

**Heat kernel estimates and local CLT for random walk  
among random conductances with a power-law tail near zero**

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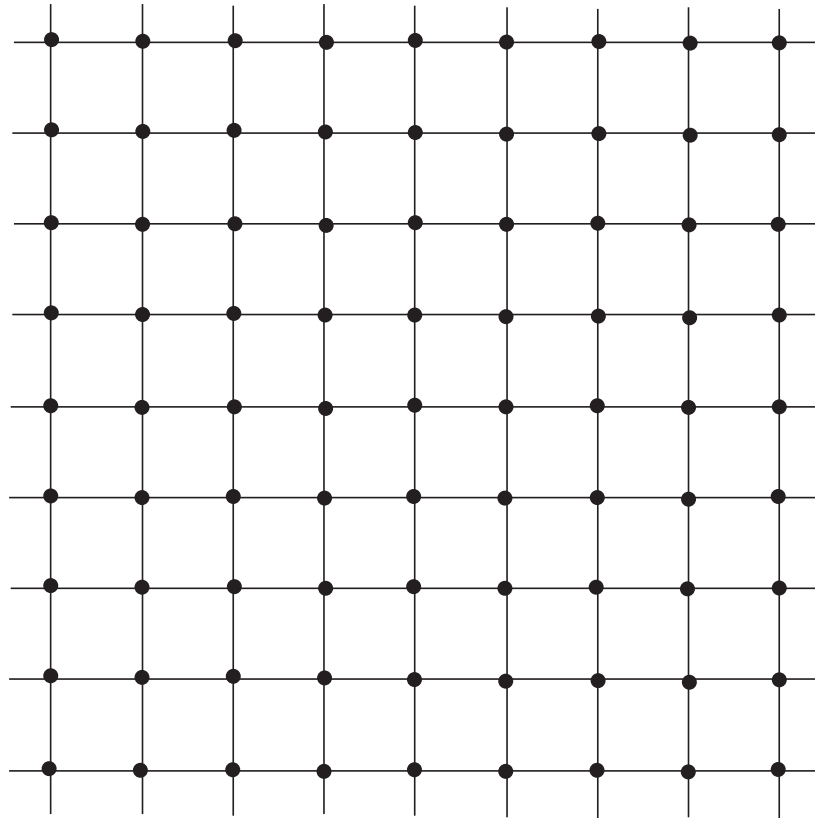
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## 1 Random walk on Random conductance model - Brief Survey

- Random conductance model (symmetric (reversible) RWRE)



Consider  $(\mathbb{Z}^d, E_d)$ ,  $d \geq 2$  where  $E_d$  is the set of non-oriented n.n. bonds.

Let the conductance  $\{\mu_e : e \in E_d\}$  be i.i.d. (more generally stat. ergo.) on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ .

Two natural MCs

Trans. prob.  $P(x, y) = \mu_{xy}/\mu_x$  ( $\mu_x := \sum_{y \sim x} \mu_{xy}$ ).

1. Constant speed random walk (**CSRW**): holding time is  $\text{exp}(1)$  for each point
2. Variable speed random walk (**VSRW**): holding time at  $x$  is  $\text{exp. distri. with mean } \mu_x^{-1}$

The corresponding discrete Laplace operators are

$$\mathcal{L}_C f(x) = \frac{1}{\mu_x} \sum_y (f(y) - f(x)) \mu_{xy}, \quad \mathcal{L}_V f(x) = \sum_y (f(y) - f(x)) \mu_{xy}.$$

Let  $\nu$  be s.t.  $\nu(x) = 1, \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ . Then, for each finite supported  $f, g$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}(f, g) &= -(\mathcal{L}_V f, g)_\nu = -(\mathcal{L}_C f, g)_\mu \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x, y} (f(x) - f(y))(g(x) - g(y)) \mu_{xy}. \end{aligned}$$

**RW on supercrit. perco.** is a special case ( $\mathbb{P}(\mu_e = 1) = p, \mathbb{P}(\mu_e = 0) = 1 - p, p > p_c(\mathbb{Z}^d)$ )

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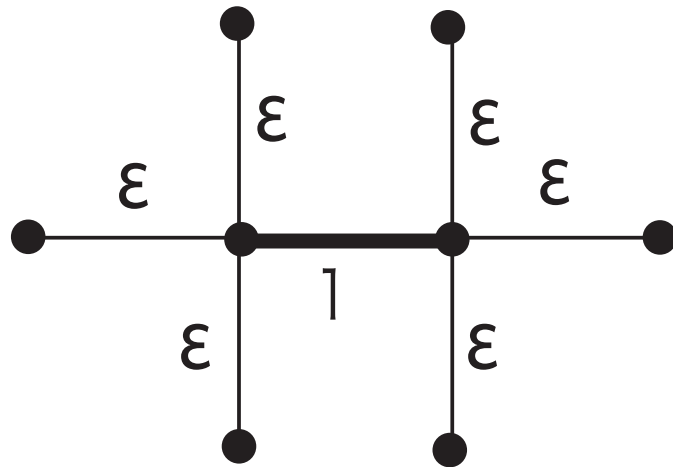
- RW on supercrit. perco.: No anomalous behavior for long time.

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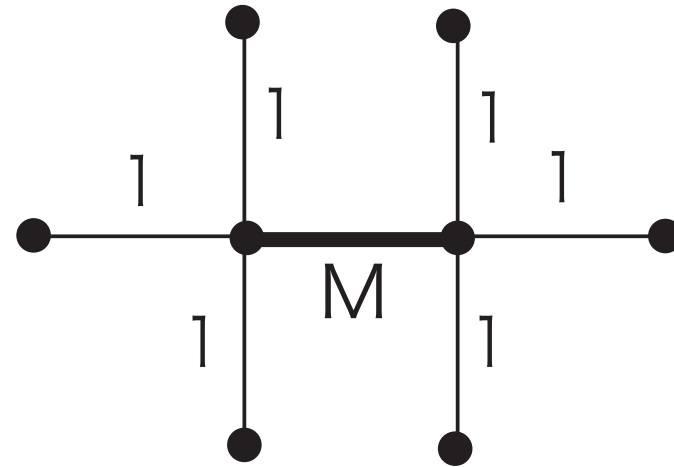
On (Q2): Sidoravicius-Sznitman '04, Berger-Biskup '07, Mathieu-Piatnitski. '07

All the results are 'quenched', i.e. almost surely w.r.t.  $\mathbb{P}$ .

Issue – Traps –



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- Anomalous heat kernel behavior for  $\mathbb{P}(\mu_e \leq 1) = 1$

(Fontes-Mathieu '06) Annealed result: VSRW on  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  with  $\mu_{xy} = \omega(x) \wedge \omega(y)$

where  $\{\omega(x) : x \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$  are i.i.d. with  $\omega(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x$  and  $\exists \gamma > 0$  s.t.

$$\mathbb{P}(\omega(0) \leq s) \asymp s^\gamma \quad \text{as } s \downarrow 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \mathbb{E}[P_\omega^0(Y_t = 0)]}{\log t} = -\left(\frac{d}{2} \wedge \gamma\right).$$



(Berger-Biskup-Hoffman-Kozma '08) Quenched HK estimates for discrete time MC:

**Theorem 1.1** Assume  $\mathbb{P}(\mu_e \leq 1) = 1$ . (i) For  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.e.  $\omega$ ,  $\exists C_1(\omega) > 0$  s.t.

$$P_\omega^n(0, 0) \leq C_1(\omega) \begin{cases} n^{-d/2}, & d = 2, 3, \\ n^{-2} \log n, & d = 4, \\ n^{-2}, & d \geq 5. \end{cases} \quad \forall n \geq 1 \quad (2)$$

(ii) For any incr. seq.  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ ,  $\lambda_n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\exists$  i.i.d. law  $\mathbb{P}$  with  $\mathbb{P}(0 < \mu_e \leq 1) = 1$

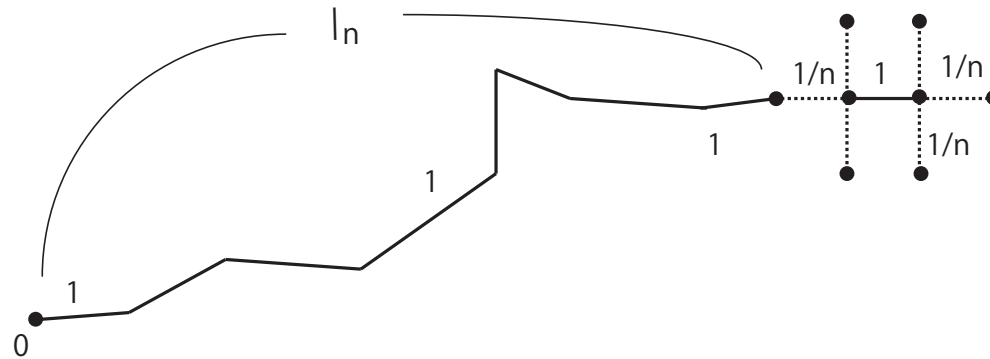
and  $C_2(\omega), C_3(\omega) > 0$  s.t. for a.e.  $\omega \in \{|\mathcal{C}(0)| = \infty\}$ ,

$$P_\omega^{2n}(0, 0) \geq C_3(\omega) n^{-2} \lambda_n^{-1} \quad \text{for } d \geq 5$$

$$P_\omega^{2n}(0, 0) \geq C_3(\omega) n^{-2} \log n \lambda_n^{-1} \quad \text{for } d = 4. \quad (\text{Biskup-Boukhadra '11})$$

along a subsequence that does not depend on  $\omega$ .

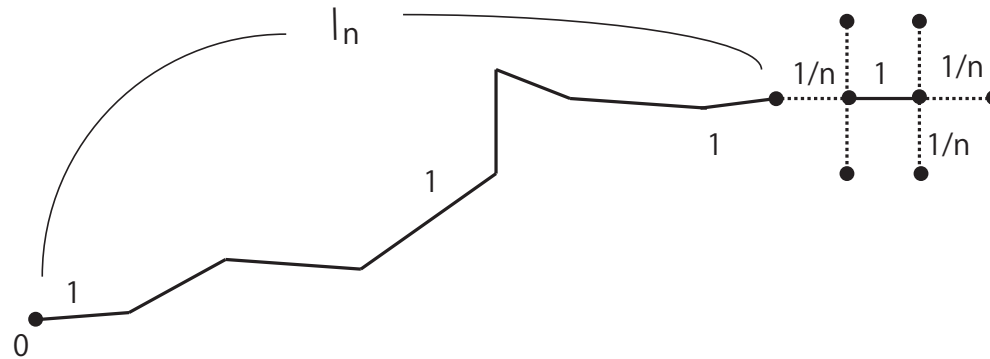
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- (i) RW goes **directly towards the trap** (costs  $e^{O(\ell_n)}$ ),
- (ii) it **crosses the weak bond** (costs  $1/n$ ), spends time  $n - 2\ell_n$  on the strong bond (costs  $(\frac{1}{1+c/n})^{n-2\ell_n} = O(1)$ ), and **crosses a weak bond** again (costs  $1/n$ ),
- (iii) it goes **back to the origin on time** (cost  $e^{O(\ell_n)}$  term).

The cost is  $O(1)e^{O(\ell_n)}n^{-2}$  so if  $\ell_n = o(\log n)$  then we get  $n^{-2} (\gg n^{-d/2}$  for  $d \geq 5$ ).

On (Q2): Quenched invariance principle Let  $\{Y_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  be either CSRW or VSRW and

$$Y_t^{(\varepsilon)} := \varepsilon Y_{t/\varepsilon^2}. \quad (3)$$

**Theorem 1.2** ( $\mu_e \leq 1$  case: Biskup-Prescott '07, Mathieu '08,  $\mu_e \geq 1$  case:

Barlow-Deuschel '10, unified: Andres-Barlow-Deuschel-Hambly '13)

(i) Let  $\{Y_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  be the *VSRW*. Then  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s.  $Y_t^{(\varepsilon)} \rightarrow B_{\sigma_V^2 t}$  where  $\sigma_V > 0$ .

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$$\sigma_C^2 = \sigma_V^2 / (2d\mathbb{E}\mu_e) \text{ if } \mathbb{E}\mu_e < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_C^2 = 0 \text{ if } \mathbb{E}\mu_e = \infty .$$

**Note:** When  $\mathbb{E}\mu_e < \infty$ , “annealed CLT” was already obtained in 80’s

(Kipnis-Varadhan '86, De Masi-Ferrari-Goldstein-Wick '89 ( $\sigma > 0$ ))

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- **More general domains** (Chen-Croydon-K '13) QIP and HK estimates for RW on supercri. perco. on half/quarter planes (Use D-form theory for the bd. issue)

- **General stationary ergodic media**

(Andres-Deuschel-Slowik '13, '13+)  $\{\mu_e\}_e$ : positive and stationary ergodic

$$E\left[\left(\sum_y \mu_{xy}\right)^p\right] < \infty, \quad E\left[\left(\sum_y \mu_{xy}^{-1}\right)^q\right] < \infty$$

1)  $1/p + 1/q < 2/d \Rightarrow$  Quenched invariance principle (both CSRW and VSRW)

2)  $1/p + 1/q < 2/d$  for CSRW and  $1/(p-1) + 1/q < 2/d$  for VSRW

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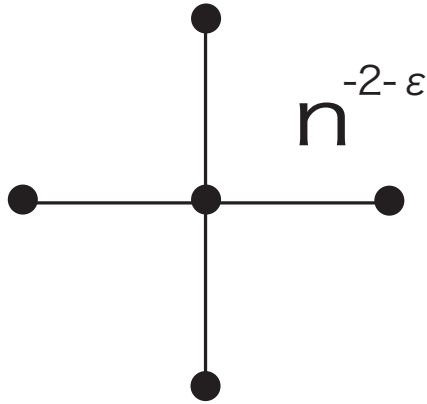
**Corollary 2.2** Under the same cond.,  $E_\omega^x[\tau_{B(x,n)}] \leq c_2 n^2$ ,  $\forall x \in B(x_0, n), \forall n \geq \exists R_1(\omega)$ .

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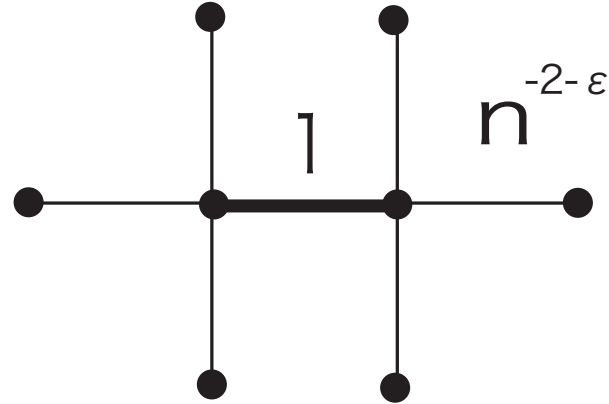
I.e. if  $\gamma$  is below that, for a.e.  $\omega$ , exists  $x \in B(0, n)$  s.t.  $\tau_{B(0,n)} \gg n^2$  when  $Y_0 = x$ .



Why  $\frac{1}{8} \frac{d}{d-1/2}$ ,  $1/4$ ?



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If  $\gamma < \frac{1}{8} \frac{d}{d-1/2}$ , then  $H := (2 + \epsilon)\gamma(4d - 2) < d$  for small  $\epsilon$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(\{\forall e \subset B(0, n), \exists b \cap e \neq \emptyset, \mu_b \geq n^{-(2+\epsilon)}\}) &\leq \left(1 - \mathbb{P}(\mu_b < n^{-(2+\epsilon)})^{4d-2}\right)^{c_* n^d} \\ &= \left(1 - (cn^{-(2+\epsilon)\gamma})^{4d-2}\right)^{c_* n^d} = (1 - c_1 n^{-H})^{c_* n^d} \leq e^{-c_2 n^{d-H}}. \end{aligned}$$

By B-C,  $\exists e \subset B(0, n)$ , cond.  $\asymp 1$  s.t. all adj. edges have cond.  $\ll n^{-2} \Rightarrow \tau_B \gg n^2$ .

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for  $x \in \mathcal{C}^\xi$ . Using  $P_\omega^x(X_u^\xi = x) \leq c_1 t^{-d/2}$  (due to (1)), (Key) and  $\mu_x \geq \xi$ , we have

$$p_t^\mu(x, x) \leq c_2 t^{-d/2} + c_3 \exp(-c_4 t^\sigma) \leq c_3 t^{-d/2} \quad \square$$

– Proof of (Key) involves percolation est. and spectral gap est.

(Further HK estimates)

**Proposition 2.3** *Let  $\gamma > \frac{1}{8d-1/2}$  for CSRW and  $\gamma > 1/4$  for VSRW.*

(i) *For each  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ , there exists  $T_1 = T_1(x_0) > 0$  and  $\varepsilon$  small, such that if*

$$c(d(x_1, x_2) \vee t^{1/(2-\varepsilon)}) \geq T_1(x_0)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad d(x_0, x_1) \leq c'(d(x_1, x_2) \vee t^{1/(2-\varepsilon)}), \quad \text{then}$$

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(ii) *There exist  $c, \delta_0, \delta_1 > 0$  and  $T_2 = T_2(x_0) < \infty$  such that*

$$p_t(x, y) \geq ct^{-d/2}, \quad \forall x, y \in B(x_0, \delta_0 t^{(1+\delta)/2}) \text{ with } |x - y| \leq \delta_1 t^{1/2}$$

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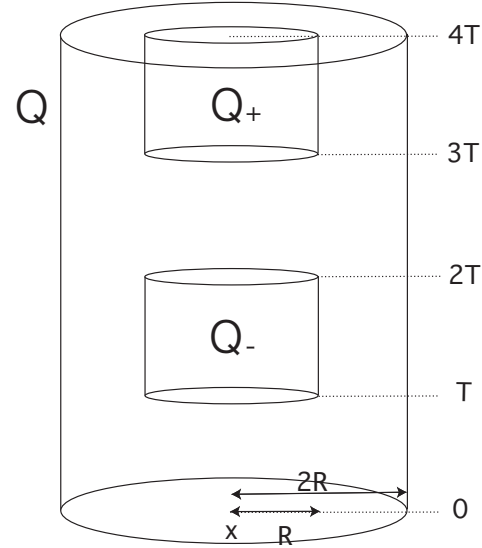
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III) ○ Method used on diffusions on fractals + Carne-Varopolous

$c_1 r^2 \leq E^x[\tau_{B(x,r)}] \leq c_2 r^2$  for  $x \in B(x_0, n) \Rightarrow P^x(\tau_{B(x,r)} \leq t) \leq c_3 \exp(-c_4 r^2/t)$ ,

$p_t(x, y) \leq \frac{c_5}{\sqrt{\theta_x \theta_y}} \exp(-c_4 d(x, y)^2/t)$  for  $t \geq d(x, y)$ .



For  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  and  $R, T > 0$ , let  $Q(x, R, T) := (0, 4T] \times B(x, 2R)$ . Define

$$Q_-(x, R, T) := [T, 2T] \times B(x, R), \quad Q_+(x, R, T) := [3T, 4T] \times B(x, R).$$

Let  $u(n, x) : [0, 4T] \times \bar{B}(x, 2R) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

We say  $u(n, x)$  is **caloric** on  $Q$  if for  $0 \leq n \leq 4T - 1$  and  $y \in B(x, 2R)$ ,

$$u(n+1, y) - u(n, y) = \mathcal{L}_\theta u(n, y).$$



**Theorem 2.4** *Under the same condition as in Thm 2.1, the following hold.*

(i) **(Parabolic Harnack inequalities)**  $\exists c_1, R_2(x_0) > 0$  s.t.  $\forall R \geq R_2(x_0)$ , and

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$$\sup_{(n,x) \in Q_-(x_0, R, R^2)} u(n, x) \leq c_1 \inf_{(n,x) \in Q_+(x_0, R, R^2)} u(n, x).$$

(ii)  $\exists c_1, \theta, R_3(x_0) > 0$  s.t.  $\forall R \geq R_3(x_0), T_* \geq R^2 + 1$ , suppose  $u > 0$  is caloric on  $Q(x_0, \sqrt{T_*}, T_*)$ . Then  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in B(x_0, R)$  and  $\forall n_1, n_2 \in [4(T_* - R^2), 4T_*]$ , we have

$$|u(n_1, x_1) - u(n_2, x_2)| \leq c_1 (R/T_*^{1/2})^\theta \sup_{Q_+(x_0, \sqrt{T_*}, T_*)} u.$$

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**Proposition 2.6** *Let  $k_t(x) = (2\pi t \sigma_*^2)^{-d/2} \exp(-|x|^2/(2\sigma_*^2 t))$  and  $M, T_1, T_2 > 0$ . Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{|x| \leq M} \sup_{t \in [T_1, T_2]} |n^{d/2} p_{nt}^\omega(0, [n^{1/2}x]) - k_t(x)| = 0, \quad \mathbb{P} - a.s.$$

– VSRW ( $\gamma > 1/4$ ) case is already in [Andres-Deuschel-Slowik \('13+\)](#).

Theorem 2.5 holds under certain general setting. (Idea from Grigor'yan-Telcs '01)

## Proposition 2.7

*On-diagonal upper bound* ( $p_t(x, y) \leq c_1 t^{-d/2}$  for  $t \geq T_0(x_0)$ )

+  $c_2 r^2 \leq E^x[\tau_{B(x,r)}]$  for  $r \geq R_0(x_0)$

+ *Elliptic Harnack ineq.*

(+ (CSRW case)  $\mu(B(x_0, R)) \asymp R^d$  for  $R \geq R_2(x_0)$ ,  $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} R^{-d} \mu(B(x_0, R)) = c_5$ )

$\Rightarrow$  *Conclusion of Theorem 2.5 holds.*

Thank you!