

# Hadamard's formula and couplings of SLE with GFF

K. Izyurov and K. Kytölä

Université de Genève

May 24, 2010

# The Gaussian Free Field

# The Gaussian Free Field

A random (gaussian) field  $\Phi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  in a planar domain

# The Gaussian Free Field

A random (gaussian) field  $\Phi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  in a planar domain

The mean of the field  $M(z) = \mathbb{E}\Phi(z)$  is a harmonic function

# The Gaussian Free Field

A random (gaussian) field  $\Phi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  in a planar domain

The mean of the field  $M(z) = \mathbb{E}\Phi(z)$  is a harmonic function  
(usually defined by boundary conditions: Dirichlet, Neumann,  
etc...)

# The Gaussian Free Field

A random (gaussian) field  $\Phi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  in a planar domain

The mean of the field  $M(z) = \mathbb{E}\Phi(z)$  is a harmonic function  
(usually defined by boundary conditions: Dirichlet, Neumann,  
etc...)

The covariance of the field  $C(z_1, z_2) = G(z_1, z_2)$  is a Green's  
function in  $\Omega$

# The Gaussian Free Field

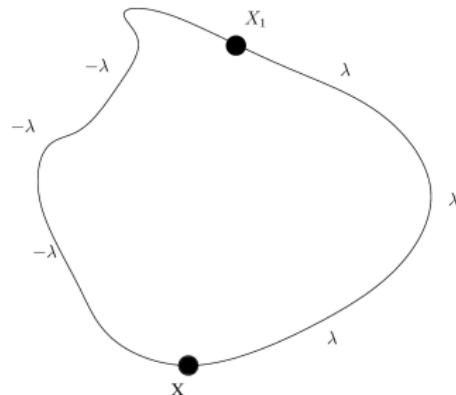
A random (gaussian) field  $\Phi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  in a planar domain

The mean of the field  $M(z) = \mathbb{E}\Phi(z)$  is a harmonic function  
(usually defined by boundary conditions: Dirichlet, Neumann,  
etc...)

The covariance of the field  $C(z_1, z_2) = G(z_1, z_2)$  is a Green's  
function in  $\Omega$  (with corresponding homogeneous boundary  
conditions)

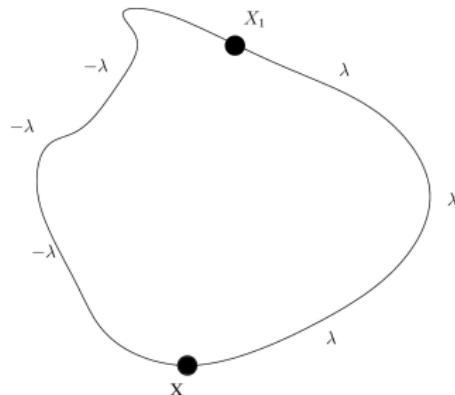
# Relations to SLE: level lines

Schramm & Sheffield '2006



# Relations to SLE: level lines

Schramm & Sheffield '2006



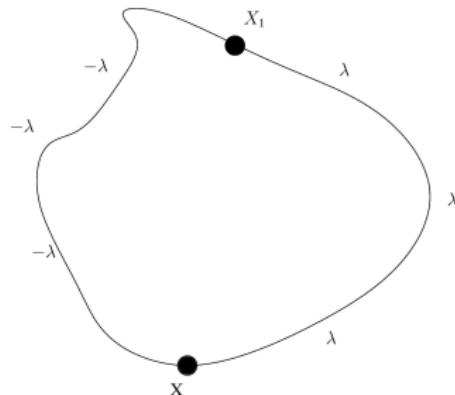
Domains with two marked points  $x, x_1$ , with Dirichlet boundary conditions  $\pm\lambda = \pm\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}}$ .

Dirichlet boundary valued Green's function as covariance

Discretize the field, take the mesh to zero

# Relations to SLE: level lines

Schramm & Sheffield '2006



Domains with two marked points  $x, x_1$ , with Dirichlet boundary conditions  $\pm\lambda = \pm\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}}$ .

Dirichlet boundary valued Green's function as covariance

Discretize the field, take the mesh to zero  $\Rightarrow$  level lines converge to  $SLE_4$

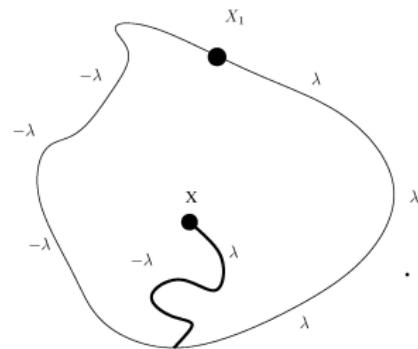
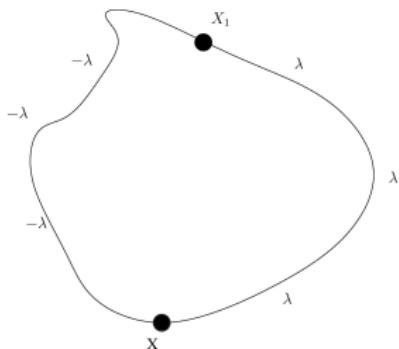
# Soft approach: coupling

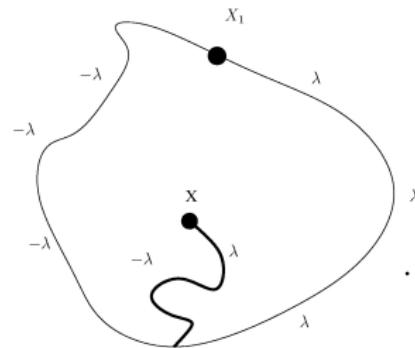
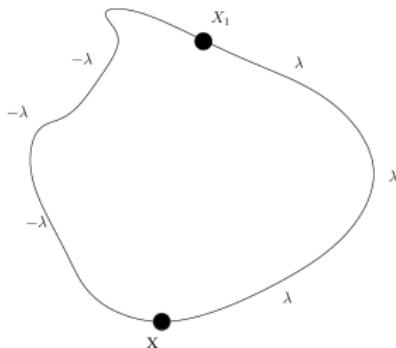
## Soft approach: coupling

In the continuum: there exists a coupling of  $\text{SLE}_4$  and GFF, such that the curve behaves like a level line.

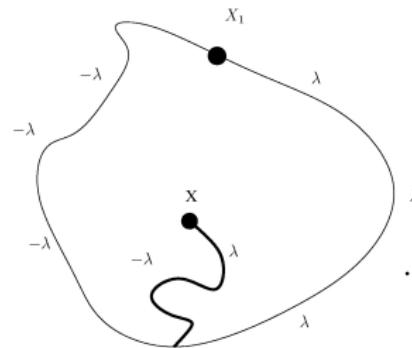
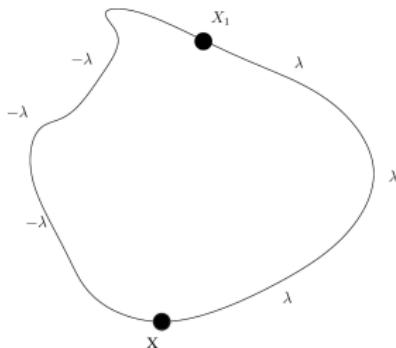
In the continuum: there exists a coupling of  $\text{SLE}_4$  and GFF, such that the curve behaves like a level line.

Namely: Conditionally on the curve  $\gamma_t$ , the law of the field is that of the GFF in  $\Omega \setminus \gamma_t$ , the jump has moved to the tip





Constructive formulation: sample SLE<sub>4</sub> curve up to time  $t$ ;  
 sample GFF in  $\Omega \setminus \gamma_t$ ; forget the curve  $\Rightarrow$  obtain a new field  $\tilde{\Phi}$  in  $\Omega$



Constructive formulation: sample SLE<sub>4</sub> curve up to time  $t$ ;  
 sample GFF in  $\Omega \setminus \gamma_t$ ; forget the curve  $\Rightarrow$  obtain a new field  $\tilde{\Phi}$  in  $\Omega$

which appears to have the same law as  $\Phi$ .

# Soft approach: coupling

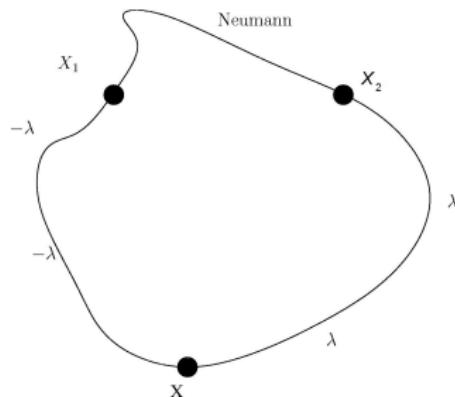
# Soft approach: coupling

Other boundary conditions far away from the curve?

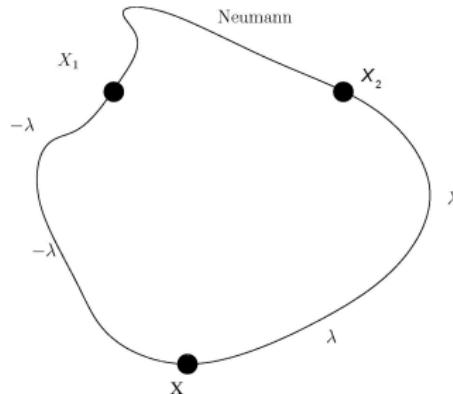
Other boundary conditions far away from the curve?

Doubly connected domains?

# The zoo of examples: simply-connected case

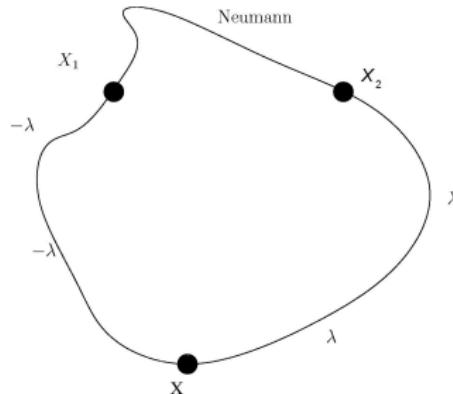


# The zoo of examples: simply-connected case



Three arcs, boundary values  $-\lambda$ ,  $\lambda$ , Neumann: dipolar SLE<sub>4</sub>.

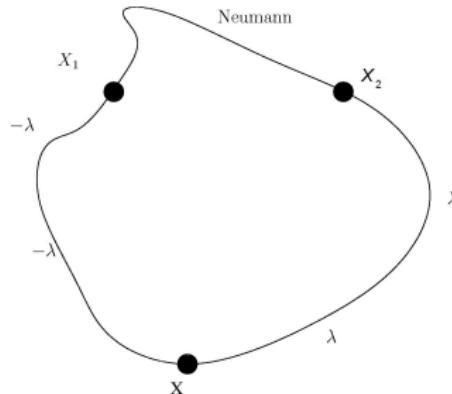
# The zoo of examples: simply-connected case



Three arcs, boundary values  $-\lambda, \lambda$ , Neumann: dipolar SLE<sub>4</sub>.

Three arcs, boundary values  $-\lambda, \lambda, 0$ : dipolar SLE<sub>4</sub>.

# The zoo of examples: simply-connected case

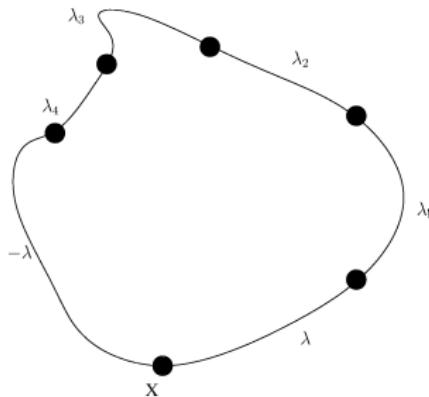


Three arcs, boundary values  $-\lambda, \lambda$ , Neumann: dipolar SLE<sub>4</sub>.

Three arcs, boundary values  $-\lambda, \lambda, 0$ : dipolar SLE<sub>4</sub>.

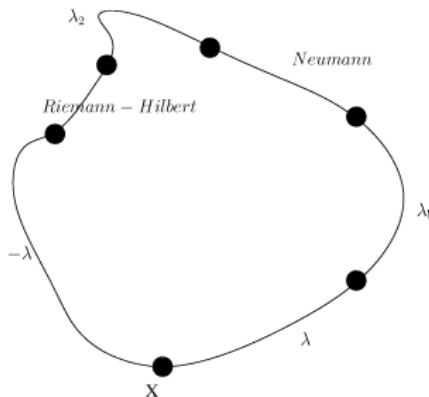
Three arcs, boundary values  $-\lambda, \lambda$ , Riemann-Hilbert:  
 $\partial_\sigma M(z) = 0$ ,  $\sigma = e^{i\alpha}\tau$ : SLE<sub>4</sub>( $\rho$ ) with  $\rho$  depending on  $\alpha$ .

# The zoo of examples: simply-connected case

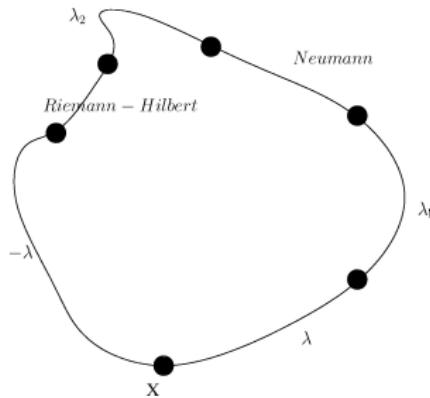


More marked points, jump-Dirichlet boundary conditions:  
 $\text{SLE}_4(\rho_1, \rho_2, \dots)$  with  $\rho$ 's proportional to jumps (Schramm & Sheffield, Cardy, Dubédat).

# The zoo of examples: simply-connected case

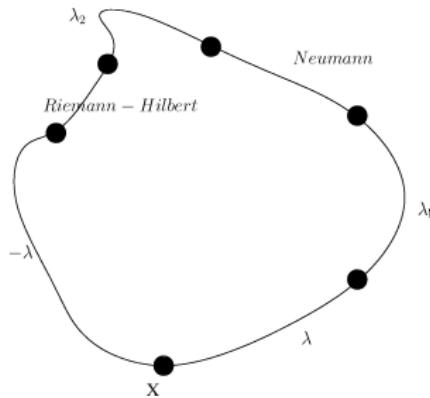


# The zoo of examples: simply-connected case



More marked points, mixed boundary conditions: **not**  $\text{SLE}_4(\bar{\rho})$ !

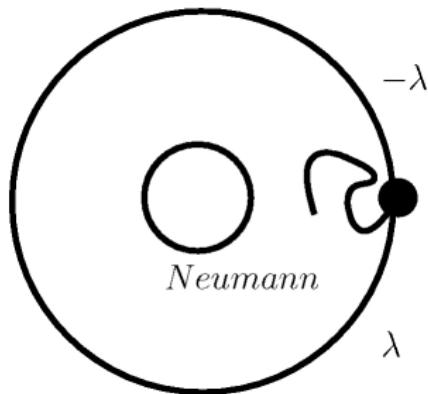
# The zoo of examples: simply-connected case



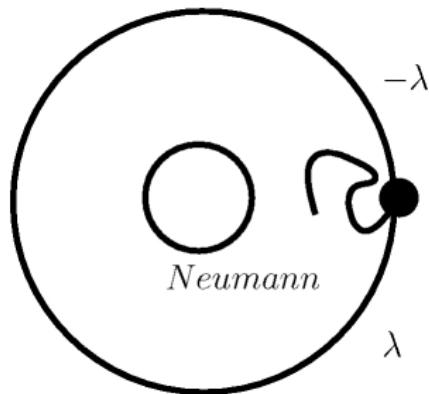
More marked points, mixed boundary conditions: **not**  $\text{SLE}_4(\bar{\rho})$ !

But the drift still can be computed. Expression involves derivatives of  $M$  and its harmonic conjugate w.r.t marked points.

# The zoo of examples: doubly-connected case



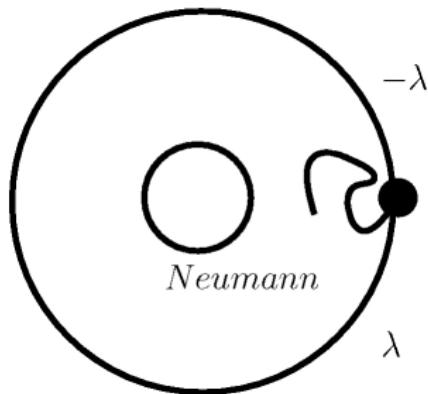
## The zoo of examples: doubly-connected case



One marked point on the outer boundary with jump  $-2\lambda \Rightarrow$  multi-valued mean.

Neumann boundary conditions on the inner boundary

## The zoo of examples: doubly-connected case

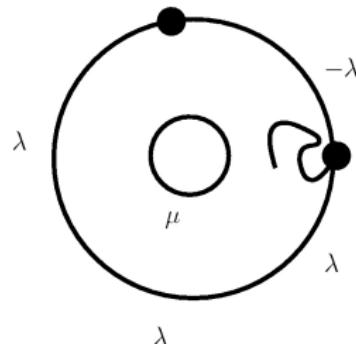
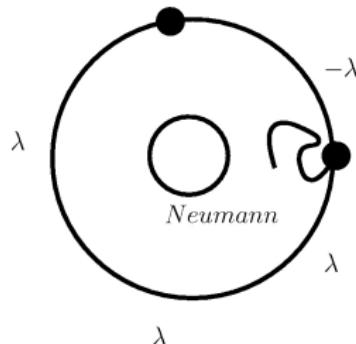


One marked point on the outer boundary with jump  $-2\lambda \Rightarrow$  multi-valued mean.

Neumann boundary conditions on the inner boundary

Coupled with annular SLE<sub>4</sub>.

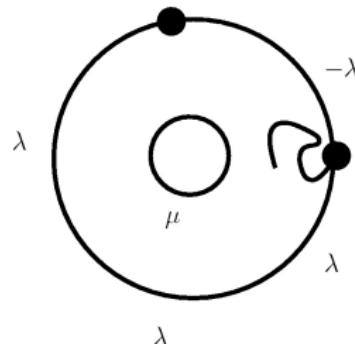
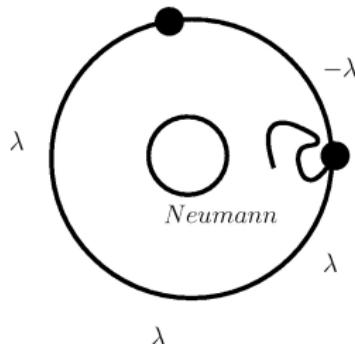
# The zoo of examples: doubly-connected case



Two marked points on the outer boundary (Hagendorf, Bauer, Bernard'09 via partition function): some annulus analogs of  $\text{SLE}_4(\rho)$ .

On the inner boundary: either Neumann or Dirichlet

# The zoo of examples: doubly-connected case

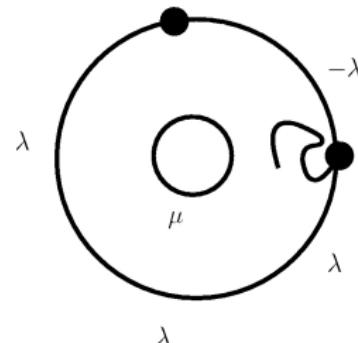
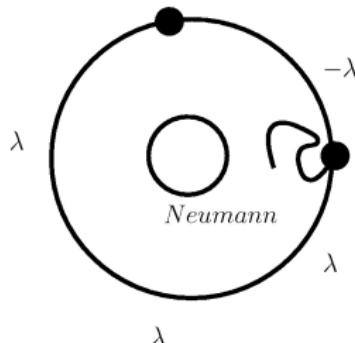


Two marked points on the outer boundary (Hagendorf, Bauer, Bernard'09 via partition function): some annulus analogs of  $\text{SLE}_4(\rho)$ .

On the inner boundary: either Neumann or Dirichlet

Drifts are computed explicitly (in terms of Schwarz kernels in the annulus), and the existence of couplings is proven.

## The zoo of examples: doubly-connected case



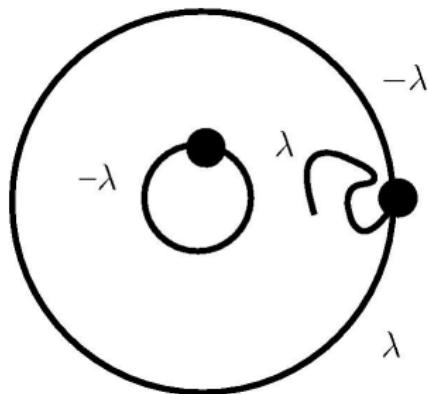
Two marked points on the outer boundary (Hagendorf, Bauer, Bernard'09 via partition function): some annulus analogs of  $\text{SLE}_4(\rho)$ .

On the inner boundary: either Neumann or Dirichlet

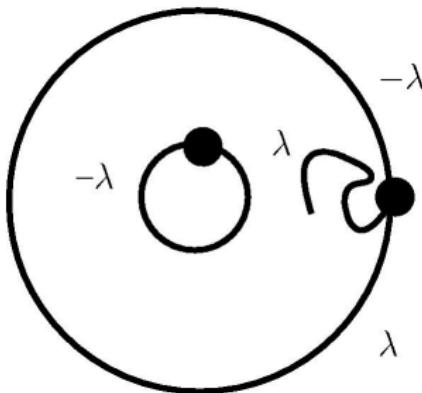
Drifts are computed explicitly (in terms of Schwarz kernels in the annulus), and the existence of couplings is proven.

Easily generalizes to many marked points  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  on the outer boundary (of total jump  $2\lambda$  in Dirichlet case)

# The zoo of examples: doubly-connected case

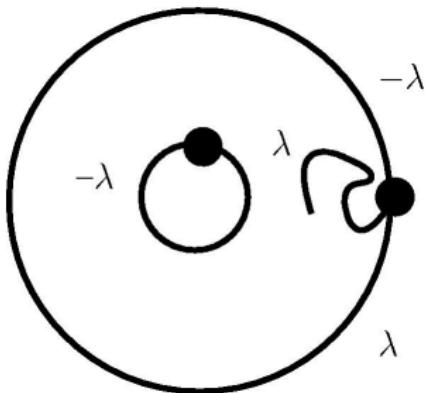


## The zoo of examples: doubly-connected case



One marked point on the inner boundary; Dirichlet boundary conditions.

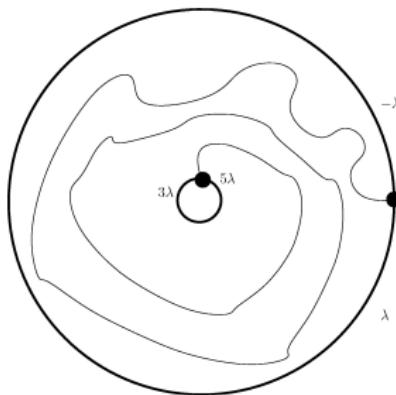
## The zoo of examples: doubly-connected case



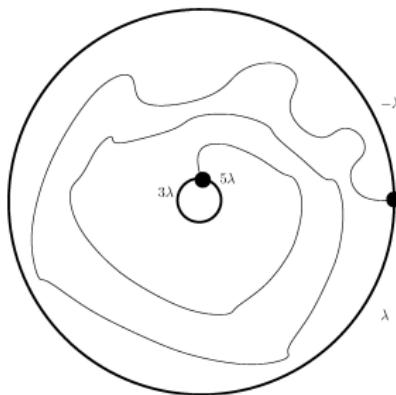
One marked point on the inner boundary; Dirichlet boundary conditions.

Still one integer parameter to fix: can add an integer multiple of  $\lambda$  on the inner boundary.

# The zoo of examples: doubly-connected case

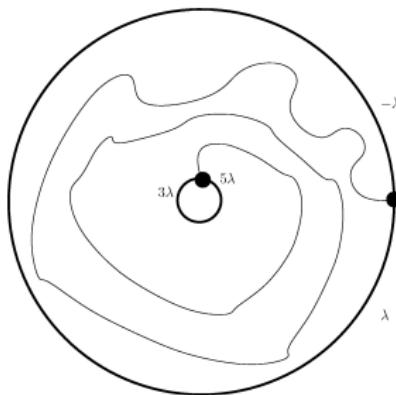


# The zoo of examples: doubly-connected case



This leads to a curve with a prescribed winding.

# The zoo of examples: doubly-connected case



This leads to a curve with a prescribed winding.

Indeed; eventually the winding is as it's supposed to be.

# Different $\kappa$ ?

# Different $\kappa$ ?

All results concerning Dirichlet boundary conditions generalize to different  $\kappa$ ;

# Different $\kappa$ ?

All results concerning Dirichlet boundary conditions generalize to different  $\kappa$ ;

The conformal transformation rule of the field:

$$\Phi_{\Omega}(z) = \Phi_{\varphi(\Omega)}(\varphi(z)) + \beta \arg \varphi'(z);$$

# Different $\kappa$ ?

All results concerning Dirichlet boundary conditions generalize to different  $\kappa$ ;

The conformal transformation rule of the field:

$$\Phi_{\Omega}(z) = \Phi_{\varphi(\Omega)}(\varphi(z)) + \beta \arg \varphi'(z);$$

Neumann boundary conditions do not generalize.

# Different $\kappa$ ?

All results concerning Dirichlet boundary conditions generalize to different  $\kappa$ ;

The conformal transformation rule of the field:

$$\Phi_{\Omega}(z) = \Phi_{\varphi(\Omega)}(\varphi(z)) + \beta \arg \varphi'(z);$$

Neumann boundary conditions do not generalize.

Question: what is the natural coupling of annulus GFF with SLE $_{\kappa}$  for  $\kappa \neq 4$ ?

# Multiply connected domains

# Multiply connected domains

Still possible to prove that there exists a coupling for a unique drift...

Still possible to prove that there exists a coupling for a unique drift...

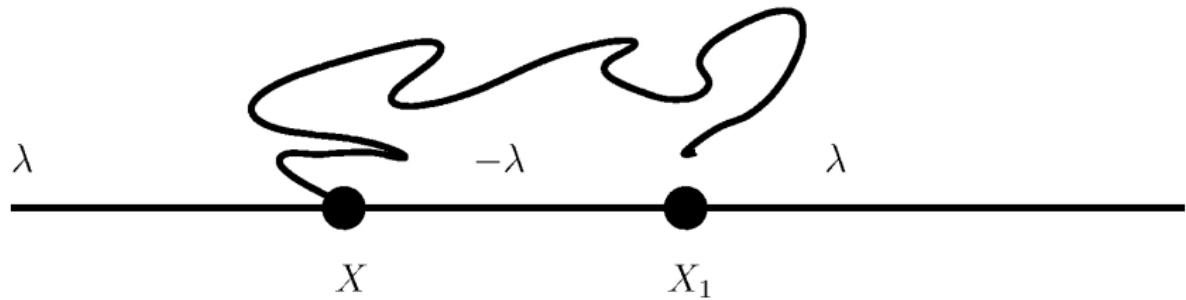
and compute that drift

Still possible to prove that there exists a coupling for a unique drift...

and compute that drift

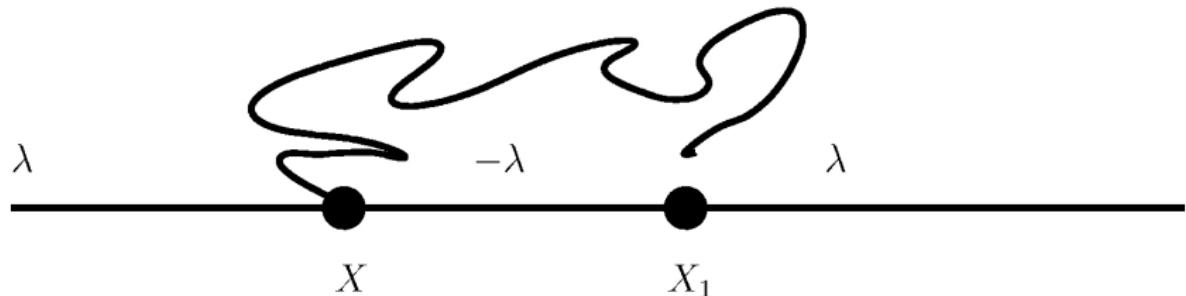
in terms of derivatives of  $M$  and  $\tilde{M}$  etc w. r. t. marked points and conformal moduli parameters.

# Proof: simple case



Domain: half-plane  $\mathbb{H}$ ; two marked points  $x, x_1$

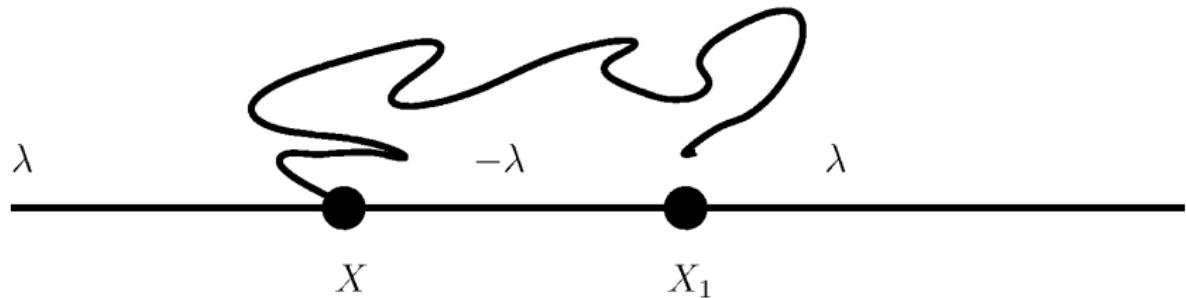
# Proof: simple case



Domain: half-plane  $\mathbb{H}$ ; two marked points  $x, x_1$

Fields  $\Phi_{\mathbb{H}}, \Phi_{\mathbb{H} \setminus \gamma_t}$  coincide in distribution  $\Rightarrow$

# Proof: simple case

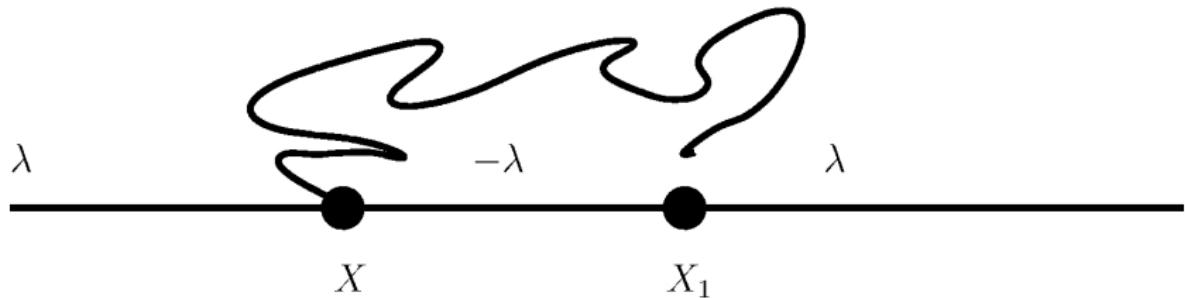


Domain: half-plane  $\mathbb{H}$ ; two marked points  $x, x_1$

Fields  $\Phi_{\mathbb{H}}, \Phi_{\mathbb{H} \setminus \gamma_t}$  coincide in distribution  $\Rightarrow$

$$\mathbb{E}\Phi(z) = \mathbb{E}_{SLE}\mathbb{E}\Phi_{\Omega_t}(z) = \mathbb{E}(\Phi \circ g_t)(z)$$

# Proof: simple case



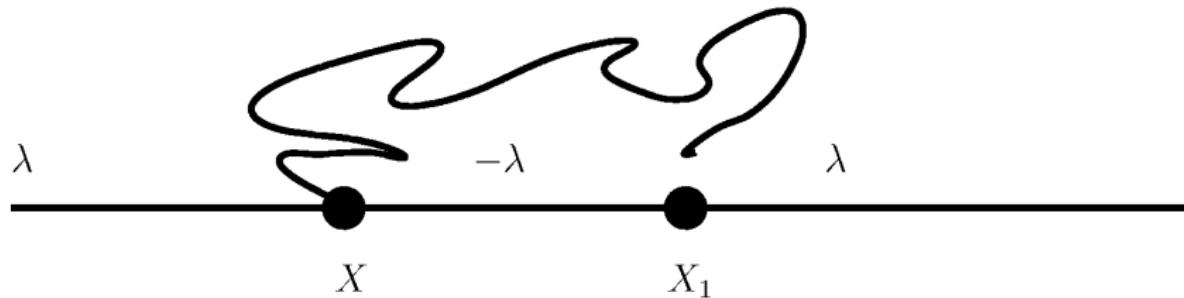
Domain: half-plane  $\mathbb{H}$ ; two marked points  $x, x_1$

Fields  $\Phi_{\mathbb{H}}, \Phi_{\mathbb{H} \setminus \gamma_t}$  coincide in distribution  $\Rightarrow$

$$\mathbb{E}\Phi(z) = \mathbb{E}_{SLE}\mathbb{E}\Phi_{\Omega_t}(z) = \mathbb{E}(\Phi \circ g_t)(z)$$

$$\mathbb{E}\Phi(z_1)\Phi(z_2) = \mathbb{E}(\Phi \circ g_t)(z_1)(\Phi \circ g_t)(z_2))$$

# Proof: simple case



Domain: half-plane  $\mathbb{H}$ ; two marked points  $x, x_1$

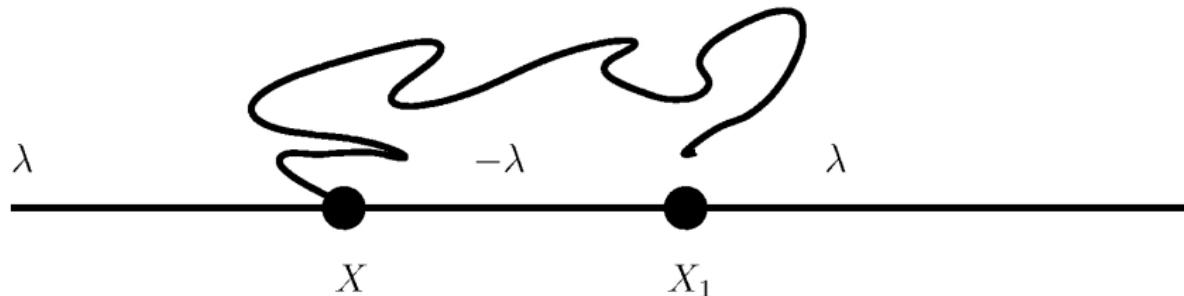
Fields  $\Phi_{\mathbb{H}}, \Phi_{\mathbb{H} \setminus \gamma_t}$  coincide in distribution  $\Rightarrow$

$$\mathbb{E}\Phi(z) = \mathbb{E}_{SLE}\mathbb{E}\Phi_{\Omega_t}(z) = \mathbb{E}(\Phi \circ g_t)(z)$$

$$\mathbb{E}\Phi(z_1)\Phi(z_2) = \mathbb{E}(\Phi \circ g_t)(z_1)(\Phi \circ g_t)(z_2))$$

We actually prove:

# Proof: simple case



Domain: half-plane  $\mathbb{H}$ ; two marked points  $x, x_1$

Fields  $\Phi_{\mathbb{H}}, \Phi_{\mathbb{H} \setminus \gamma_t}$  coincide in distribution  $\Rightarrow$

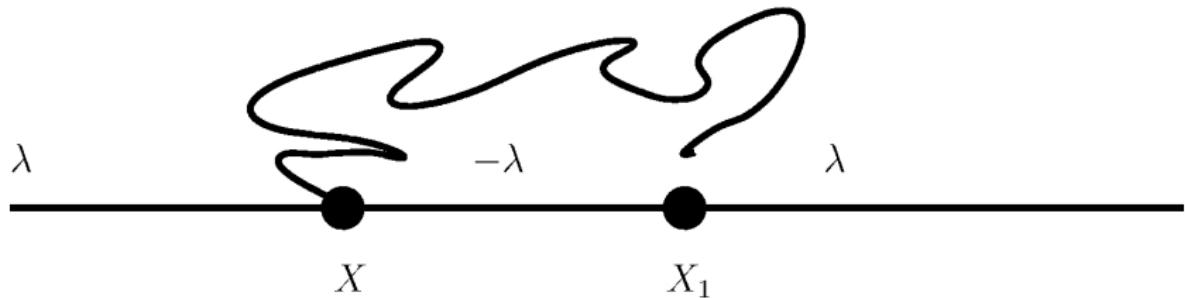
$$\mathbb{E}\Phi(z) = \mathbb{E}_{SLE}\mathbb{E}\Phi_{\Omega_t}(z) = \mathbb{E}(\Phi \circ g_t)(z)$$

$$\mathbb{E}\Phi(z_1)\Phi(z_2) = \mathbb{E}(\Phi \circ g_t)(z_1)(\Phi \circ g_t)(z_2))$$

We actually prove:

$M(X_t, g_t(x_1), g_t(z))$  is a martingale;

# Proof: simple case



Domain: half-plane  $\mathbb{H}$ ; two marked points  $x, x_1$

Fields  $\Phi_{\mathbb{H}}, \Phi_{\mathbb{H} \setminus \gamma_t}$  coincide in distribution  $\Rightarrow$

$$\mathbb{E}\Phi(z) = \mathbb{E}_{SLE} \mathbb{E}\Phi_{\Omega_t}(z) = \mathbb{E}(\Phi \circ g_t)(z)$$

$$\mathbb{E}\Phi(z_1)\Phi(z_2) = \mathbb{E}(\Phi \circ g_t)(z_1)(\Phi \circ g_t)(z_2))$$

We actually prove:

$M(X_t, g_t(x_1), g_t(z))$  is a martingale;

$G(g_t(z_1), g_t(z_2)) + M(X_t, g_t(x_1), g_t(z))M(X_t, g_t(x_1), g_t(z))$  is a martingale.

# Proof: one-point function is a martingale

# Proof: one-point function is a martingale

Let  $M = \Im F$ ,  $F$  analytic in  $z$ ;  $dX_t := \sqrt{\kappa} dB_t + D_t dt$

# Proof: one-point function is a martingale

Let  $M = \Im F$ ,  $F$  analytic in  $z$ ;  $dX_t := \sqrt{\kappa} dB_t + D_t dt$

$$dM(X_t, g_t(x_1), g_t(z)) =$$

$$\Im \left[ \frac{\kappa}{2} \partial_{xx} F + \frac{2}{z-x} \partial_z F + \frac{2}{x_1-x} \partial_{x_1} F + D_t \partial_x F \right] dt +$$

$$\Im \kappa \partial_x F dB_t \Big|_{x, x_1, z \rightarrow X_t, g_t(x_1), g_t(z)}$$

Second equation:

$$dG(g_t(z_1), g_t(z_2)) = -d[M(\dots, \dots, g_t(z_1))M(\dots, \dots, g_t(z_2))]$$

Second equation:

$$dG(g_t(z_1), g_t(z_2)) = -d[M(\dots, \dots, g_t(z_1))M(\dots, \dots, g_t(z_2))]$$

If the first equation holds, then  $M$  is a martingale, with  $dB$  part equal to  $= \sqrt{\kappa} \Im \partial_x F(g_t(z_1)) dB$

Second equation:

$$dG(g_t(z_1), g_t(z_2)) = -d[M(\dots, \dots, g_t(z_1))M(\dots, \dots, g_t(z_2))]$$

If the first equation holds, then  $M$  is a martingale, with  $dB$  part equal to  $= \sqrt{\kappa} \Im \partial_x F(g_t(z_1)) dB = -\sqrt{\kappa} P_{X_T}(g_t(z_1)) dB$

Second equation:

$$dG(g_t(z_1), g_t(z_2)) = -d[M(\dots, \dots, g_t(z_1))M(\dots, \dots, g_t(z_2))]$$

If the first equation holds, then  $M$  is a martingale, with  $dB$  part equal to  $= \sqrt{\kappa} \Im \partial_x F(g_t(z_1)) dB = -\sqrt{\kappa} P_{X_T}(g_t(z_1)) dB$

The equation above is Hadamard's formula; easily generalizes to other cases.

# One-point function is a martingale

First equation:

$$dM(X_t, g_t(x_1), g_t(z)) = \Im \left[ \frac{\kappa}{2} \partial_{xx} F + \frac{2}{z-x} \partial_z F + \frac{2}{x_1-x} \partial_{x_1} F + D_t \partial_x F \right] = 0$$

# One-point function is a martingale

First equation:

$$dM(X_t, g_t(x_1), g_t(z)) = \Im \left[ \frac{\kappa}{2} \partial_{xx} F + \frac{2}{z-x} \partial_z F + \frac{2}{x_1-x} \partial_{x_1} F + D_t \partial_x F \right] = 0$$

LHS: Zero Dirichlet boundary conditions apart from  $x$ ;

# One-point function is a martingale

First equation:

$$dM(X_t, g_t(x_1), g_t(z)) = \Im \left[ \frac{\kappa}{2} \partial_{xx} F + \frac{2}{z-x} \partial_z F + \frac{2}{x_1-x} \partial_{x_1} F + D_t \partial_x F \right] = 0$$

LHS: Zero Dirichlet boundary conditions apart from  $x$ ;

Possible singularity at  $x$

# One-point function is a martingale

First equation:

$$dM(X_t, g_t(x_1), g_t(z)) = \Im \left[ \frac{\kappa}{2} \partial_{xx} F + \frac{2}{z-x} \partial_z F + \frac{2}{x_1-x} \partial_{x_1} F + D_t \partial_x F \right] = 0$$

LHS: Zero Dirichlet boundary conditions apart from  $x$ ;

Possible singularity at  $x$

There exists a unique  $D_t$  that cancels it out!

Thank you!