

# Cumulants of the current and large deviations in the Symmetric Simple Exclusion Process (SSEP) on graphs

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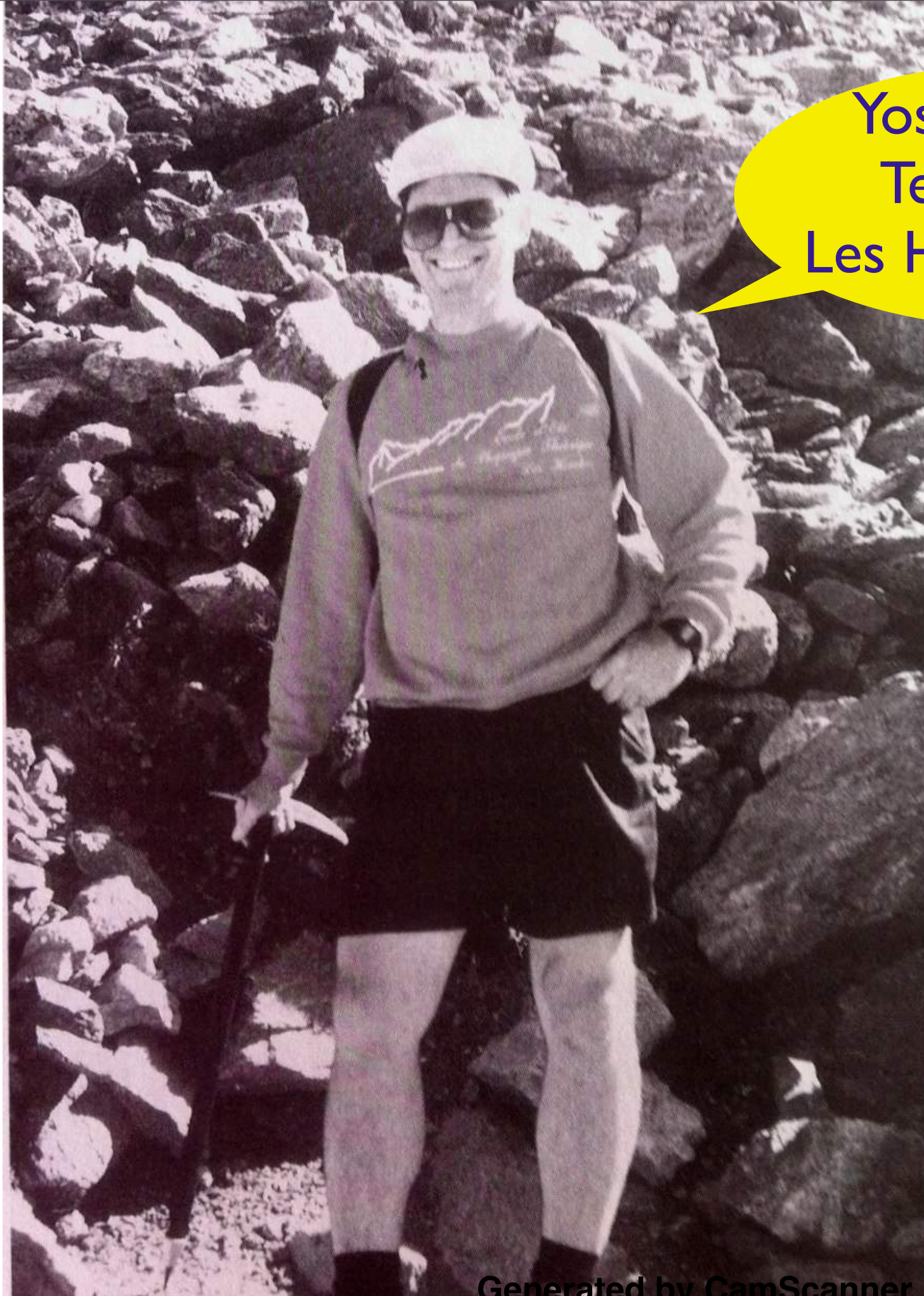
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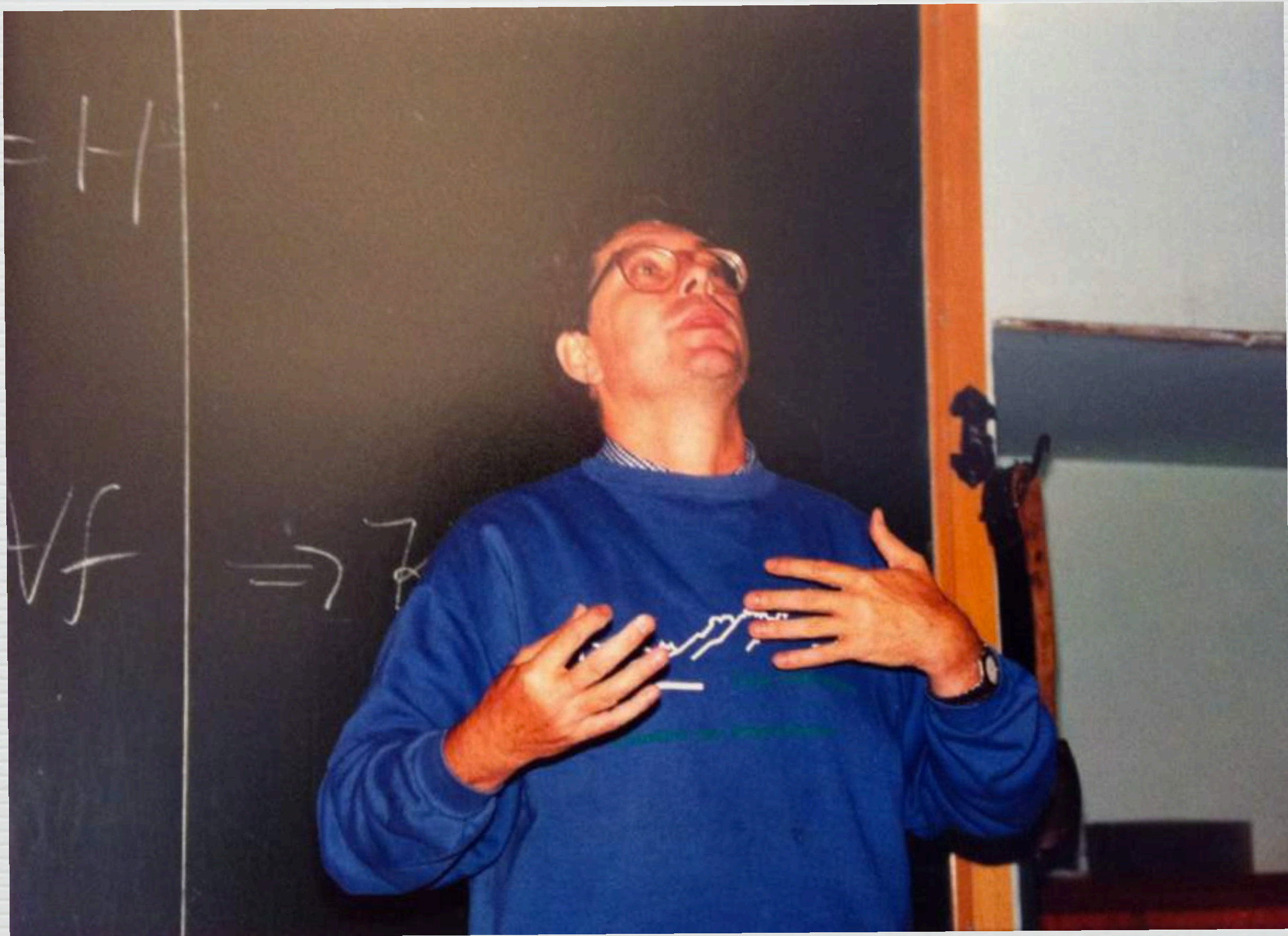
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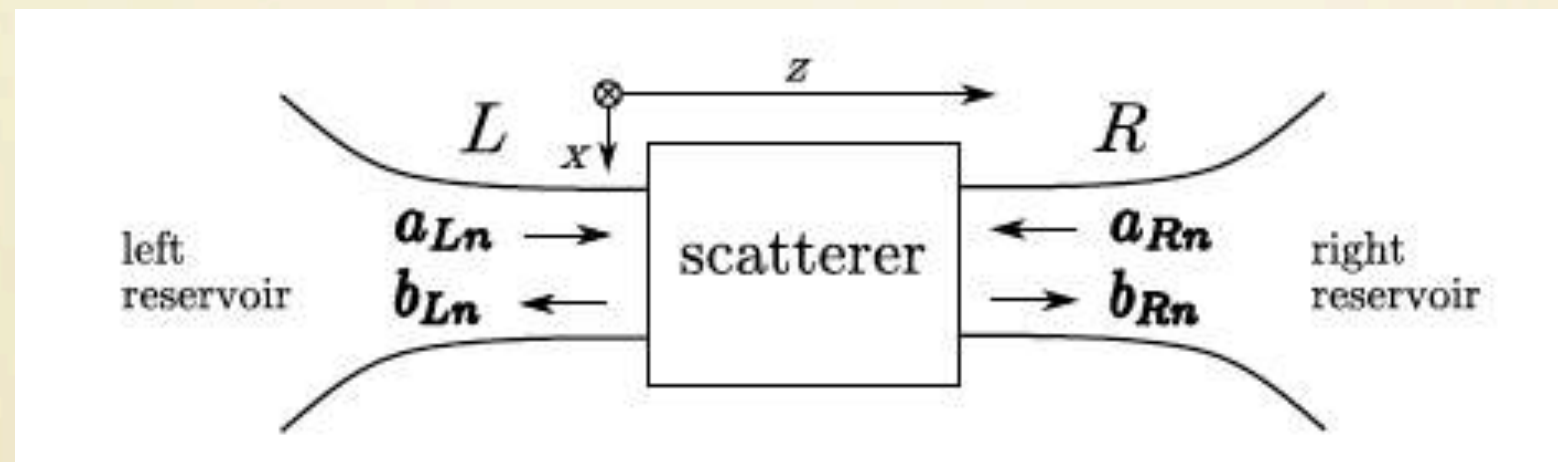


# PHYSICAL MOTIVATION OF THIS WORK



# CHARGE FLUCTUATIONS IN QUANTUM MESOSCOPIC CONDUCTORS

Current that flows in an electric conductor fluctuates due to the stochastic nature of electron emission and transport



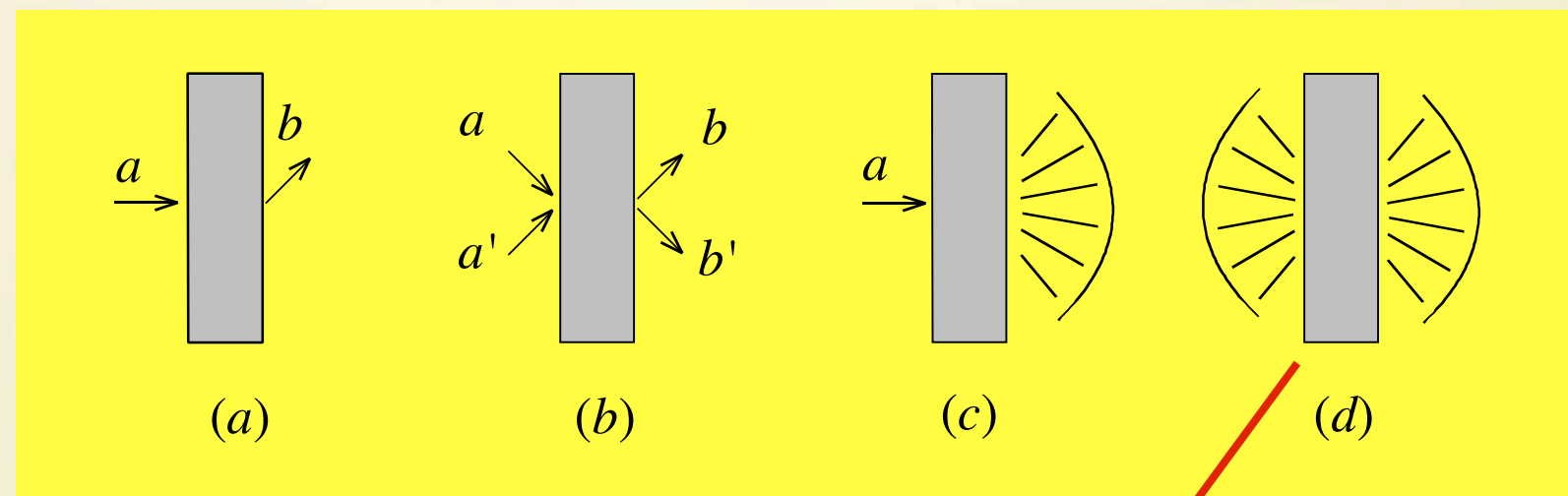
Study of **Transport, Noise and Full Counting Statistics** allow to characterize basic physical mechanisms at work.



# QUANTUM CONDUCTANCE AND SHOT NOISE

Two-terminal conductors

$$T_{ab} = |t_{ab}|^2$$



**ELECTRIC CONDUCTANCE (LANDAUER)**

$$G = \frac{e^2}{h} \text{Tr} t t^\dagger$$

Noise power is given by the current-current correlation function

$$S(\omega, V) = \int dt e^{i\omega t} \langle \delta \hat{I}(t) \delta \hat{I}(0) + \delta \hat{I}(0) \delta \hat{I}(t) \rangle$$

where  $\delta \hat{I}(t) = \hat{I}(t) - \langle I \rangle$  are electronic current operators

Equilibrium noise ( $V=0$ )

$$S(\omega, 0) = 2G \omega \coth\left(\frac{\omega}{2T}\right)$$

(Nyquist fluctuation-dissipation)



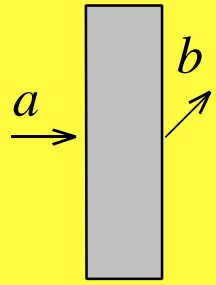
Non-equilibrium noise  $V \neq 0$  at  $T = 0$

$$S(0, V) - S(0, 0) = \frac{e^2}{h} |2eV| \text{Tr } tt^\dagger (1 - tt^\dagger)$$

Excess noise measures the second cumulant of charge fluctuations :

$$S(0, V) - S(0, 0) \propto \langle Q_t^2 \rangle - \langle Q_t \rangle^2$$

# FANO FACTOR



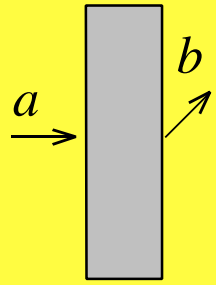
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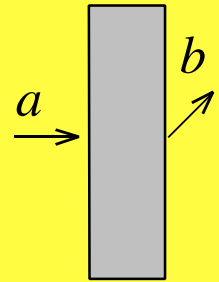
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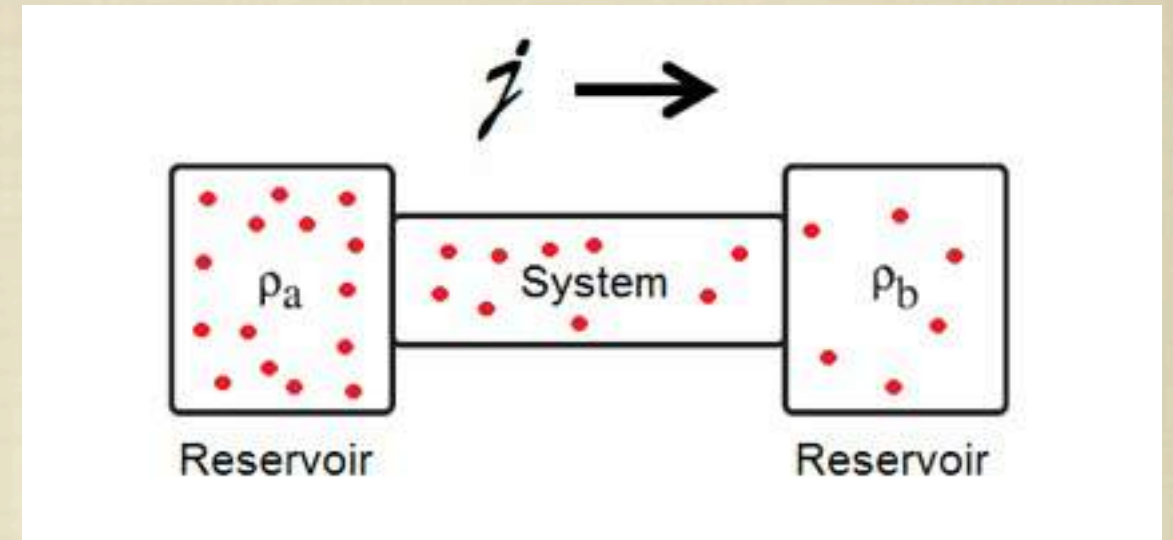
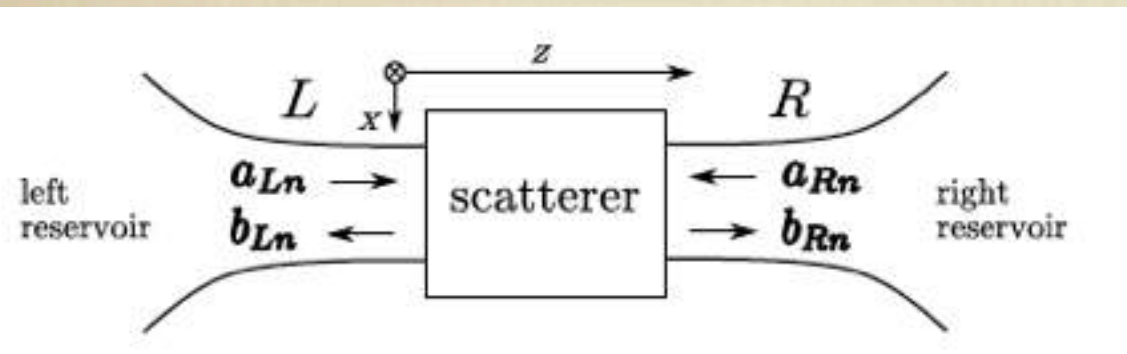
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**IS THIS RESULT UNIVERSAL ?**

**NATURE OF DISORDER, GEOMETRY, SPACE DIMENSIONALITY, EXTENDS TO HIGHER ORDER CUMULANTS,...**



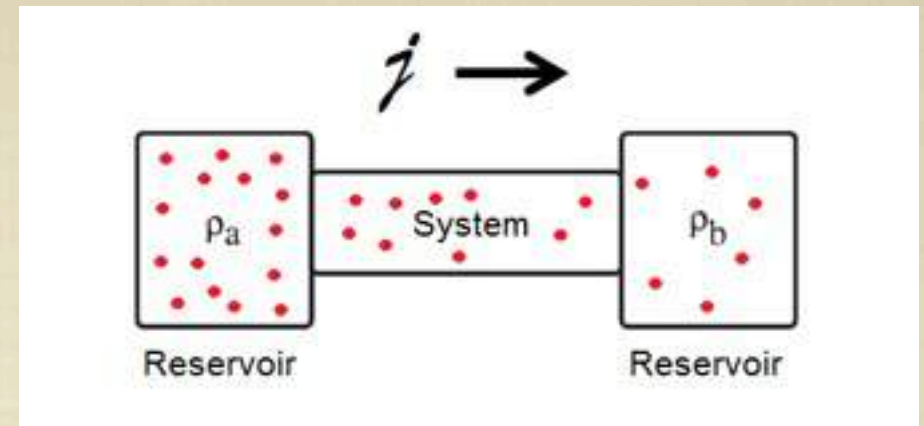
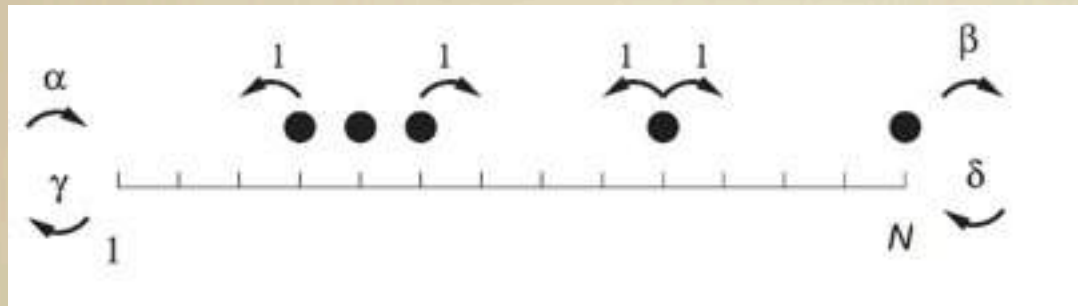
# CLASSICAL VERSION OF THE QUANTUM CONDUCTOR



**SAME PHYSICAL CONTENT :** PARTICLES  
CANNOT PILE UP ON THE SAME SITE (**PAULI**  
**PRINCIPLE OR QUANTUM CROSSINGS IN**  
**QUANTUM MESOSCOPIC PHYSICS)**

DEFINES THE CLASSICAL **SYMMETRIC SIMPLE**  
**EXCLUSION PROCESS (SSEP)**

# THE SSEP MODEL



$$\text{FOR } N \gg 1, \quad \rho_a = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \gamma}, \quad \rho_b = \frac{\delta}{\beta + \delta}$$

For large enough time, the system is in a **steady state**.

Define the probability  $P(Q_t)$  of observing  $Q_t$  particles flowing through the system during a time interval  $t$  and for 2 reservoirs at densities  $\rho_a$  and  $\rho_b$



ALL THE CUMULANTS ARE KNOWN FOR  
ARBITRARY DENSITIES  $\rho_a$  AND  $\rho_b$

THE GENERATING FUNCTION

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N}{t} \log \langle e^{\lambda Q_t} \rangle = \left( \sinh^{-1} \left( \sqrt{\omega} \right) \right)^2$$

DEPENDS ON A SINGLE SCALING VARIABLE

$$\omega = \rho_a (e^\lambda - 1) + \rho_b (e^{-\lambda} - 1) - \rho_a (e^\lambda - 1) \rho_b (e^{-\lambda} - 1)$$

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The Fano factor and all other cumulants are identical to those calculated in the quantum mesoscopic case.



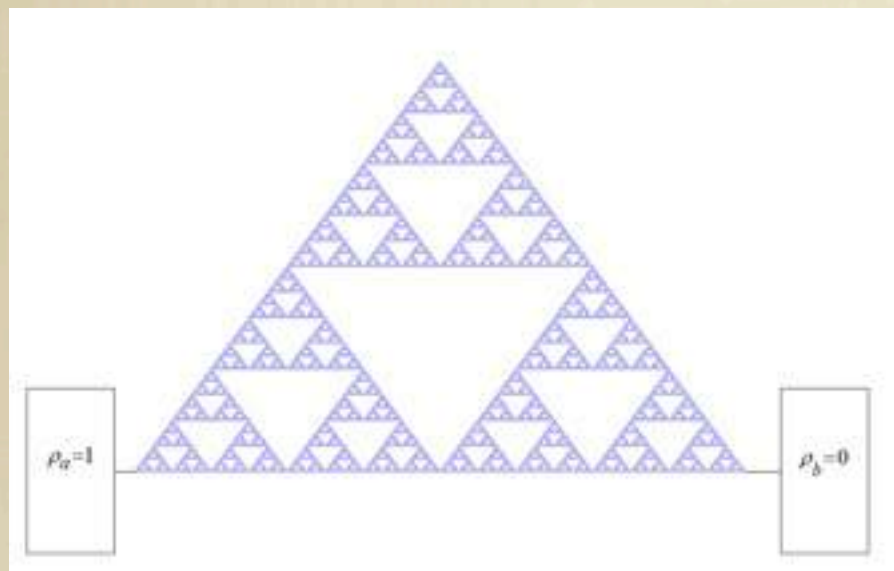
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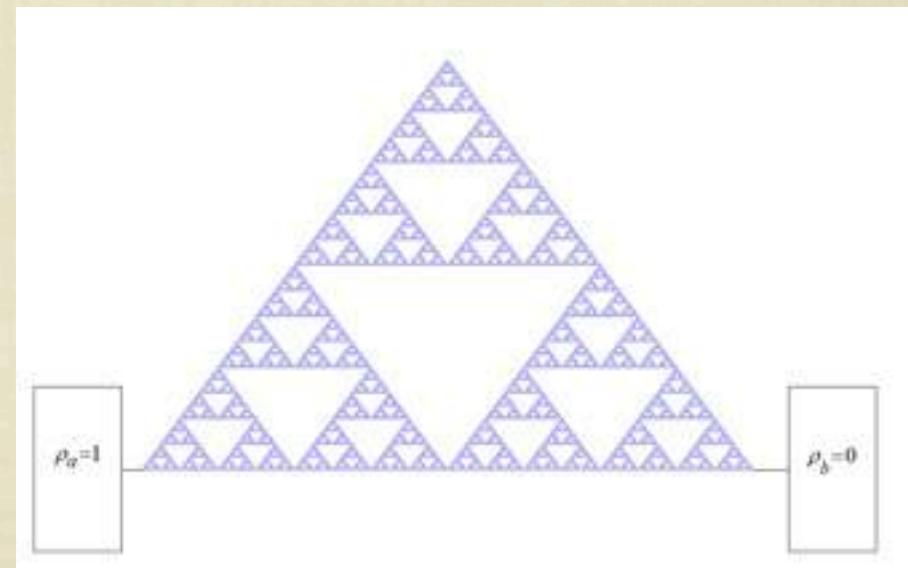
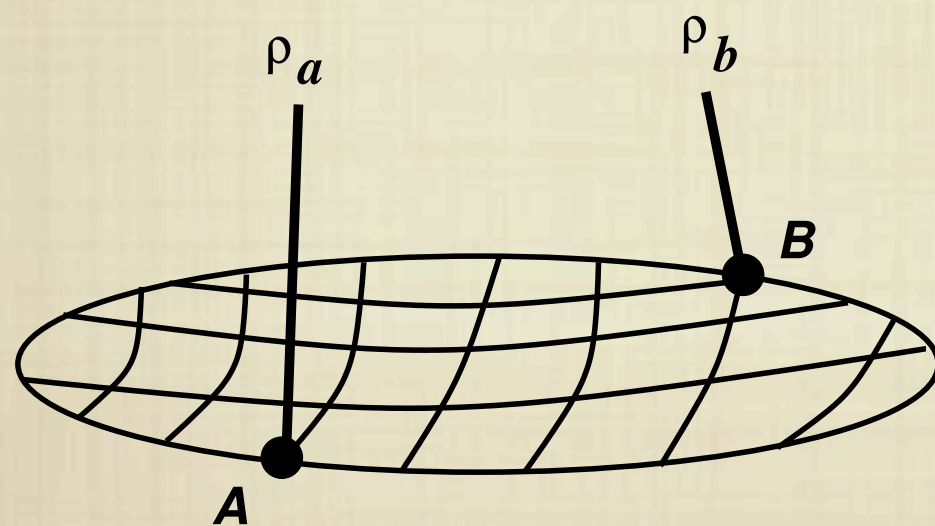
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# Our Result:

(T. Bodineau, B. Derrida, O. Shpielberg, E.A, 2013)

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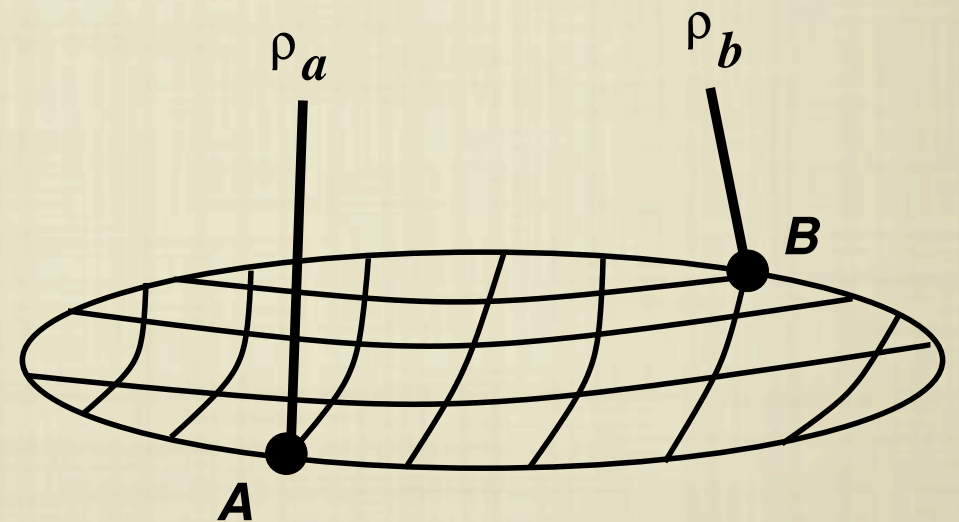
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$$\kappa(L_e) \equiv L_e^{d-2} \int d\vec{r} \left( \vec{\nabla} v(\vec{r}) \right)^2$$

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Thus, the ratio between any pair of cumulants of  $Q_t$  is the same as for the linear chain. Then,

$$F = \frac{1}{3}$$

# ELEMENTS OF THE PROOF

- Use the **macroscopic fluctuation theory** of Bertini et al. and the **additivity principle**.
- **Alternative description** based on **Energy/Dirichlet forms**: allows to characterize the SSEP and **to provide a derivation of the additivity principle**.

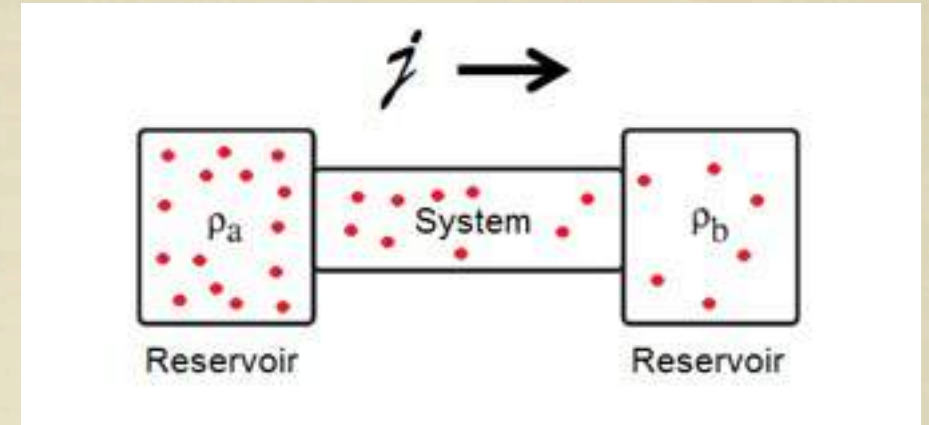
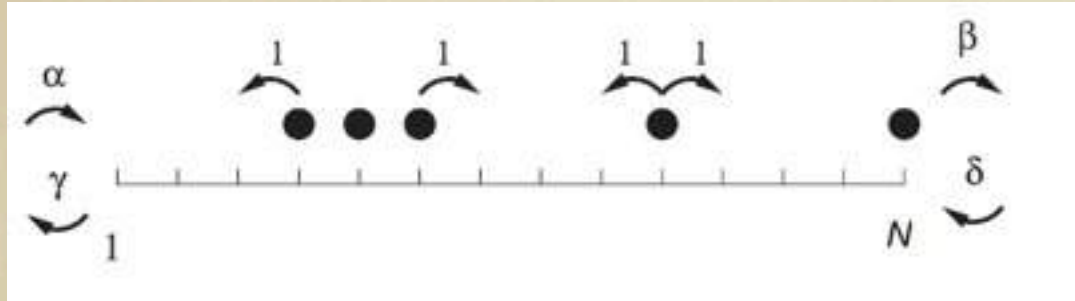


# The macroscopic fluctuation theory

## Basic definitions and results

(Bertini, De Sole, Gabrielli, Jona-Lasinio,  
and Landim)

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It is the Legendre transform of  $\mu(\lambda)$

$$\mu(\lambda) = \max_j \left( \lambda j + F_L(j(\lambda)) \right)$$

# Scaling - Electrical conductance

The large deviation function is a scaling function :

$$F_L(j) = \frac{1}{L^{2-d}} G(jL^{2-d})$$

so that  $F_L$  scales like an electrical conductance.

(Bodineau, Derrida, Lebowitz - Thouless - Montambaux, E.A.)

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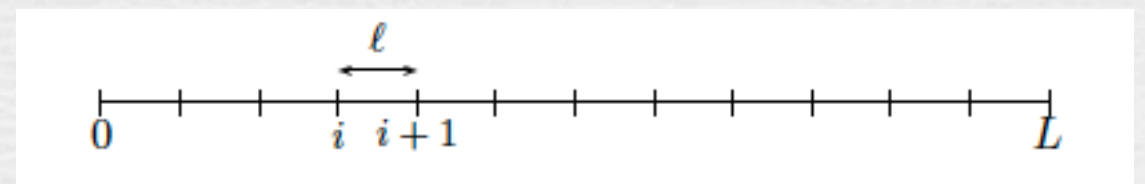
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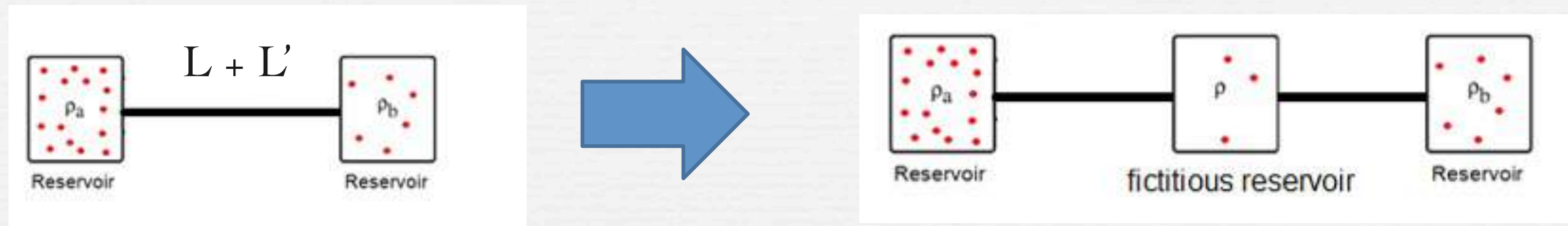
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$F_L(j)$  has its maximum for  $j = \frac{\langle Q_t \rangle}{t}$ . Close to equilibrium :  
Gaussian distribution for the probability,

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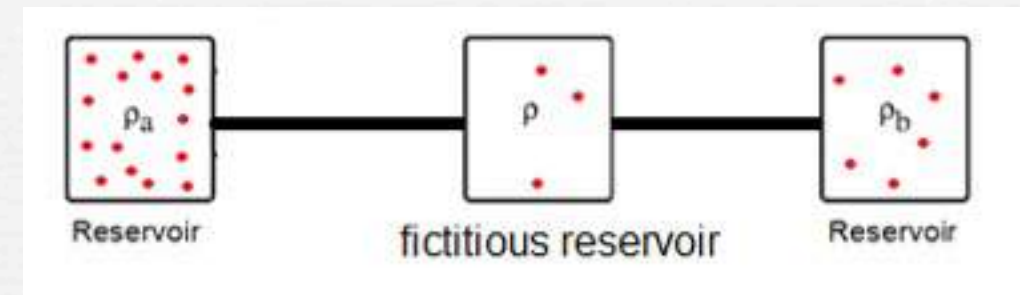
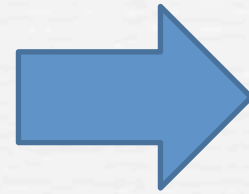
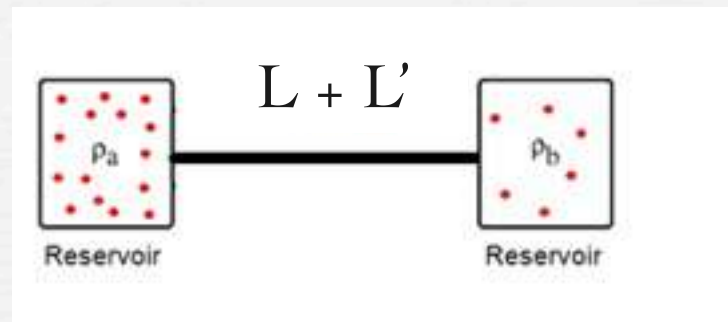
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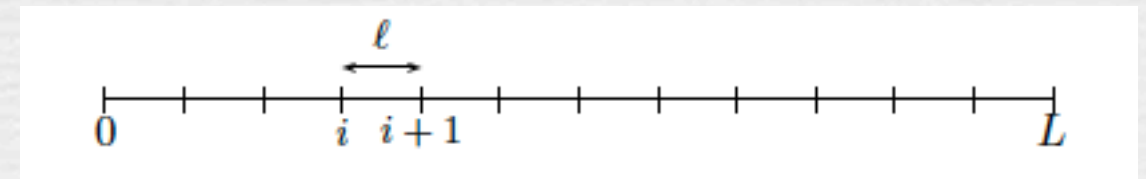


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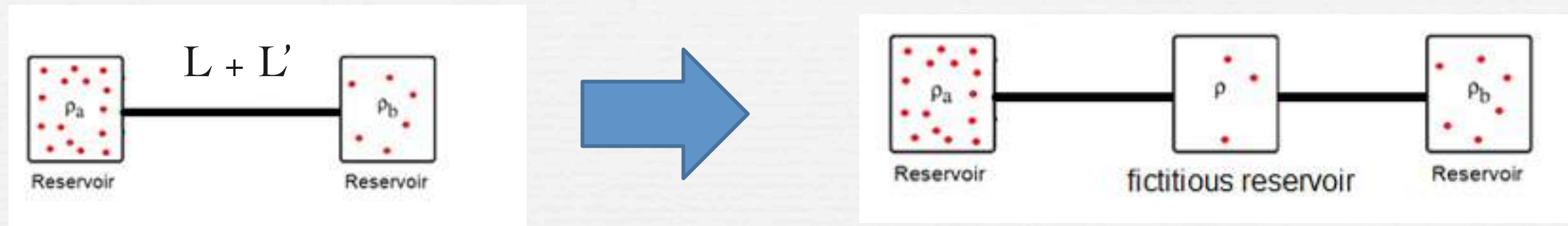


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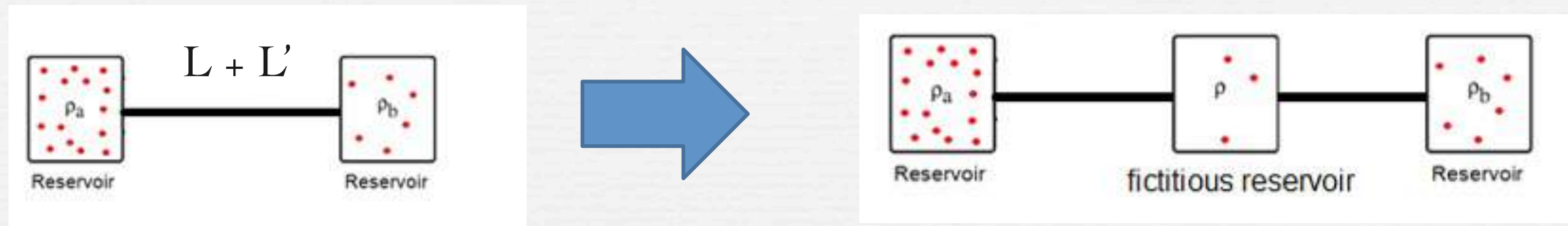


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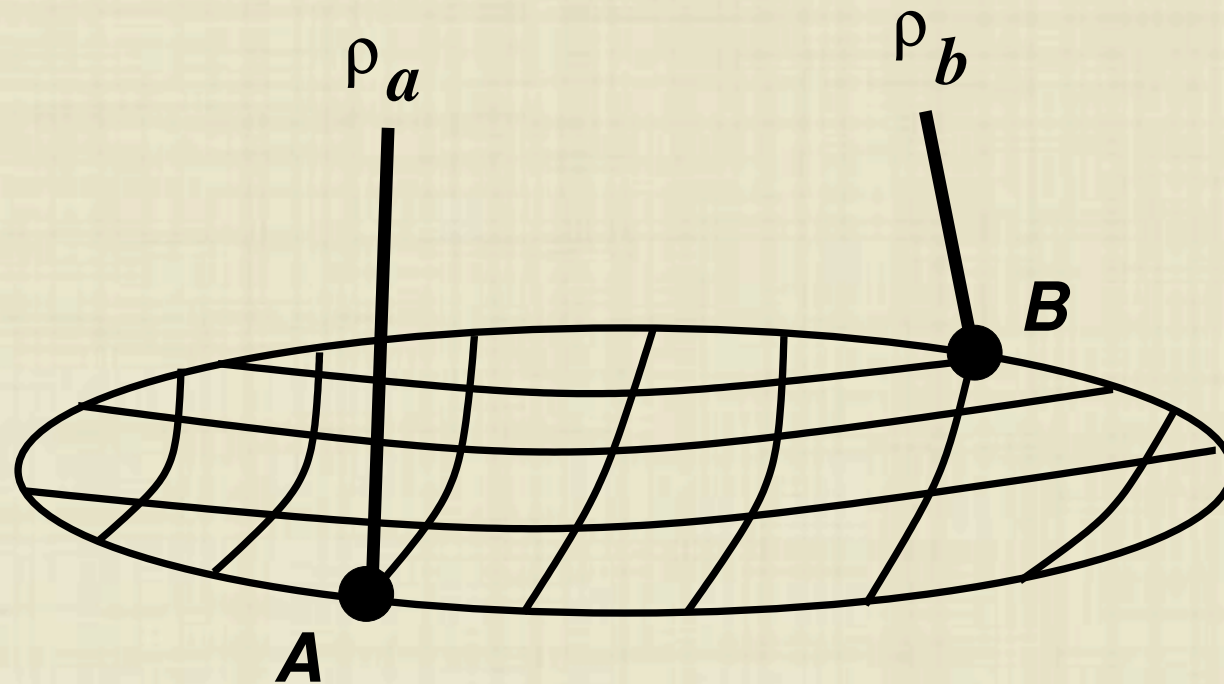
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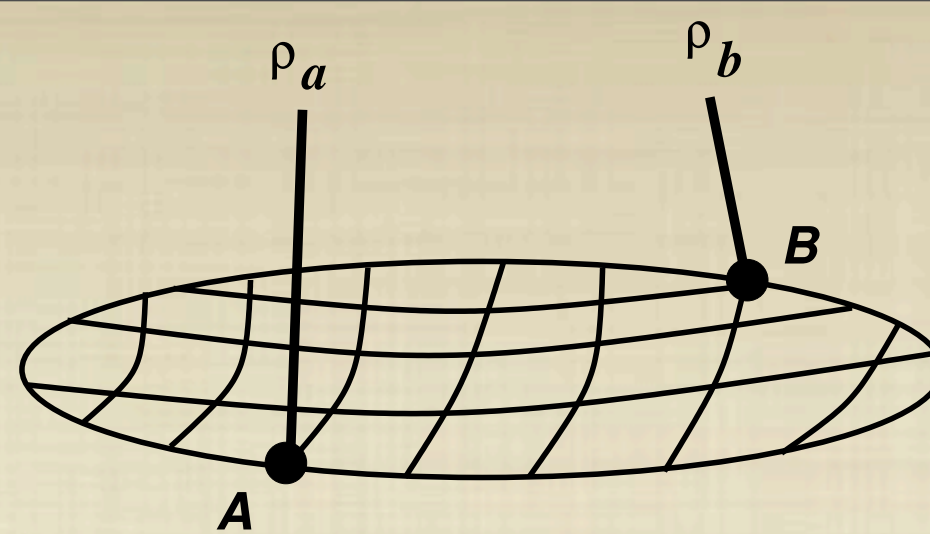
and

$$\mu(\lambda) = \max_j (\lambda j + F_L(j(\lambda)))$$



# Macroscopic fluctuation theory for SSEP on a $d$ -dimensional domain

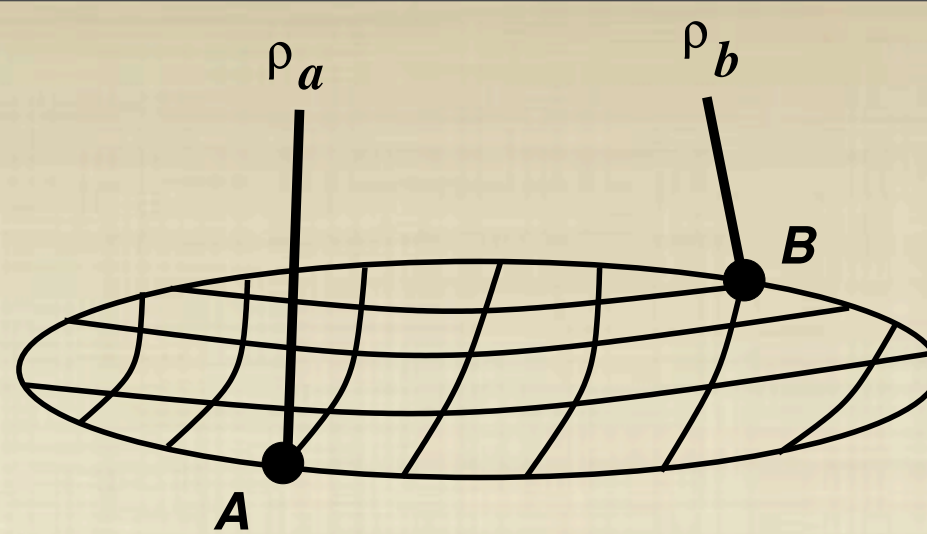




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Nothing depends on the choice of the  $V_i$ 's. We take it a  
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Continuous version:  $Q_t = -L^d \int_0^{t/L^2} d\tau \int d\vec{r} \vec{\nabla} v(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{j}(\vec{r})$

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# Analogies between SSEP on a graph and resistor networks

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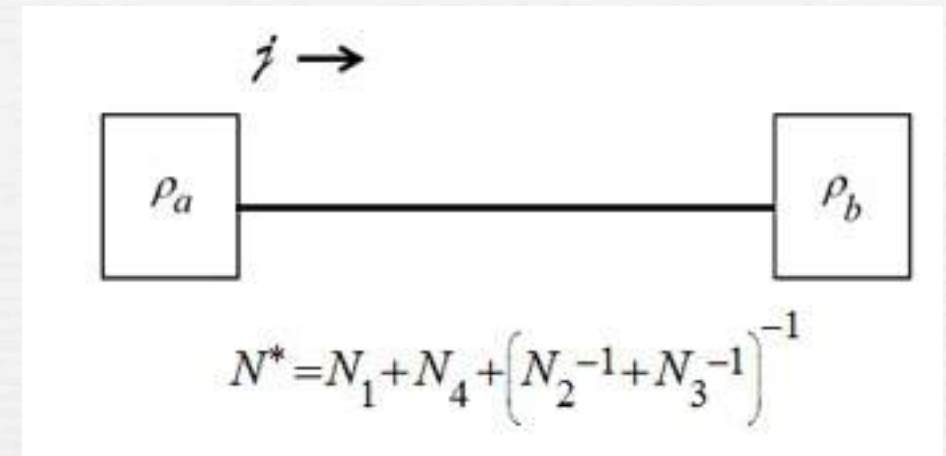
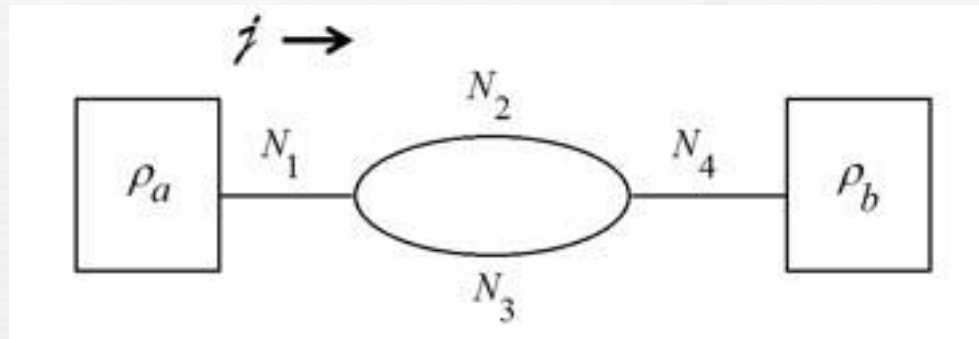
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(Bodineau, Derrida, Lebowitz - Thouless - Montambaux, E.A.)

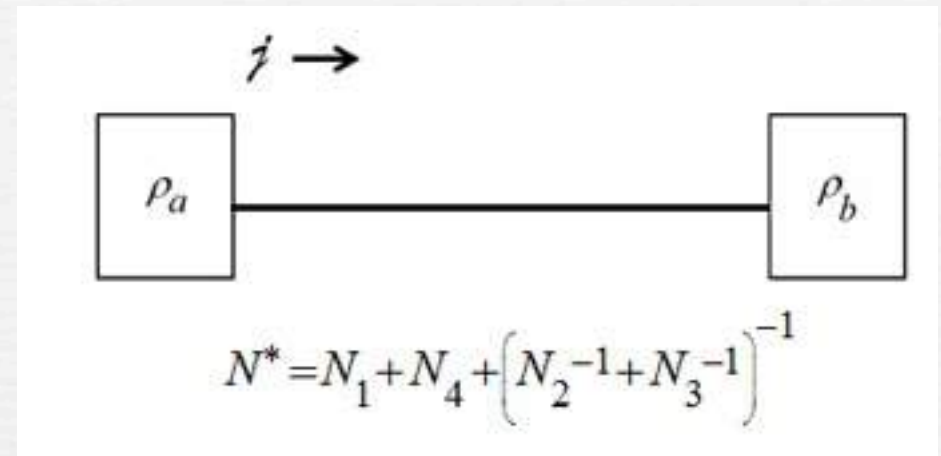
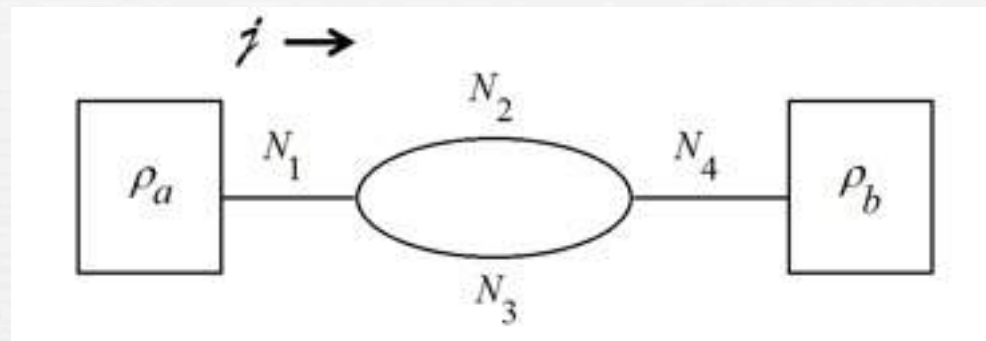


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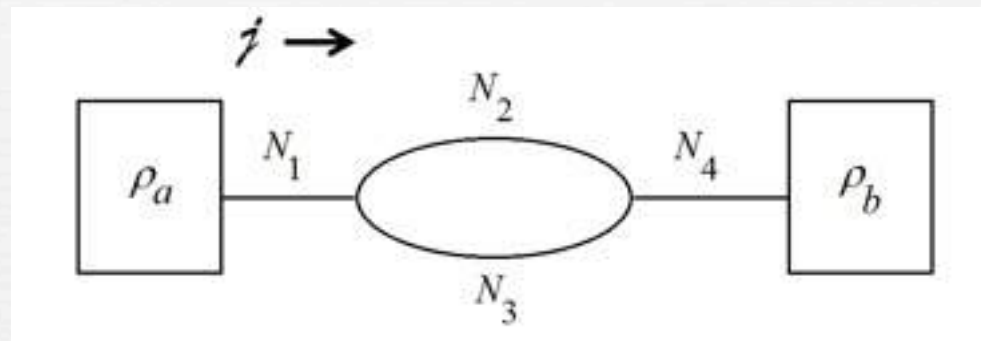


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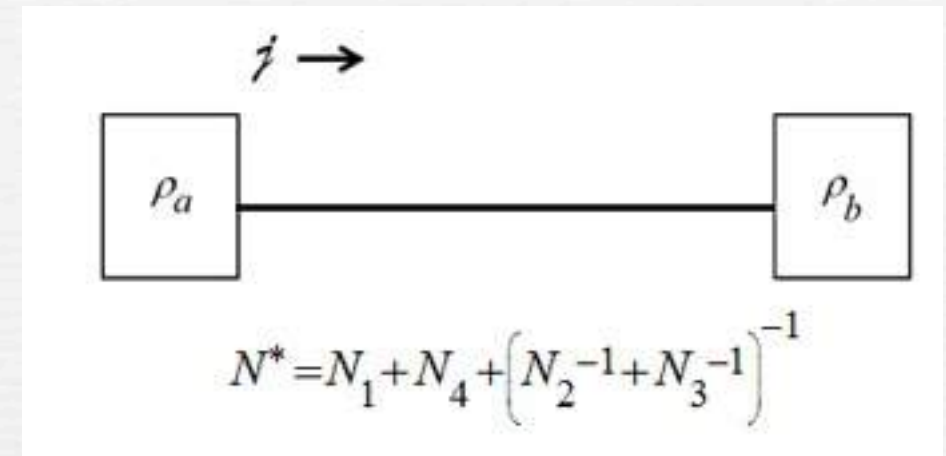
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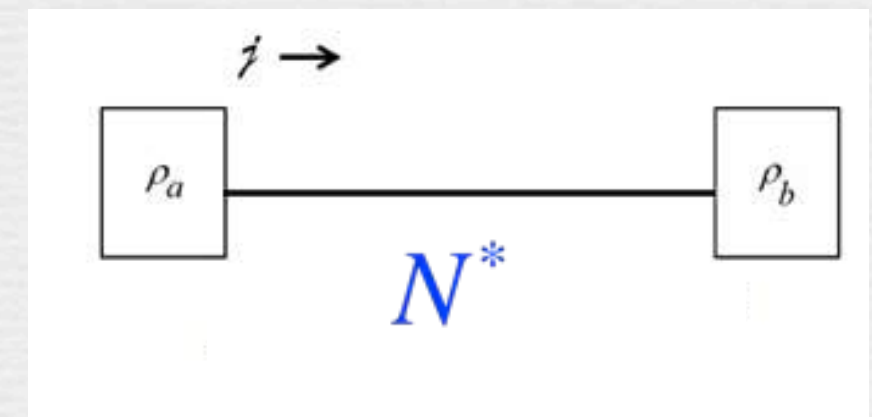
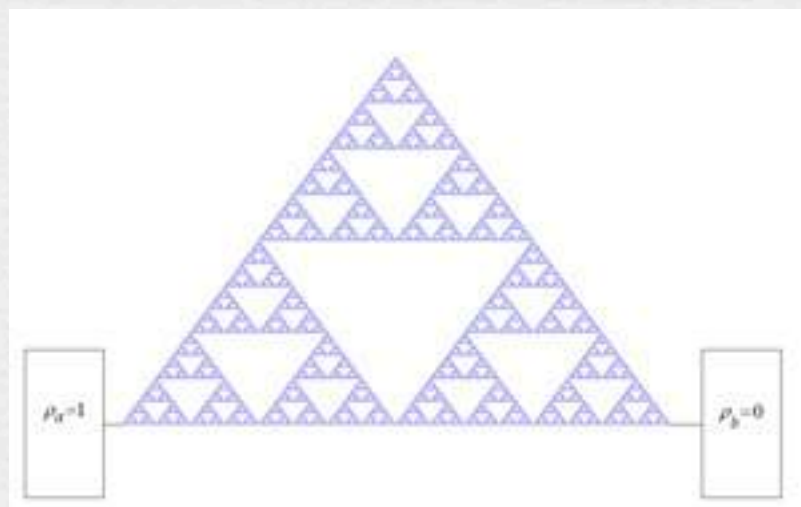
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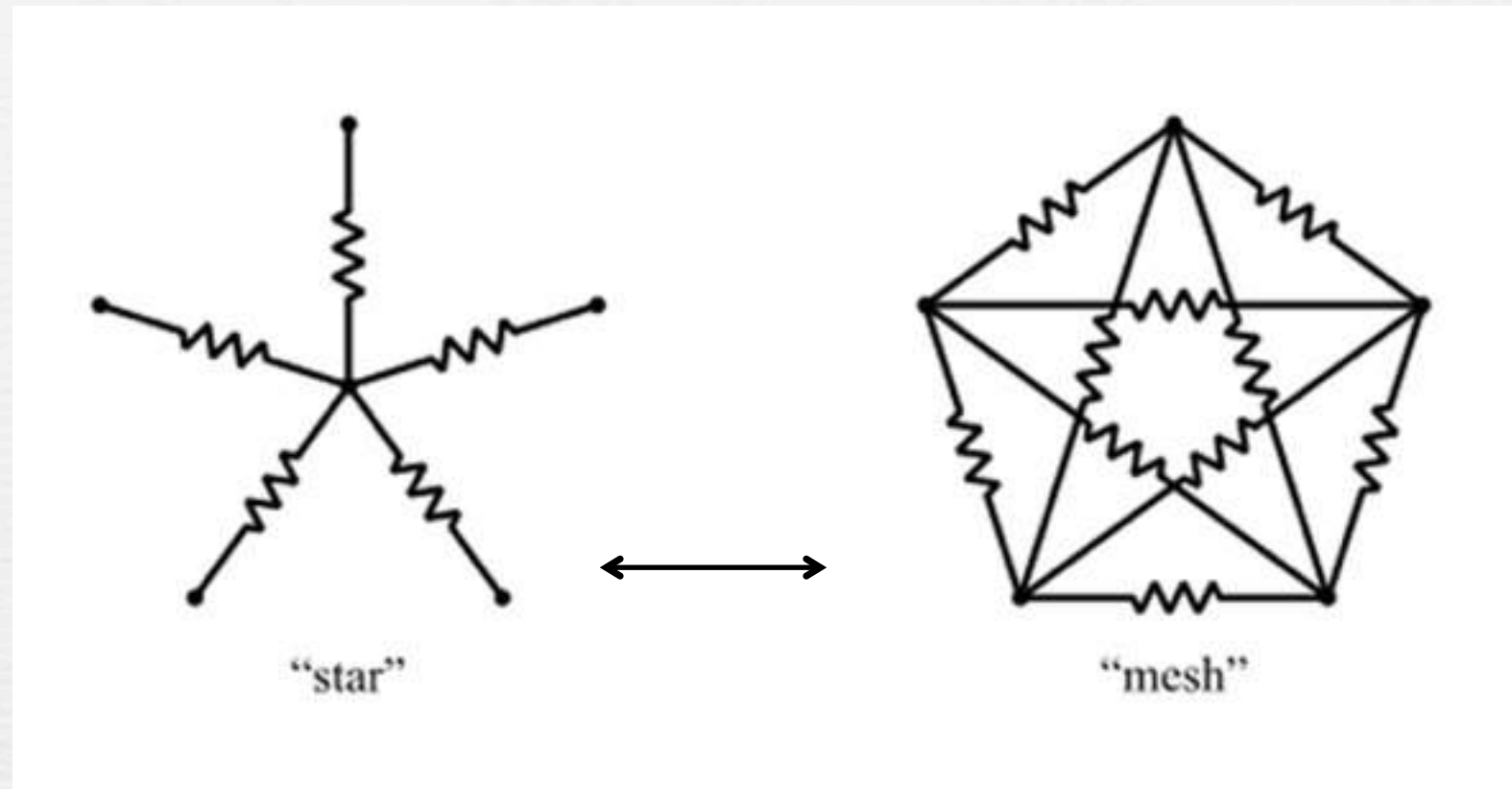


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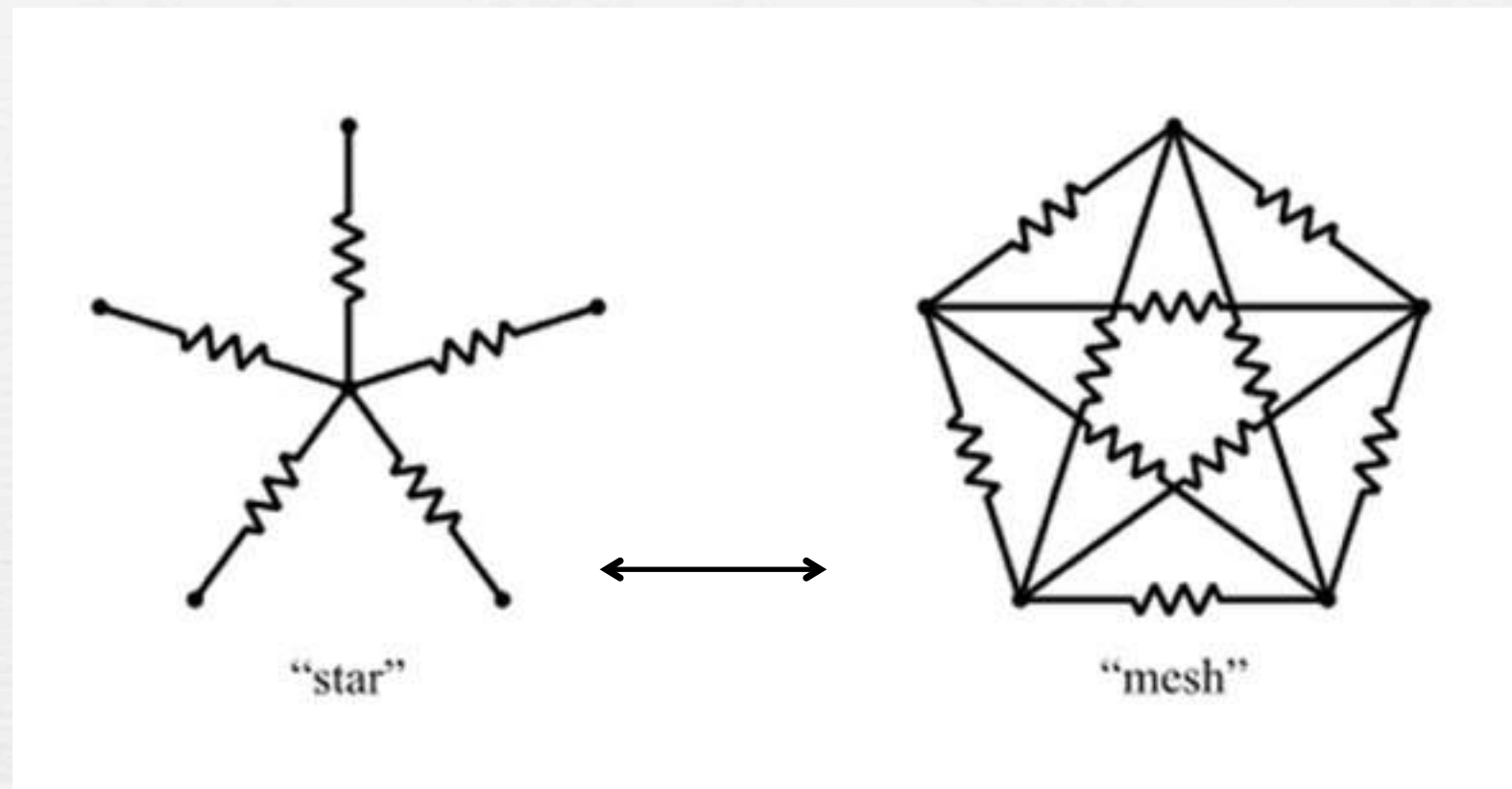


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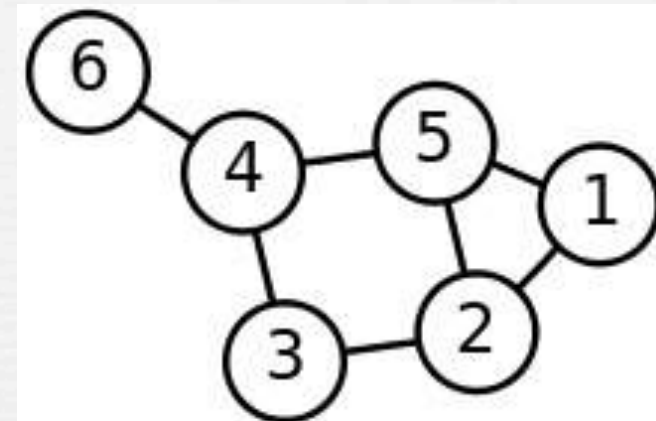
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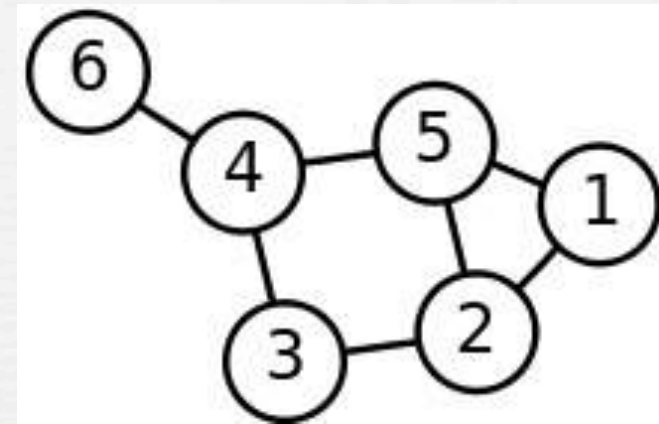
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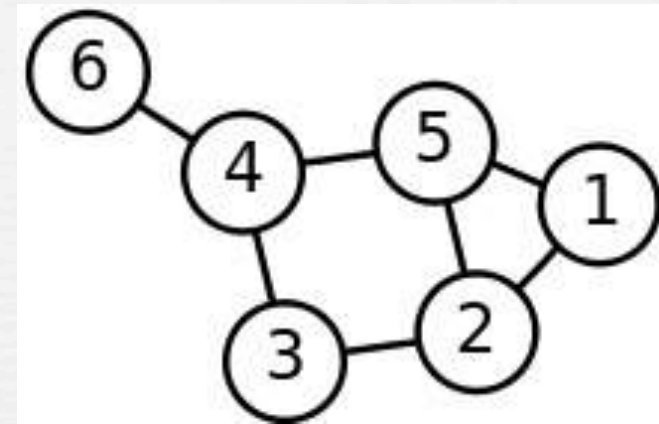
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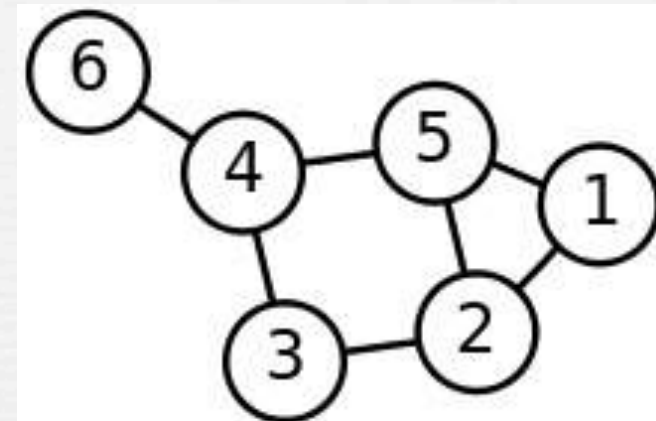
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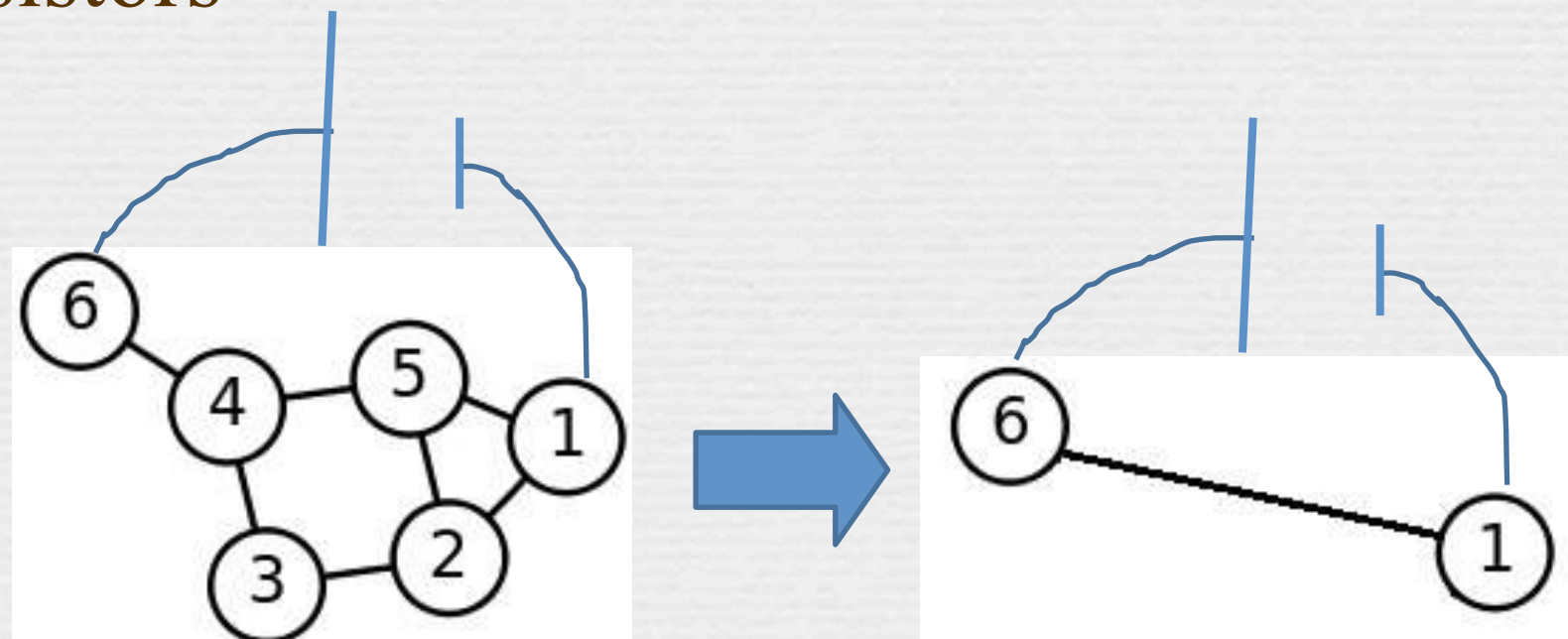
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$h$  - harmonic function



Well known exact mapping between electric networks of resistances and random walk on a lattice

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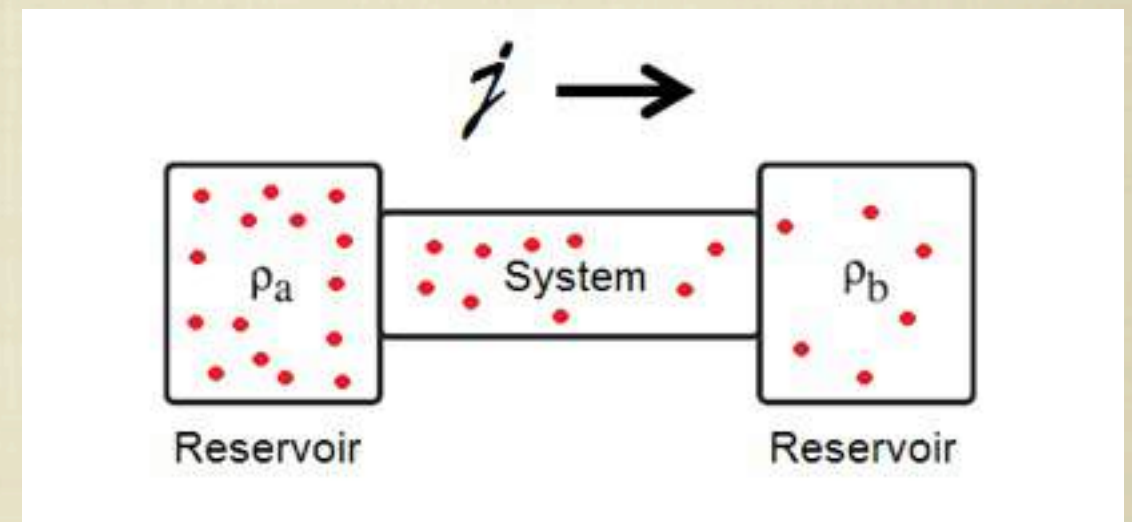
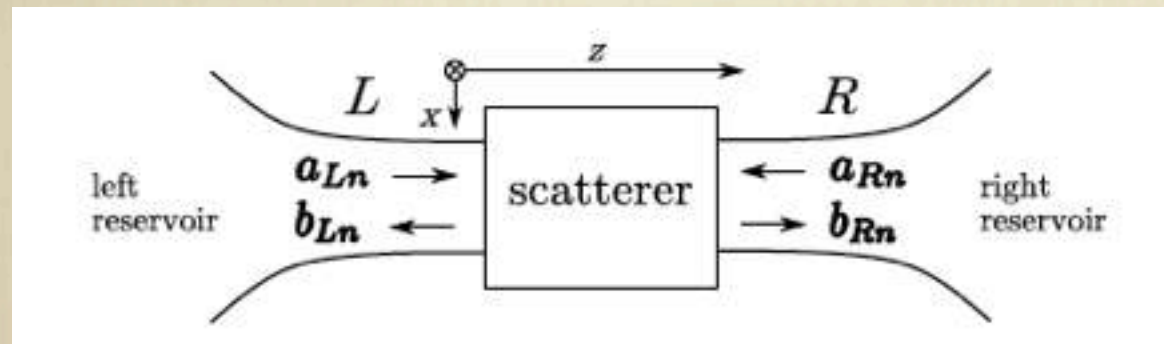
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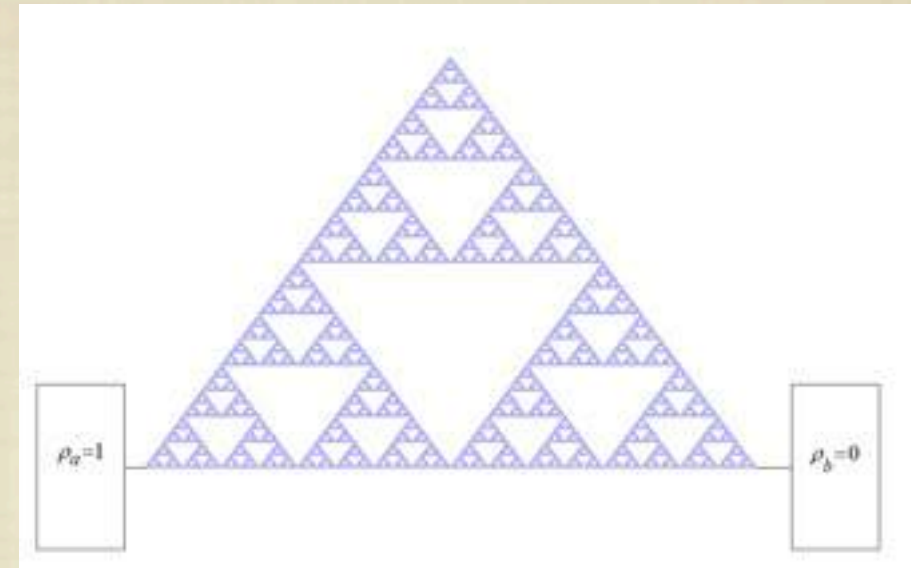
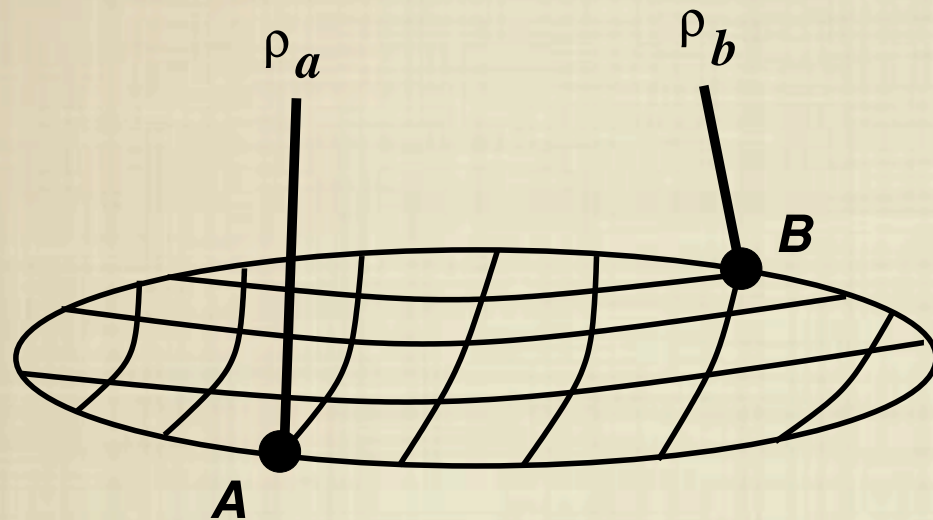


# Summary - further issues

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