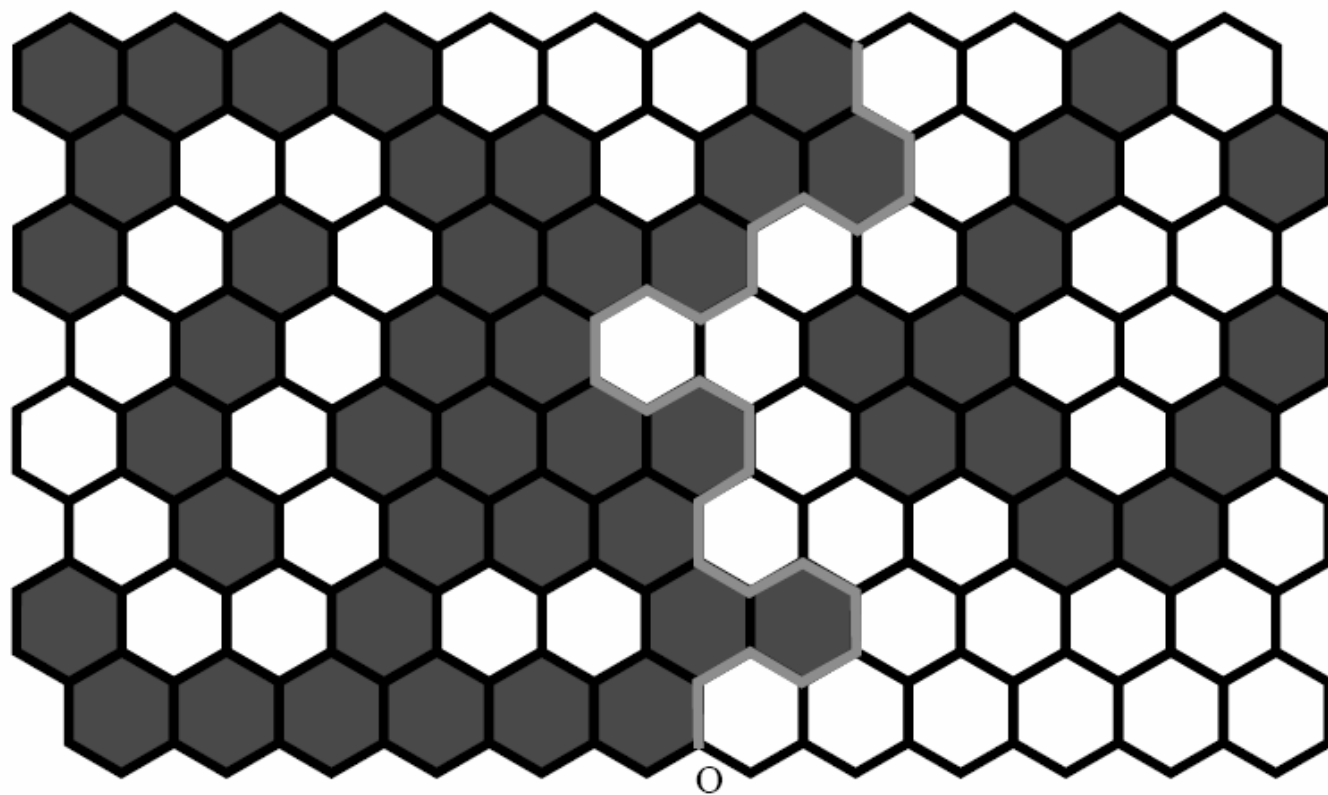
NOT for fixed endpoints

surprising because:

- exact domain Markov property on lattice  
arise in continuum limit ?  
$$P_D(\gamma_{ab}|\gamma_{ac}) = P_{D-\gamma_{ac}}(\gamma_{cb})$$
- no known conformal field theory  
correlation of boundary changing operators ?

look at other geometrical observables,  
numerics in various domains

look for SLE in other 2d systems



# Markov property

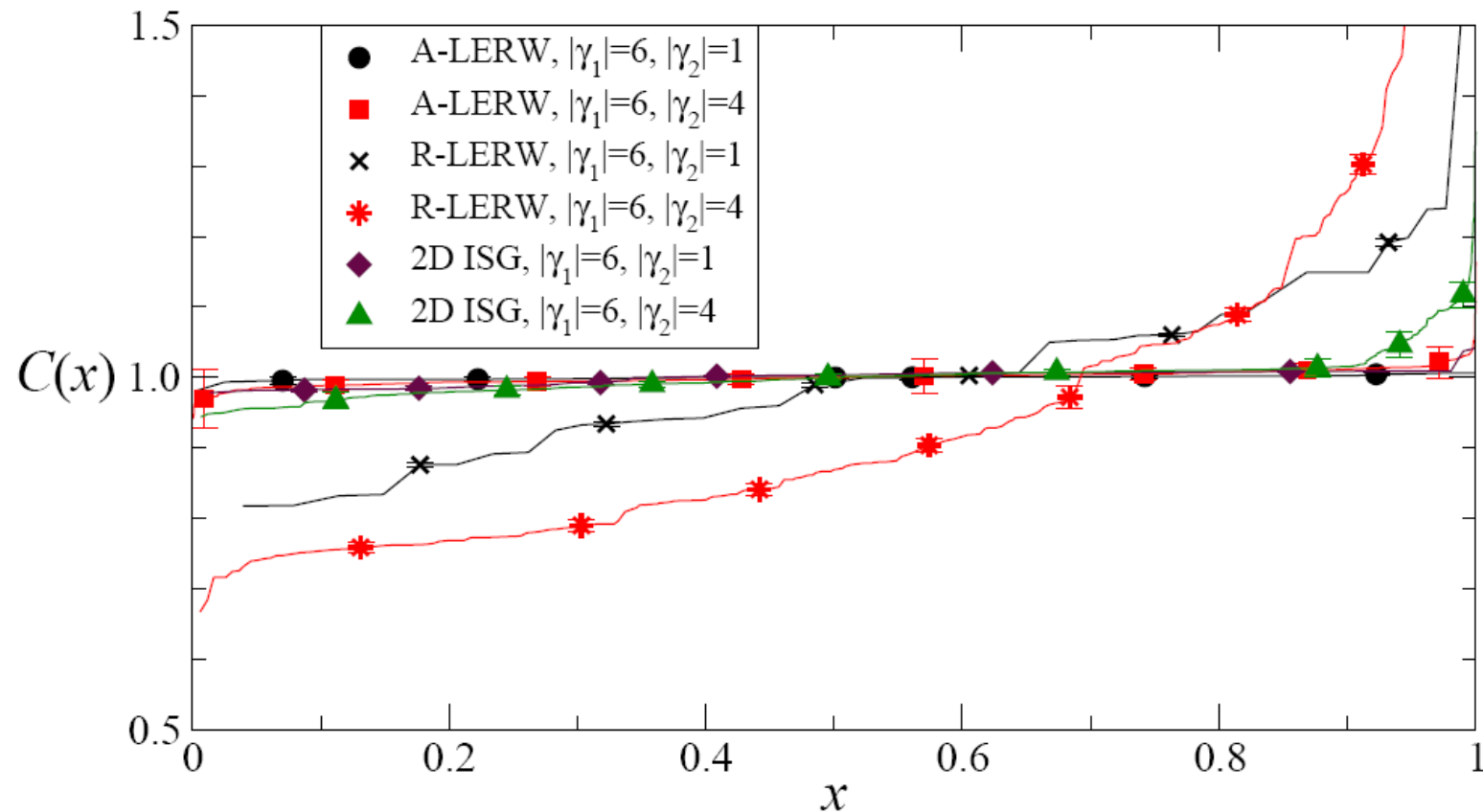
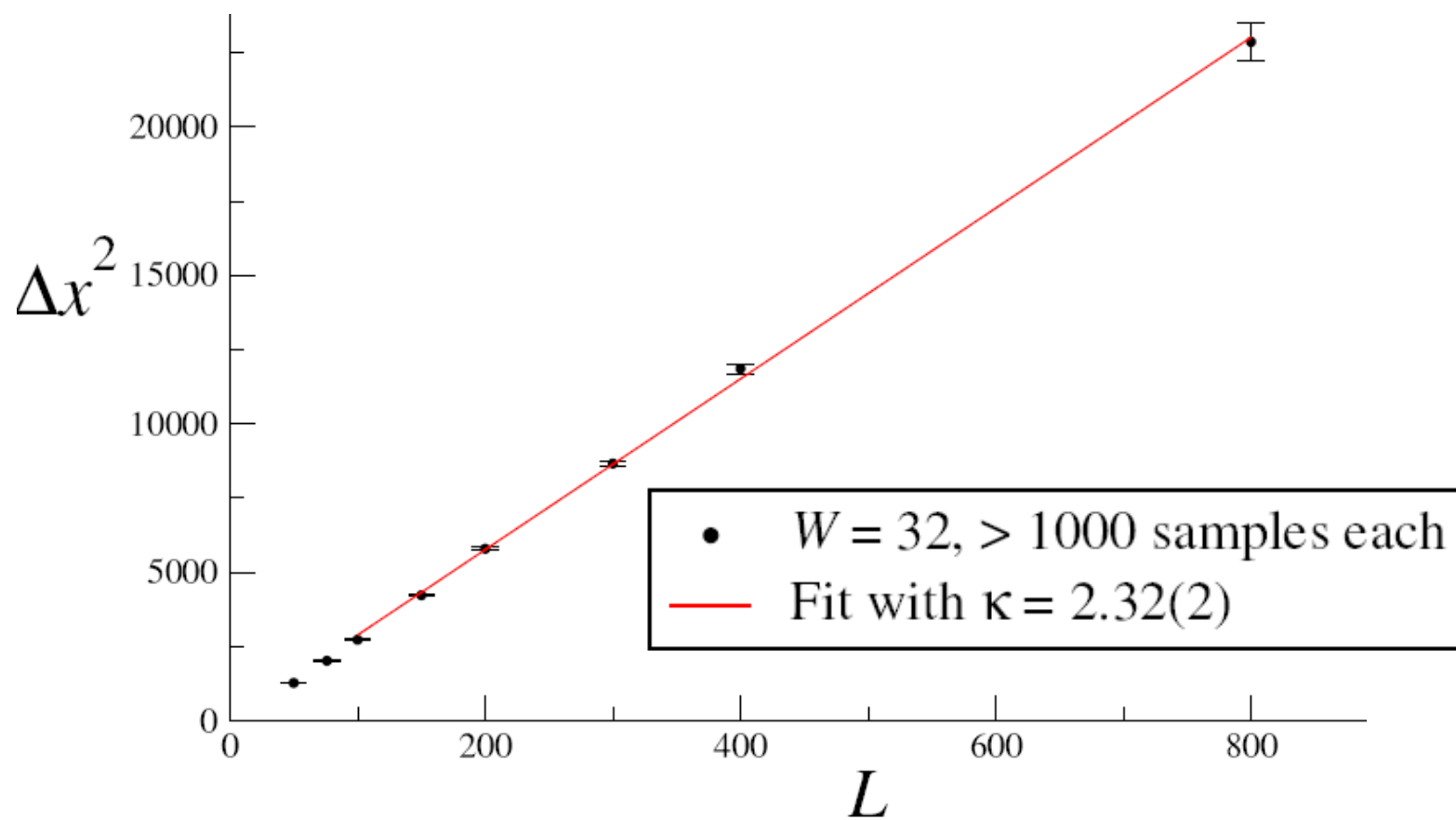
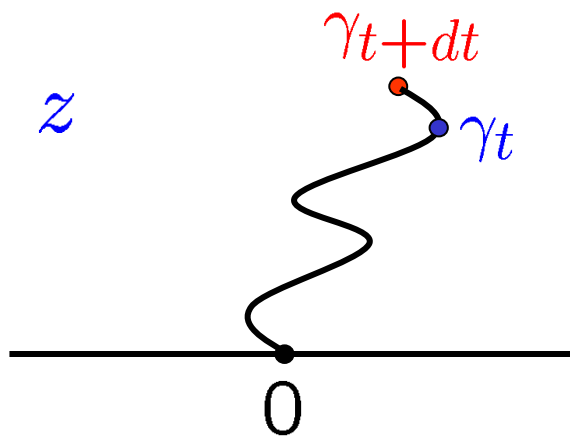


Figure 3: Plot of  $C(x)$ , cumulative probability of ranked values for  $r(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$ , as defined in the text. Large deviations from  $r = 1$ , as clearly seen for R-LERW, indicate a failure of the domain Markov property.





$$\xi_s - \xi_t \text{ independent of } \xi_{t'} \text{ for } s > t, t' < t$$

$$\xi_s - \xi_t := \xi_{t-s}$$

implies conformal Markov property