

# Function spaces and stochastic processes on fractals III

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### 3 Trace theorem for Dirichlet forms on fractals and an application

Sierpinski carpets

$$\{F_i\}_{i=1}^N : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \quad N = 3^n - 1, \quad d(F_i(x), F_i(y)) = d(x, y)/3 \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$\exists$  1 non-void compact set  $K$  s.t.  $K = \cup_{i=1}^N F_i(K)$ :  $n$ -dimensional Sierpinski carpet

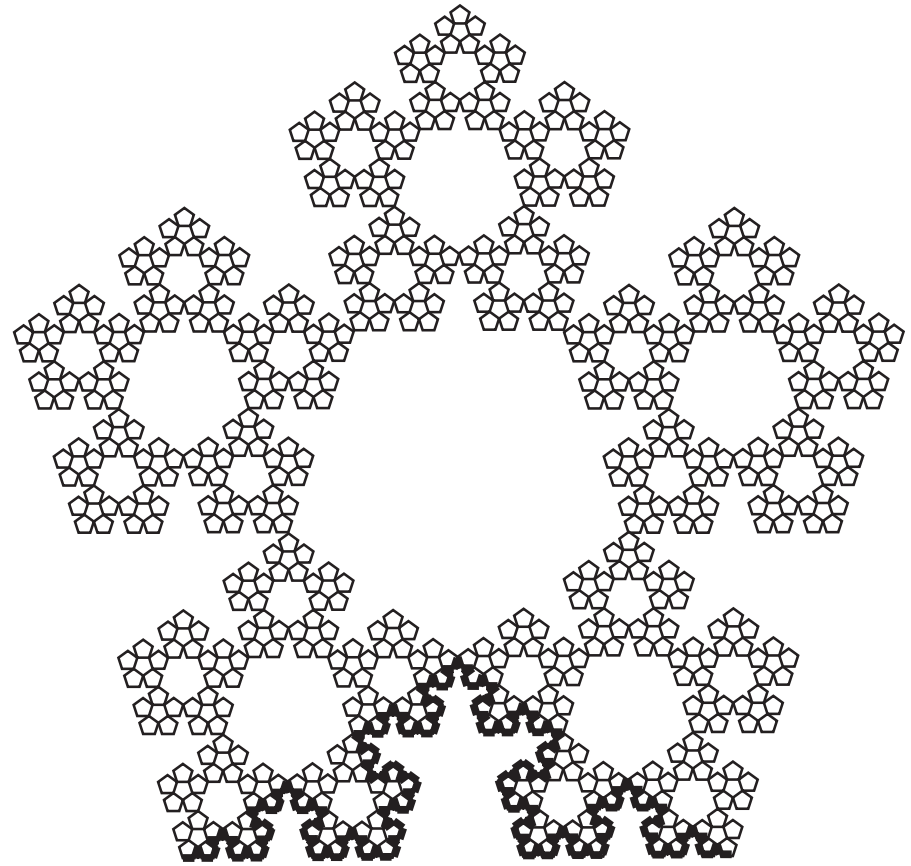
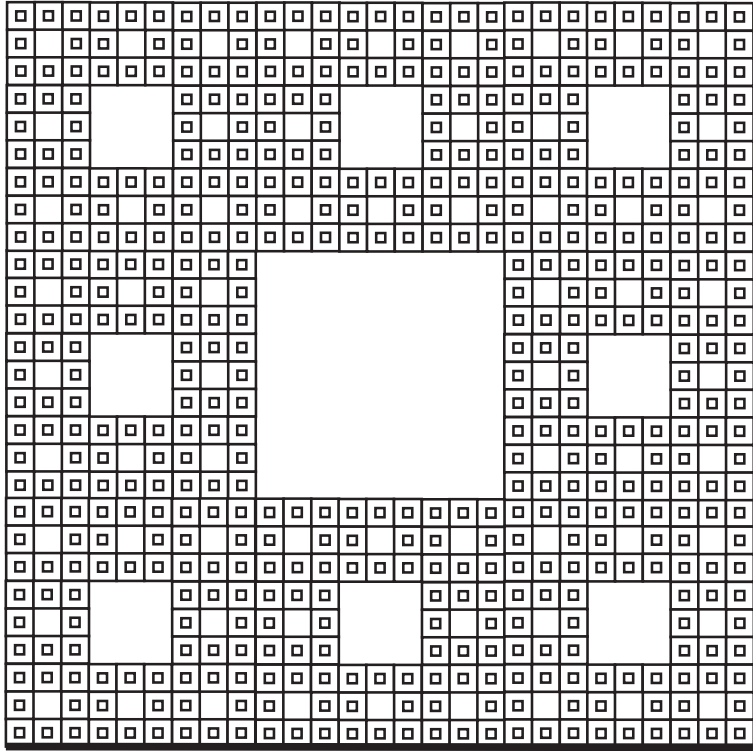
Hausdorff dim.  $d_f = \log N / \log 3$ ,  $\mu$ : Hausdorff meas.

(Barlow-Bass, Kusuoka-Zhou, etc)  $\exists(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F})$ : a local regular D-form on  $\mathbb{L}^2(K, \mu)$  s.t.

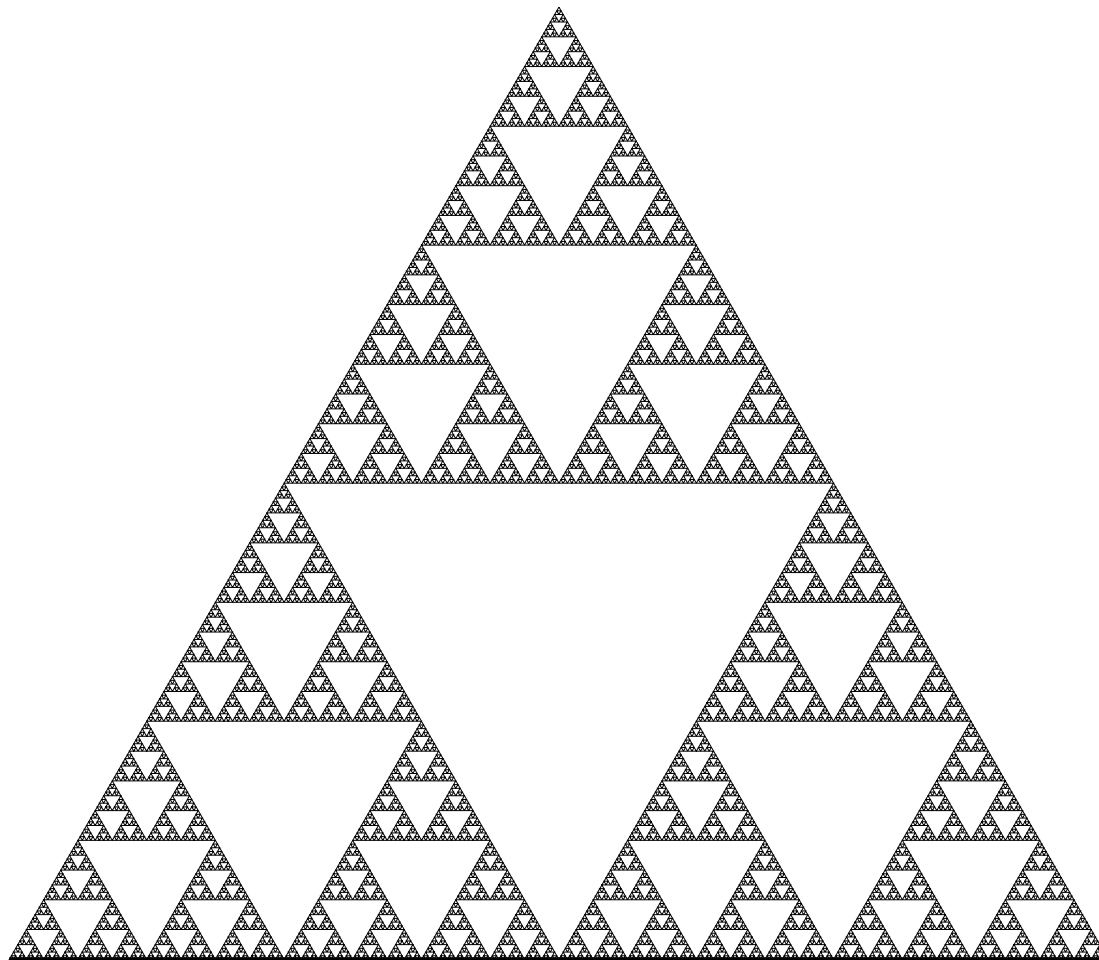
- **Self-similarity**:  $\exists \rho > 0$ ,  $\mathcal{E}(f, g) = \rho \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{E}(f \circ F_i, g \circ F_i)$ ,  $\forall f, g \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- **Heat kernel estimates**:  $d_w = \log(\rho N) / \log 3 > 2$

$$c_1 t^{-d_f/d_w} \exp(-c_2 (\frac{d(x, y)^{d_w}}{t})^{\frac{1}{d_w-1}}) \leq p_t(x, y) \leq c_3 t^{-d_f/d_w} \exp(-c_4 (\frac{d(x, y)^{d_w}}{t})^{\frac{1}{d_w-1}}).$$

Known  $\mathcal{F} = \Lambda_{2, \infty}^{d_w/2}(K)$ , (Q)  $\text{Tr}_L \mathcal{F} = ?$ ,  $L = [0, 1]^{n-1} \times \{0\}$ .



Jonsson (Math Z, to appear)



**Theorem 3.1** (Hino-K '05) *Let  $d$  be the Hdff dim. for  $L$  (in this case  $n - 1$ ). Then,*

$$\text{Tr}_L \mathcal{F} = \Lambda_{2,2}^\beta(L), \quad \beta = \frac{d_w}{2} - \frac{d_f - d}{2}.$$

What is  $\text{Tr}_L$ ?

$\forall f \in \mathcal{F}, \exists \tilde{f}$ : quasi-cont. modification of  $f$

(I.e.  $f = \tilde{f}$ ,  $\mu$ -a.e.,  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists G \subset K, \text{Cap}G < \epsilon$  s.t.  $\tilde{f}|_{K \setminus G}$  is finite and cont.)

Let  $\nu$  be the Hdff meas. on  $L$  (in this case  $(n - 1)$ -dim. Lebesgue meas.).

Since  $d_w > d_f - d$ ,  $\nu$  charges no set of 0-capacity (i.e.  $\text{Cap}A = 0 \Rightarrow \nu(A) = 0$ ).

So,  $\tilde{f}$  is determined  $\nu$ -a.e. on  $L$ . Further,  $\tilde{f}|_L \in \mathbb{L}^2(L, \nu)$ .

Thus,  $\text{Tr}_L \mathcal{F} := \{\tilde{f}|_L : f \in \mathcal{F}\}$ .

More generally,  $(X, d, \mu)$  ‘nice’ metric meas. space

$$\{F_i\}_{i \in S} : X \rightarrow X, \quad \exists \alpha > 1 \text{ s.t. } d(F_i(x), F_i(y)) = \alpha^{-1}d(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in X$$

$\exists 1$  non-void compact set  $K$  s.t.  $K = \cup_{i \in S} F_i(K)$ ,  $\mu$ : Hdff meas.,  $d_f$ : Hdff dim.

Assume  $\exists(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F})$ : loc. reg. D-form on  $\mathbb{L}^2(K, \mu)$  that satisfies

- Self-similarity
- Elliptic Harnack ineq.
- Poincaré ineq.

$L$ : self-similar subset  $\{F_i\}_{i \in I}$ ,  $I \subset S$ ,  $L = \cup_{i \in I} F_i(L)$ ,  $\nu$ : Hdff meas.,  $d$ : Hdff dim. s.t.

(1)  $d_w > d_f - d$  &  $\nu(D) \leq c\text{Cap}(D) \quad \forall D$ : compact in  $K$ .

(2) “Technical” geometric assumptions on  $K$  and  $L$

Assumption A  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_{S^m \setminus I^m}(f, f) = 0 \quad \forall m \Rightarrow f \equiv \text{const.}$

Here,  $\mathcal{E}_A(f, f) := \rho^m \sum_{w \in A} \mathcal{E}(f \circ F_w, f \circ F_w)$  for  $A \subset S^m$ .

**Theorem 3.2** (Hino-K ’05) *Under above conditions,*

$$\text{Tr}_L \mathcal{F} = \overline{\Lambda_{2,2}^\beta(L) \cap C_0(L)}^{\|\cdot\|_{\Lambda_{2,2}^\beta(L)}}, \quad \beta = \frac{d_w}{2} - \frac{d_f - d}{2}. \quad (3.1)$$

## Remarks.

- The latter half of (1) holds if  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  &  $\mathcal{F} = \Lambda_{2,\infty}^{d_w/2}(K)$   
or the diffusion for  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F})$  is the fractional diffusion.
- (RHS of (3.1)) =  $\Lambda_{2,2}^\beta(L)$  if (a)  $L \subset \mathbb{R}^D, \beta < 1$  or (b)  $\beta > d/2$ .

By the general theory of D-forms, we have the reg. D-form  $(\check{\mathcal{E}}, \check{\mathcal{F}})$  on  $\mathbb{L}^2(L, \nu)$ , the trace of  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F})$  to  $L$  by  $\nu$ . The corresponding process is in general a jump-type process.

(Classical case:  $\text{Tr}_{\mathbb{R}^n} H^1(\mathbb{R}^n) = B_{1/2}^{2,2}(\mathbb{R}^{n-1})$  domain of the D-form for the Cauchy proc.)

The above theorems characterize the domain  $\check{\mathcal{F}} = \text{Tr}_L \mathcal{F}$ .

## Examples.

- $K$ :  $n$ -dim. Sierpinski gaskets,  $L$ :  $(n - 1)$ -dim. gasket on the bottom  
(Jonsson (Math Z, to appear),  $n = 2$  case)

$$\beta = \frac{\log(n + 3)}{2 \log 2} - \frac{\log(1 + 1/n)}{2 \log 2}.$$

- Nested fractals

E.g.,  $K$ : Penta-kun,  $L$  either the Cantor set or the Koch-like curve in  $K$ .

- $K$  Vicsek set,  $L$ : diagonal line

Assumption A does not hold!

$\text{Tr}_L \mathcal{F} = \Lambda_{2,\infty}^1(L)$  : Brownian motion on  $L$

In general,  $\Lambda_{2,2}^\beta(L) \subset \text{Tr}_L \mathcal{F} \subset \Lambda_{2,\infty}^\beta(L)$ , but we cannot say anymore.



Trace from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to a  $d$ -set,  $\beta > 0$

Triebel ('97 book) No extension thm

- $\mathbb{B}_{p,q}^\beta(K) := \text{tr}_K B_{p,q}^{\beta+(n-d)/2}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset \mathbb{L}^p(K, \mu)$
- $\|f|_{\mathbb{B}_{p,q}^\beta(K)}\| := \inf_{\text{tr}_K g=f} \|g|_{B_{p,q}^{\beta+(n-d)/2}(\mathbb{R}^n)}\|,$

Jonsson-Wallin ('84 book) Both restriction and extension thm

- $B_{\beta,JW}^{p,q}(K) := \{\{f^{(j)}\}_{|j|\leq k} : \dots\} \leftarrow$  Def. quite involved, **Vector space**

$f^{(j)}$ : formal  $j$ -th derivative of  $f$ ,  $j$ : multi index,  $k < \beta \leq k+1$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

- $B_{\beta,JW}^{p,q}(K) = B_{p,q}^{\beta++(n-d)/2}(\mathbb{R}^n)|_K$

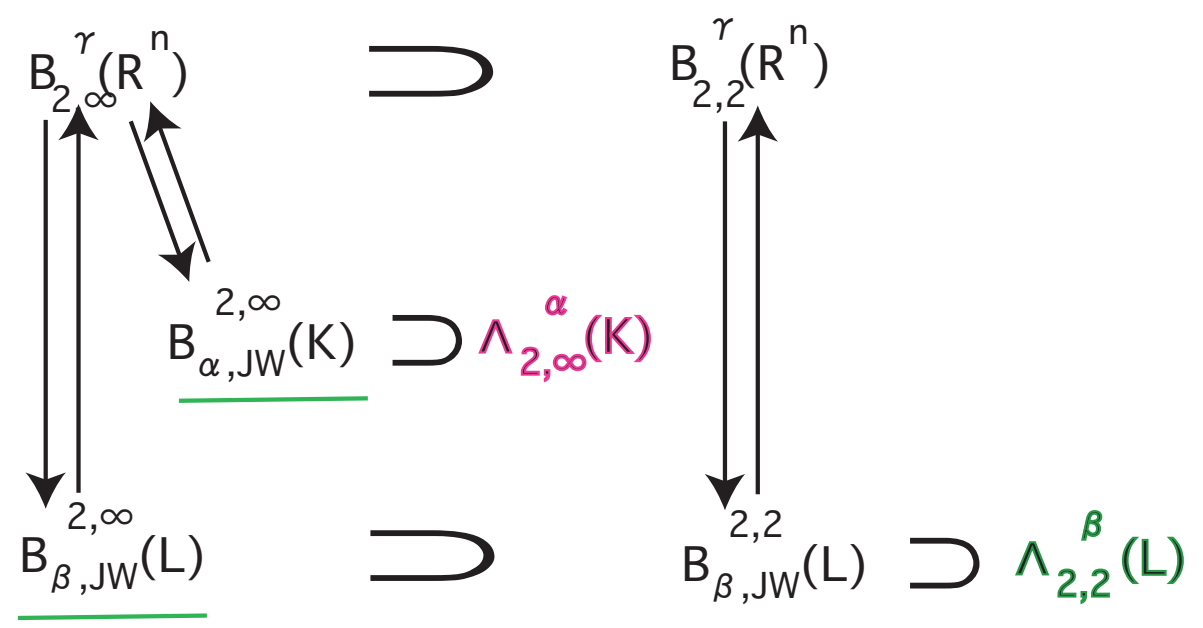
$\Lambda_{p,q}^\beta(K) \subset B_{\beta,JW}^{p,q}(K)$  in the sense  $f \mapsto (f, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$

When  $\beta < 1$ , both def. coincides and  $\mathbb{B}_{p,q}^\beta(K) = B_{\beta,JW}^{p,q}(K) = \Lambda_{p,q}^\beta(K)$ .

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Our thm cannot be obtained from these.

Consider the case  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$



Recall that for  $\alpha > 0$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $k < \alpha \leq k + 1$ ,

$$B_{p,q}^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n) := \{u \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n, m) : \|u\|_{B_{p,q}^\alpha} < \infty\},$$

$$\text{where } \|u\|_{B_{p,q}^\alpha} := \sum_{0 \leq |j| \leq k} \|D^j u\|_{L^p} + \sum_{|j|=k} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\|\Delta_h D^j u\|_{L^p}^q}{|h|^{n+q(\alpha-k)}} dh \right)^{1/q}. \quad (*)$$

Here,  $j = (j_1, \dots, j_n)$ ,  $|j| = j_1 + \dots + j_n$ ,  $D^j = \frac{\partial^{|j|}}{\partial x_1^{j_1} \dots \partial x_n^{j_n}}$ ,

and  $\Delta_h f(x) := f(x + h) - f(x)$ .

When  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\Delta_h$  in (\*) is changed to  $\Delta_h^2$ .

## Application Penetrating process

$K_i$ : fractal ( $i = 1, 2$ ),  $G = K_1 \cup K_2$

Assume  $\exists(\mathcal{E}_{K_i}, \mathcal{F}_{K_i})$  on  $\mathbb{L}^2(K_i, \mu_i)$ : loc. reg. D-form on  $K_i$  with ‘nice’ properties.

(Q) Construct diffusion on  $G$  which behave as the appropriate diff. on each  $K_i$ .

Superposition of D-forms  $\tilde{\mu} = \mu_1 + \mu_2$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(u, v) := \mathcal{E}_{K_1}(u|_{K_1}, v|_{K_1}) + \mathcal{E}_{K_2}(u|_{K_2}, v|_{K_2}),$$

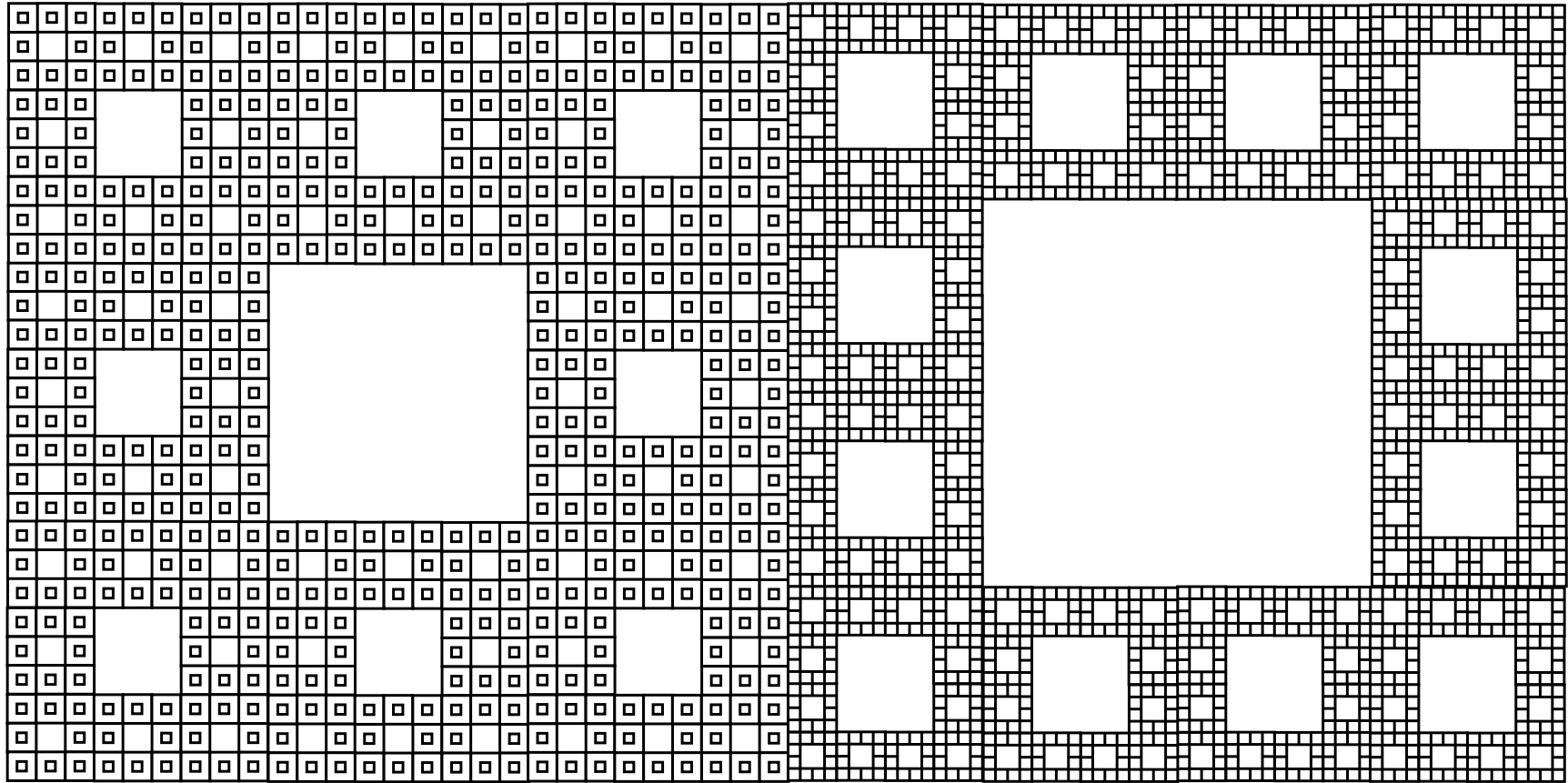
$$\mathcal{D}(\tilde{\mathcal{E}}) := \{u \in C_0(G) : u|_{K_i} \in \mathcal{F}_{K_i}, i = 1, 2, \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(u, u) < \infty\}.$$

(Q) Enough functions in  $\mathcal{D}(\tilde{\mathcal{E}})$ ? Esp.,  $\mathcal{D}(\tilde{\mathcal{E}})$  dense in  $C_0(G)$ ?  $\Leftarrow$  Using trace thm, YES!

Once solved,  $(\tilde{\mathcal{E}}, \tilde{\mathcal{F}})$  loc. reg. D-form on  $\mathbb{L}^2(G, \tilde{\mu})$  where  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}} = \overline{\mathcal{D}(\tilde{\mathcal{E}})}^{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_1}$ .

Various properties of the diffusion can be obtained. (K, JFA '00; Hambly-K, PTRF '03)

Penetrating  $\tilde{P}^x(\sigma_B < \infty) > 0$  q.e.  $x \in G$ ,  $\forall B$ : pos. cap.



**Theorem 3.3** (Hambly-K '03) *Short time heat kernel estimates*

Under the following *strong assumption*

$$\frac{2}{d_s(K_i)} - \frac{2}{d_f(K_i)d_c(K_i)} < \kappa \quad i = 1, 2, \quad (3.2)$$

we have the following for all  $x, y \in G$ .

$$p_t(x, y) \leq c_1 t^{-(d_s(x) \vee d_s(y))/2} \Phi(d^{(1)}(x, y), d^{(2)}(x, y), c_2 t), \quad \forall t < \exists t_0(x) \wedge t_0(y),$$

$$p_t(x, y) \geq c_3 t^{\theta(x,y)} \Xi(x, y, t) \Phi(d^{(1)}(x, y), d^{(2)}(x, y), c_4 t), \quad \forall t < 1,$$

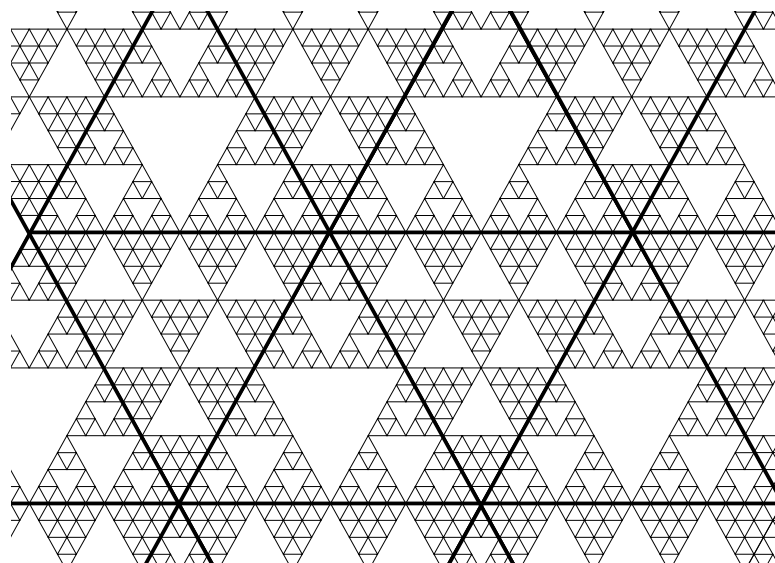
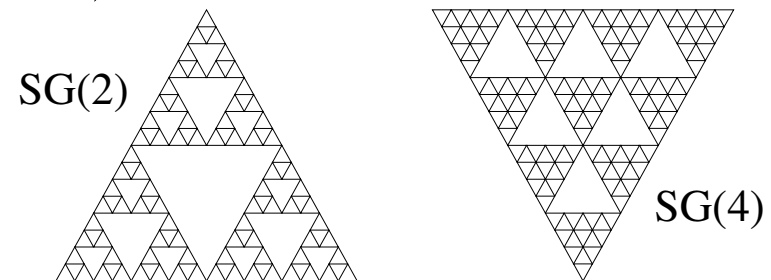
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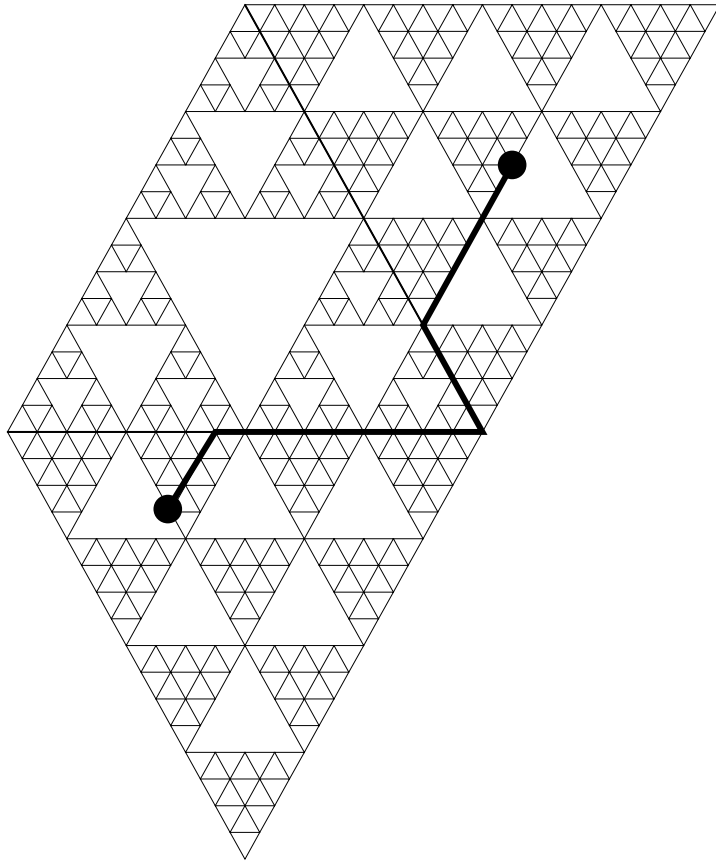
$$\Phi(u_1, u_2, t) = \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^2 \left(\frac{u_i^{d_w^{(i)}}}{t}\right)^{1/(d_w^{(i)}-1)}\right).$$

$\theta, \Xi$ : error terms. When  $x = y$ ,  $\Xi(x, y, t) = 1$  and  $\theta(x, y) = -(d_s(x) \vee d_s(y))/2$ .

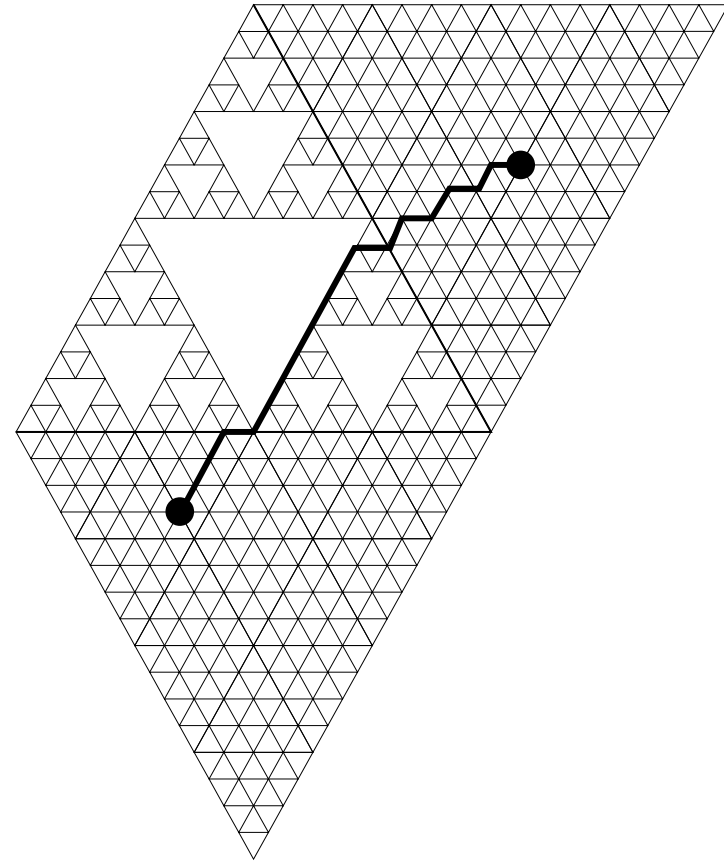
Only nested fractals, needed strong assumption (3.2).  $\Rightarrow$  The trace thm. generalizes this.

# Fractal tiling (Hambly-K '03)





$$d_w^{(2)} < d_w^{(4)}$$



$$d_w^{(2)} > d_w^{(l)} : l \text{ large}$$

“Most probable path avoids to move on  $K_i$  where  $d_w^{(i)}$  is small.”



Ideas of the proof of the trace thm Use self-sim. instead of the diff. structure!

(Discrete Approximation)

- $Q_n : \mathbb{L}^1(L, \nu) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{I^n}, \quad Q_n f(w) = \int_{F_w(L)} f(s) d\nu(s).$
- $E_{(n)}(g) := \sum_{v, w \in I^n, v \sim w} (g(v) - g(w))^2, \quad \forall g \in \mathbb{R}^{I^n}.$

**Lemma 3.4** 1)  $\|\bar{a}(\beta, f)\|_{l^2}^2 \asymp \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha^{(2\beta-d)n} E_{(n)}(Q_n f) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho^n E_{(n)}(Q_n f)$

2)  $E_{(n)}(Q_n f) \leq c\rho^{-n} \mathcal{E}_{I^n}(f, f), \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F}, \forall n.$

Let  $\mathcal{H}_{I^n} := \{h \in \mathcal{F} : \mathcal{E}(h, f) = 0, \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{F}_{I^n}\}$

where  $\mathcal{F}_{I^n} = \{f \in \mathcal{F} : f = 0 \text{ on } K_{S^n \setminus I^n}, Q_n f \equiv 0\}.$

**Lemma 3.5** (Key Lemma) *Under Assumption A,  $\exists c_0 < 1$  s.t.*

$$\mathcal{E}_{I^{n+1}}(h, h) \leq c_0 \mathcal{E}_{I^n}(h, h), \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{H}_{I^n}.$$

(Restriction thm) For each  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ , let  $g_n \in \mathcal{F}$  be s.t.

$$g_n = f \text{ on } K_{S^n \setminus I^n}, \quad Q_n g_n = Q_n f, \quad g_n \in \mathcal{H}_{I^n}. \quad \text{Then } g_n \rightarrow f \text{ in } \mathcal{F}.$$

Let  $f_n := g_n - g_{n-1}$  ( $g_{-1} \equiv 0$ ). Then  $f = \sum_n f_n$ ,

$\mathcal{E}(f_i, f_j) = 0$ ,  $i \neq j$  (ortho. decomp.). So  $\mathcal{E}(f, f) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}(f_n, f_n)$ . Using these,

$$(E_{(n)}(Q_n f))^{1/2} = (E_{(n)}(Q_n g_n))^{1/2} = (E_{(n)}(\sum_{j=0}^n Q_n f_j))^{1/2}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Minkowski}}{\leq} \sum_{j=0}^n (E_{(n)}(Q_n f_j))^{1/2} \stackrel{\text{Lem 3.4 2)}}{\leq} c \sum_{j=0}^n (\rho^{-n} \mathcal{E}_{I^n}(f_j))^{1/2} \stackrel{\text{Lem 3.5}}{\leq} c' \sum_{j=0}^n (\rho^{-n} c_0^{n-j} \mathcal{E}_{I^j}(f_j))^{1/2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So we obtain } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \rho^n E_{(n)}(Q_n f) &\leq c \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_0^n \left( \sum_{j=0}^n (c_0^{-j} \mathcal{E}_{I^j}(f_j))^{1/2} \right)^2 \\ &\stackrel{(*)}{\leq} c' \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_0^j c_0^{-j} \mathcal{E}(f_j) = c' \sum_j \mathcal{E}(f_j) = c' \mathcal{E}(f), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} 2^{ai} (\sum_{j=0}^i a_j)^p \leq c \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{aj} a_j^p$  for  $a < 0$ ,  $p > 0$ ,  $a_j \geq 0$  is used in (\*) □

**Remark.** The fact that  $F_v^* : \mathcal{H}(F_v(K))|_{F_v(K)} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  is a compact operator is used (only) in Lem 3.5. (Here  $F_v^*h = h \circ F_v$ .)  
Elliptic Harnack ineq. is used to guarantee this.

(Extension thm) Similar to the classical ext. thm (Whitney decomp., assoc. partition of unity etc.), using self-similarity.