# Cardy embedding of random planar maps 

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- Enumeration results by Tutte and Mullin in 60's.



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What does it mean for a RPM to converge?

- Metric structure (Le Gall'13, Miermont'13)
- Conformal structure (H.-Sun'19)
- Statistical physics observables (Duplantier-Miller-Sheffield'14, ...)


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More precisely, $\exists$ coupling of $M_{n}$ and $h$ s.t. with probability 1 , as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

- $\int f d \mu_{n} \rightarrow \int f d \mu \forall$ continuous $f: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow[0,1]$ (measure convergence)
- $d_{n}(z, w) \rightarrow d(z, w)$, uniformly in $z, w \in \mathbb{T}$ (metric convergence)


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- Introduced by Schramm'99: SLE uniquely characterized by conformal invariance and domain Markov property.



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- Map $v \in V(M)$ to $x \in \mathbb{T}$ such that

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## RPM $\Rightarrow$ LQG under conformal embedding



Our result is for uniform triangulations and the Cardy embedding, but is also believed to hold for other
(1) conformal embeddings,
(2) local map constraints, and
(3) universality classes of random planar maps.

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The proof is based on multiple works, including:

- Percolation on triangulations: a bijective path to Liouville quantum gravity (Bernardi-H.-Sun)
- Minkowski content of Brownian cut points (Lawler-Li-H.-Sun)
- Natural parametrization of percolation interface and pivotal points (Li-H.-Sun)
- Uniform triangulations with simple boundary converge to the Brownian disk (Albenque-H.-Sun)
- Joint scaling limit of site percolation on random triangulations in the metric and peanosphere sense (Gwynne-H.-Sun)
- Liouville dynamical percolation (Garban-H.-Sepúlveda-Sun)
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Building on Le Gall'13, Miermont'13, Bettinelli-Miermont'17, Poulalhon-Schaeffer'06, Addario-Berry-Albenque'17, Addario-Berry-Wen'17


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Building on Gwynne-Miller'17, Bernardi-H.-Sun'18


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