

# Large deviations in the Symmetric Simple Exclusion Process (SSEP) on graphs

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MOTIVATION OF THIS WORK:

SHOT NOISE IN QUANTUM  
MESOSCOPIC SYSTEMS

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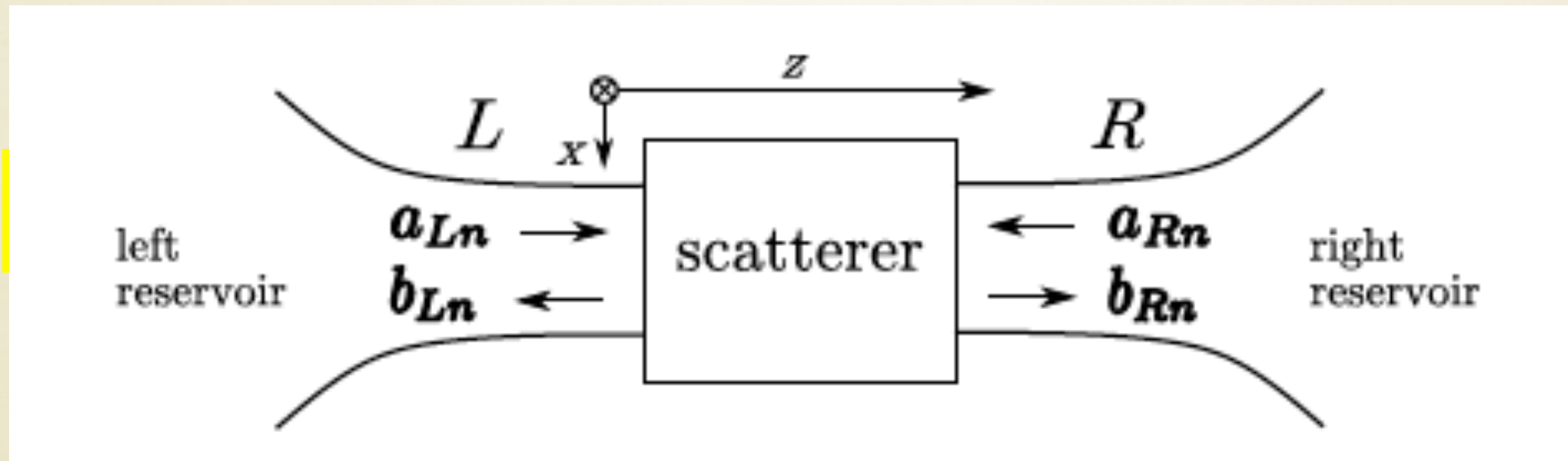
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Study of **Transport and Noise** allows to characterize basic physical mechanisms at work.

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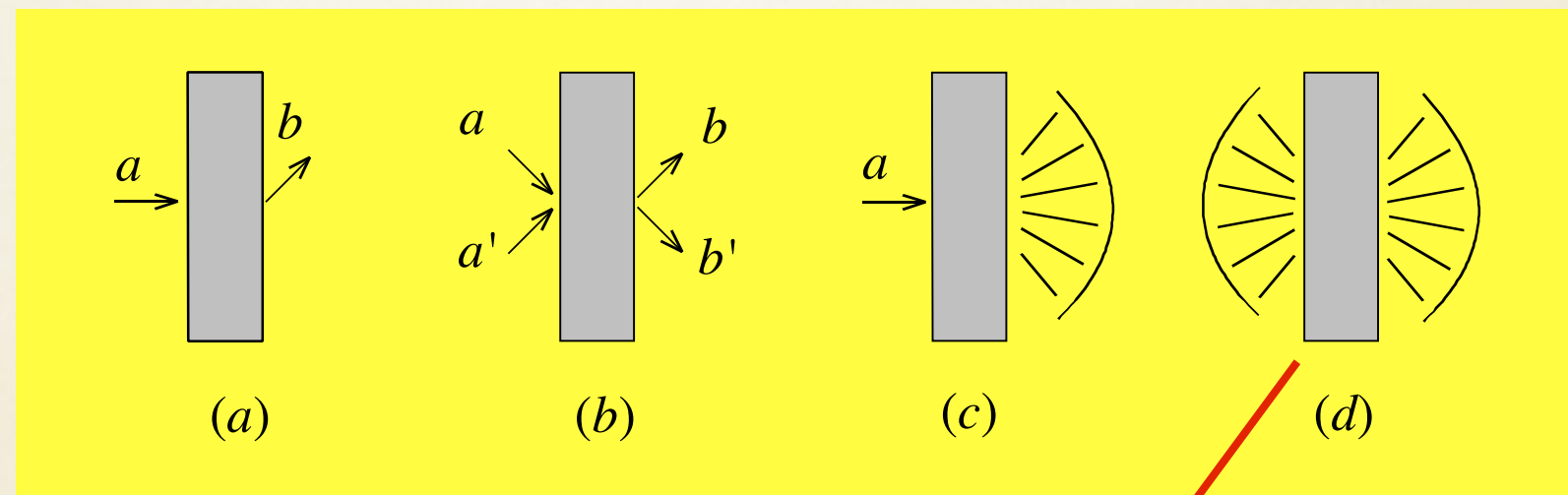
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where  $\delta \hat{I}(t) = \hat{I}(t) - \langle I \rangle$  are electronic current operators

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  $T = 0$

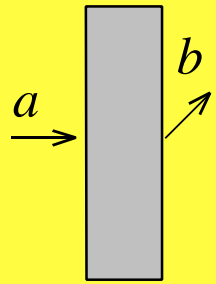
$$S(0, V) - S(0, 0) = \frac{e^2}{h} |2eV| \text{Tr } tt^\dagger (1 - tt^\dagger)$$

Excess noise measures the second cumulant of charge fluctuations :

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



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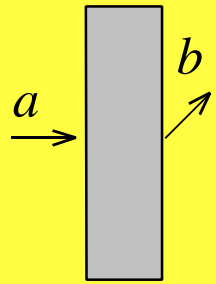
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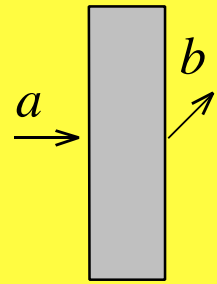
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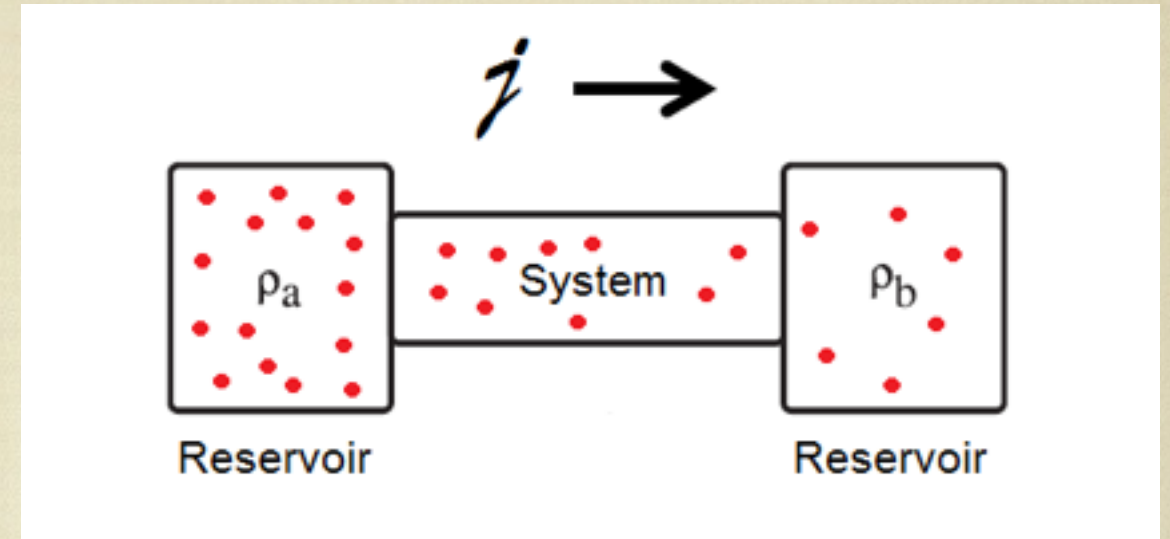
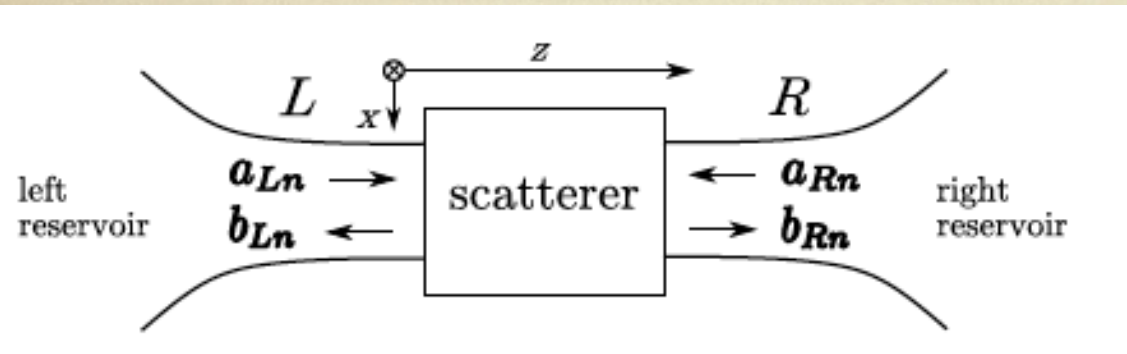
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**IS THIS RESULT UNIVERSAL ?  
NATURE OF DISORDER, GEOMETRY, SPACE  
DIMENSIONALITY, EXTENDS TO HIGHER ORDER  
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# CLASSICAL DESCRIPTION OF A QUANTUM CONDUCTOR

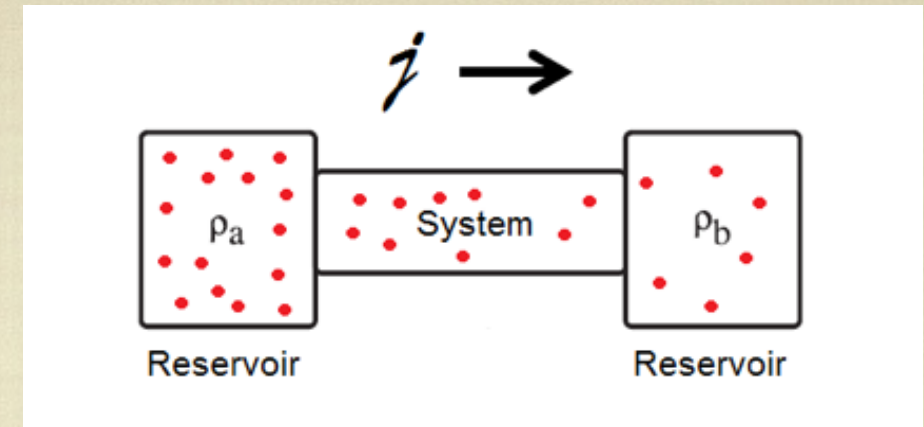
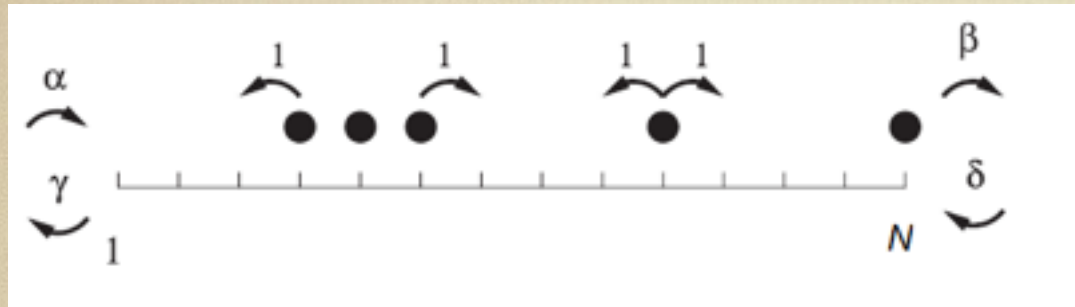


**SAME PHYSICAL CONTENT :** PARTICLES  
CANNOT PILE UP ON THE SAME SITE  
(EXCLUSION PRINCIPLE)

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

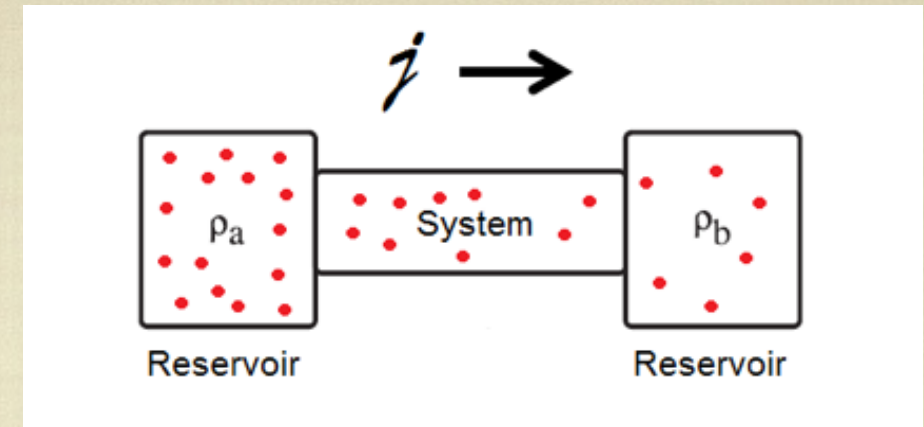
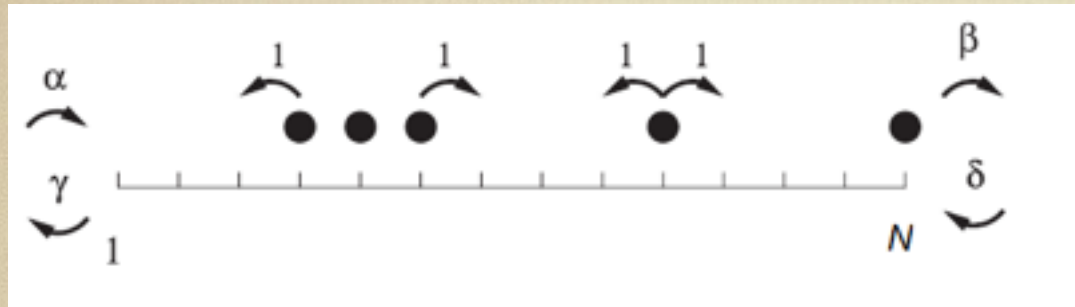


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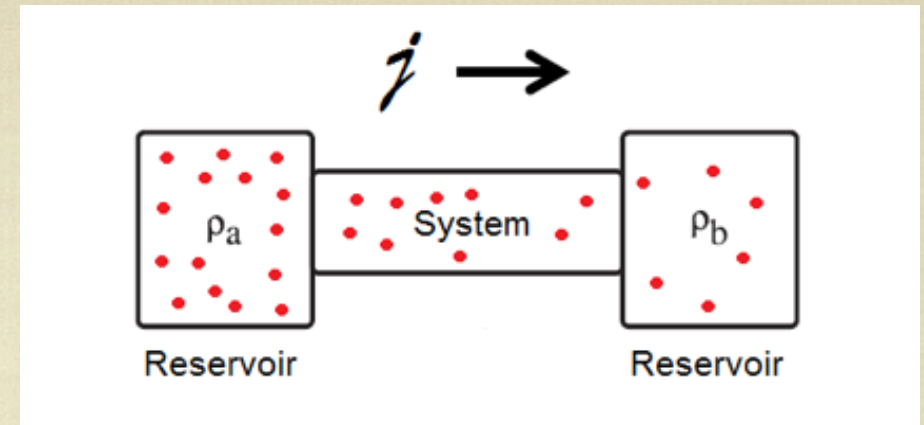
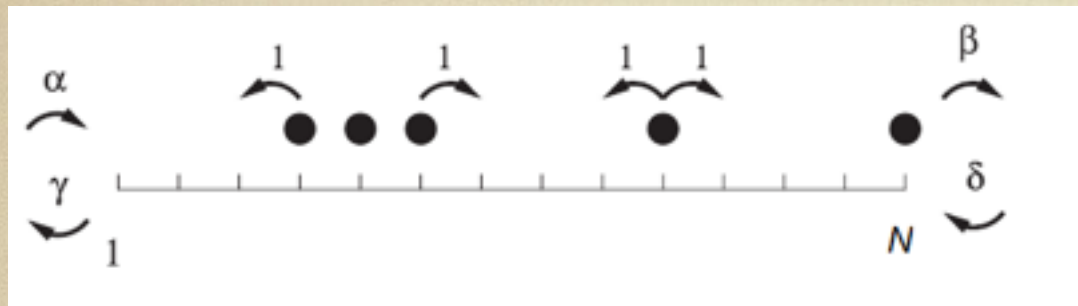
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Define the probability  $P(Q_t)$  of observing  $Q_t$  particles flowing through the system during a time interval  $t$  and for 2 reservoirs at densities  $\rho_a$  and  $\rho_b$



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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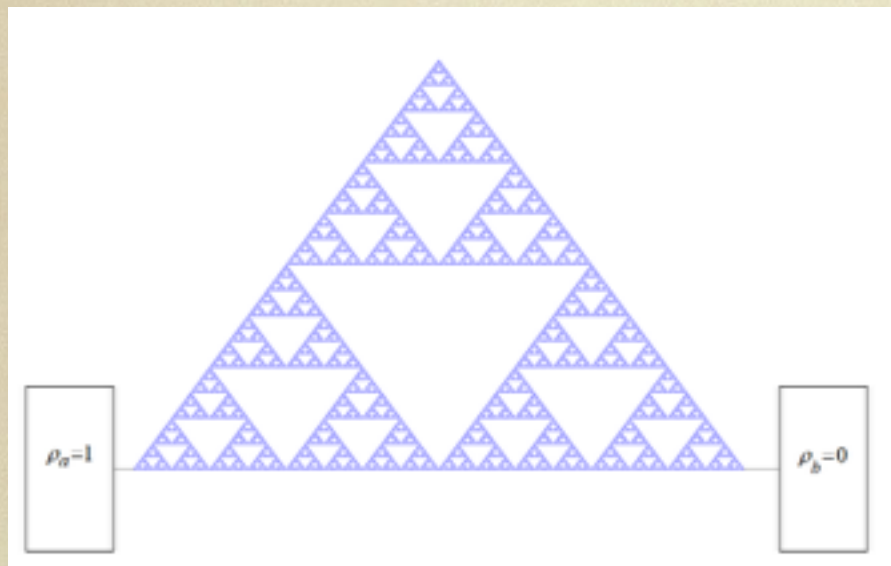
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All cumulants are identical to those calculated in the quantum mesoscopic case.



# How these results generalize to higher space dimensions ?



**NUMERICAL RESULTS ON A  
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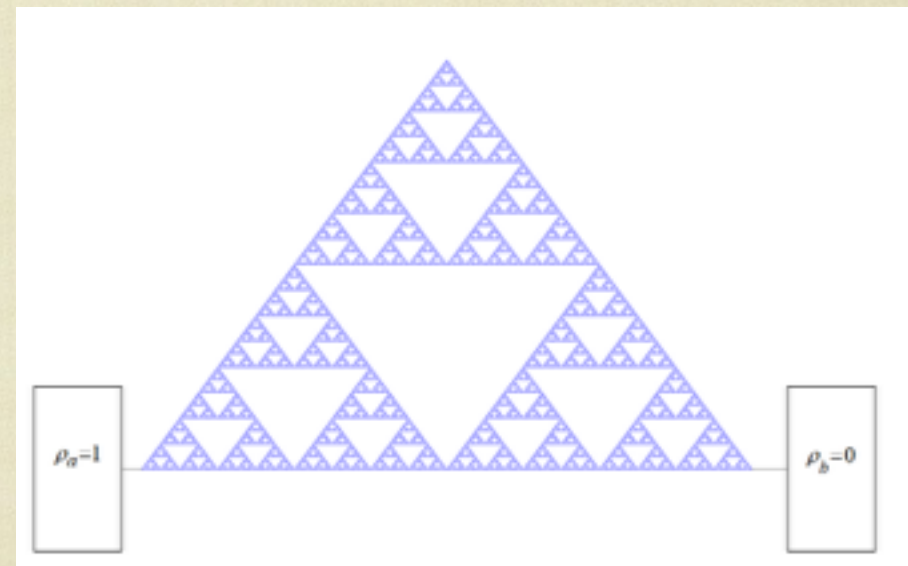
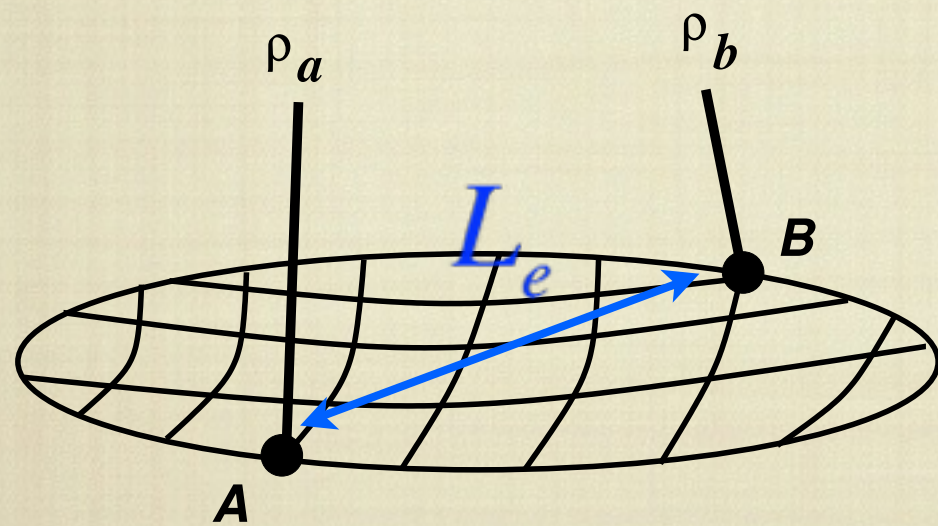
(GROTH ET AL. PRL 2008)



# Our Results:


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

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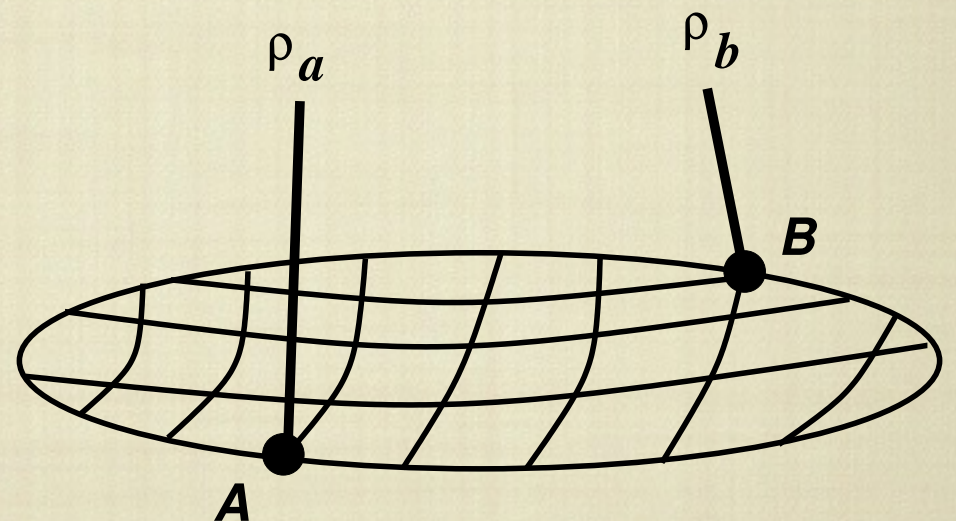


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Thus, the ratio between any pair of cumulants of  $Q_t$  is the same as for the linear chain. Then,

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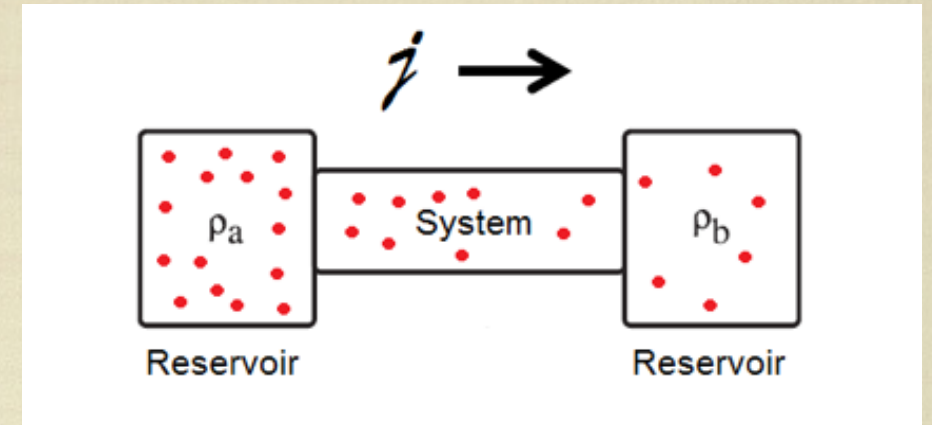
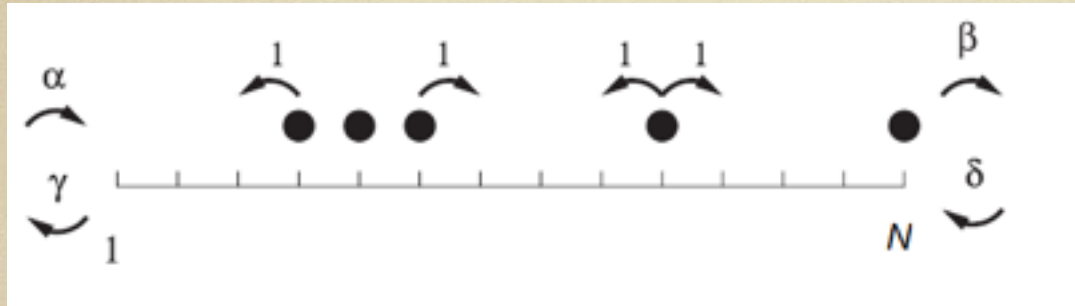
# The macroscopic fluctuation theory

## Basic definitions and results

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



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# Scaling - Electrical conductance

The large deviation is a scaling function :

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

$F_L$  scales like an electrical conductance.



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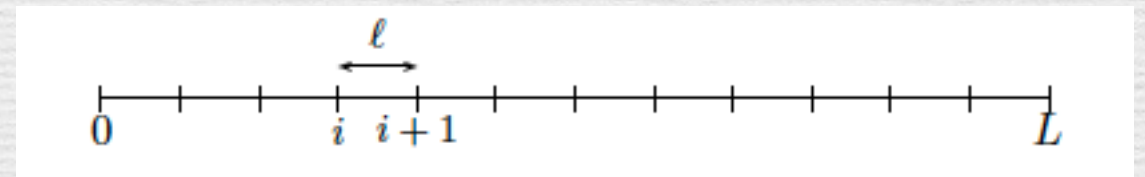
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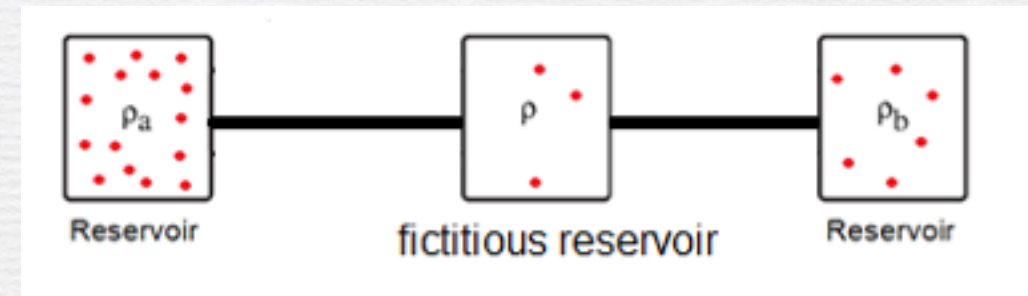
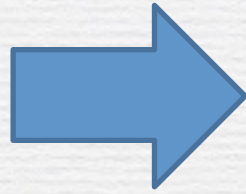
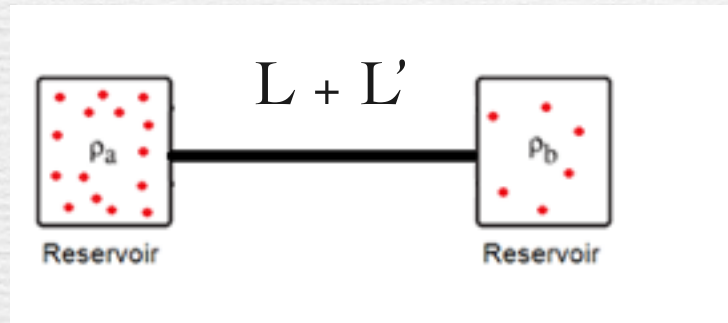
$F_L(j)$  has its maximum for  $j = \frac{\langle Q_t \rangle}{t}$ . Close to equilibrium :  
Gaussian distribution for the probability,

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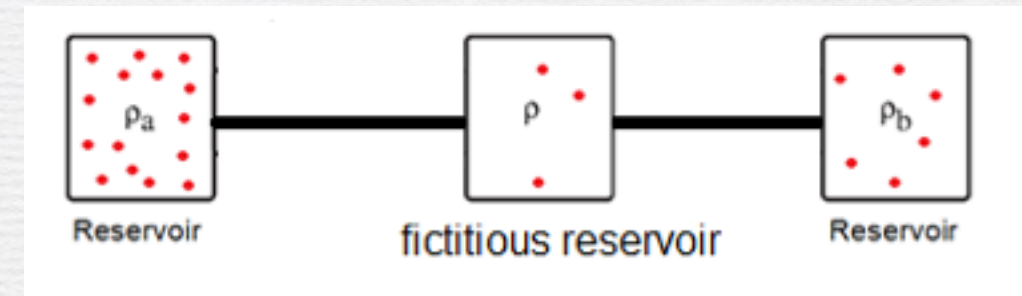
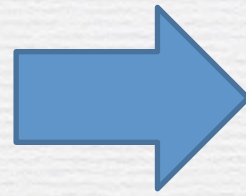
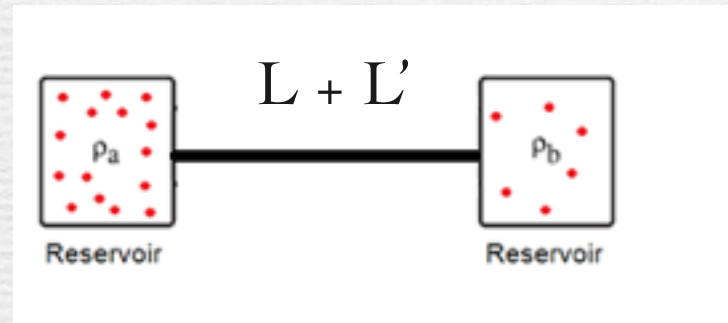
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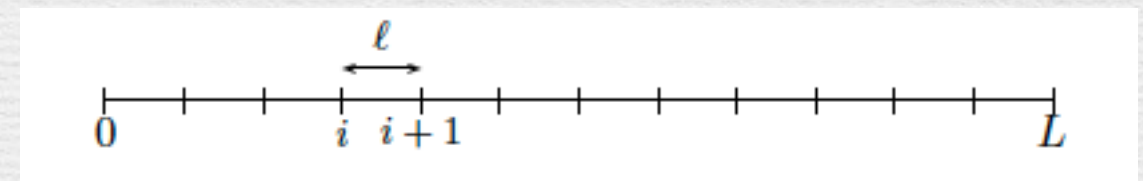


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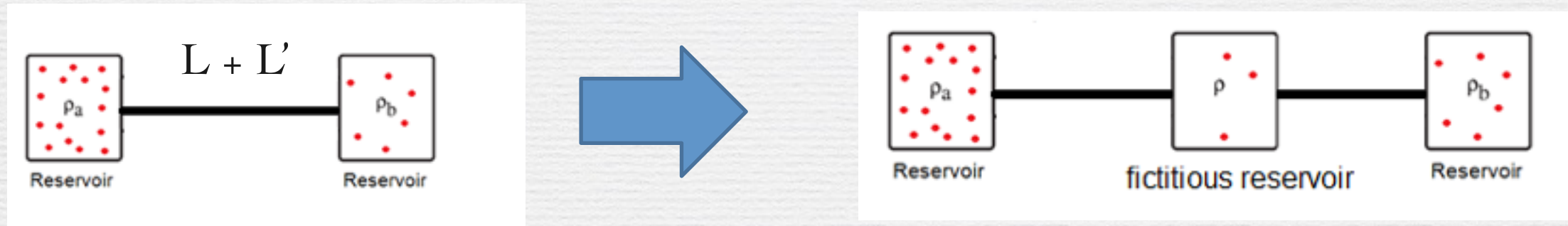
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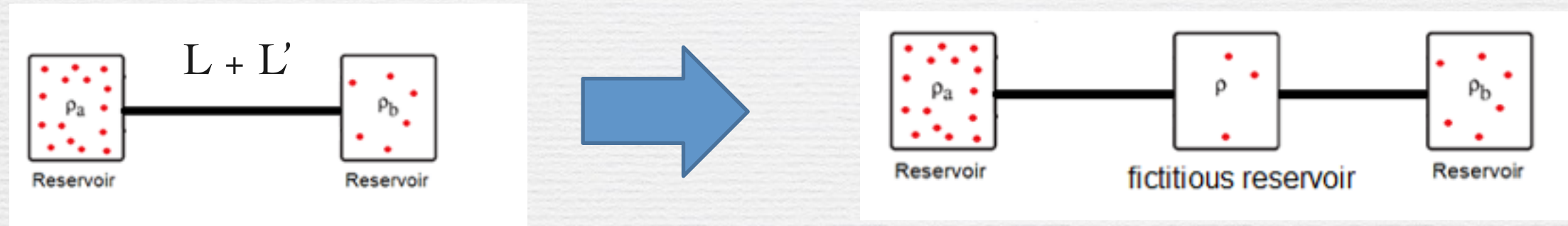
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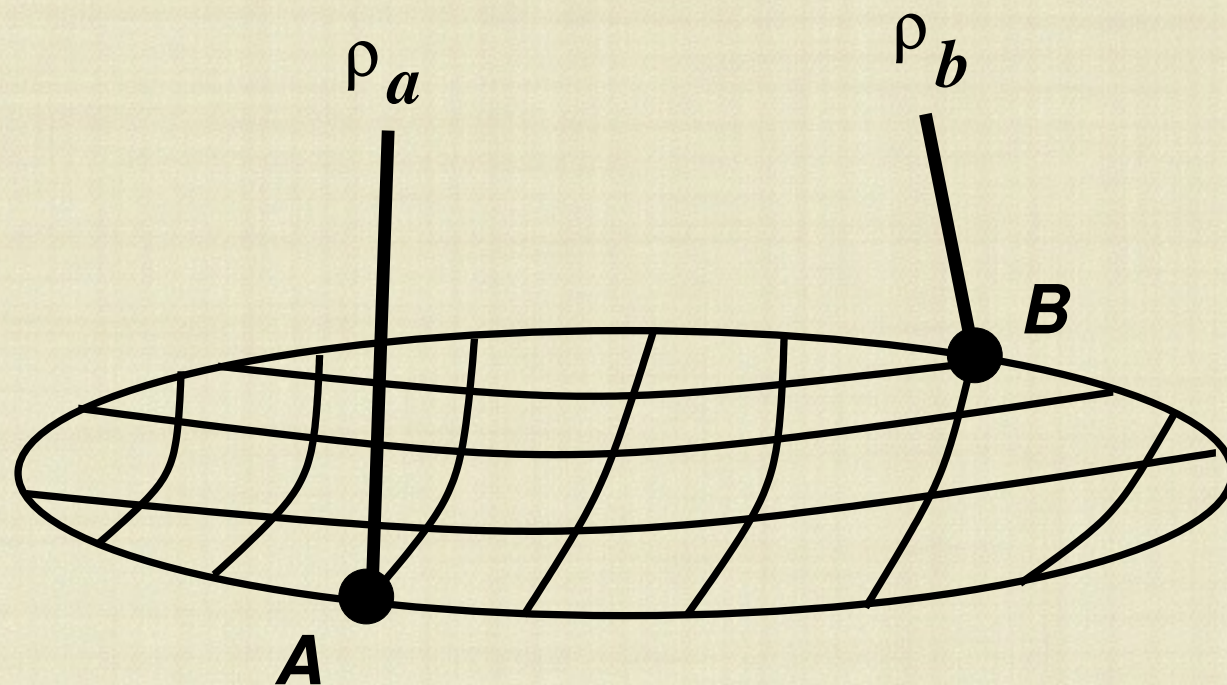
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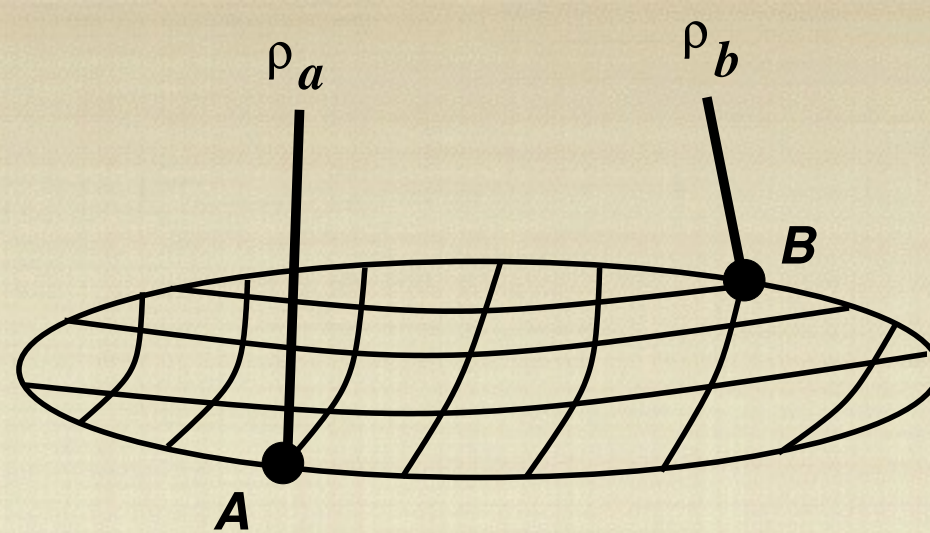
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# Macroscopic fluctuation theory for SSEP on a $d$ -dimensional domain





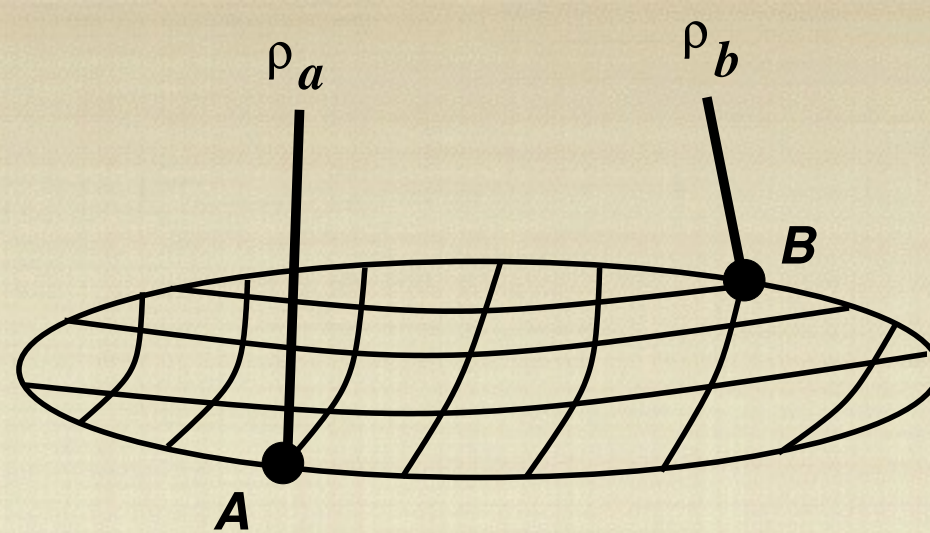


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Nothing depends on the choice of the  $V_i$ 's. We take it a  
solution of the Laplace eq.  $\Delta V_i \equiv \sum_{j \sim i} V_j - V_i = 0$



Continuous version:  $Q_t = -L^d \int_0^{t/L^2} d\tau \int d\vec{r} \vec{\nabla} v(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{j}(\vec{r})$

where  $\Delta v(\vec{r}) = 0$ ,  $v(\partial A) = 1$ ,  $v(\partial B) = 0$



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$$D(\rho(\vec{r})) \Delta H(\vec{r}) = -\frac{\sigma'(\rho(\vec{r}))}{2} (\vec{\nabla} H(\vec{r}))^2$$

where  $H(\vec{r})$  is a Lagrange multiplier field associated to current conservation.



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# Analogies between SSEP on a graph and resistor networks



# Scaling - Electrical conductance

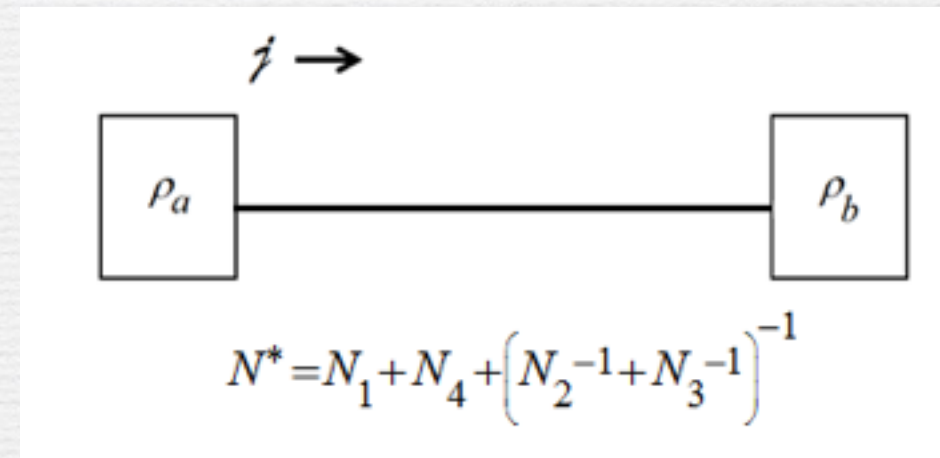
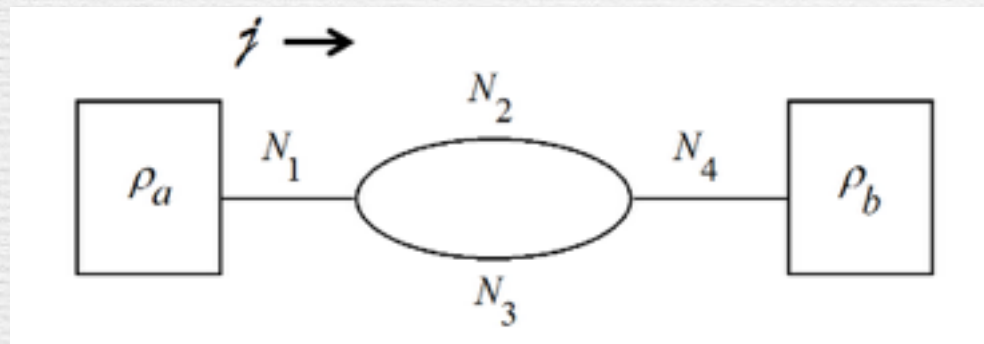
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$F_L$  scales like an electrical conductance.



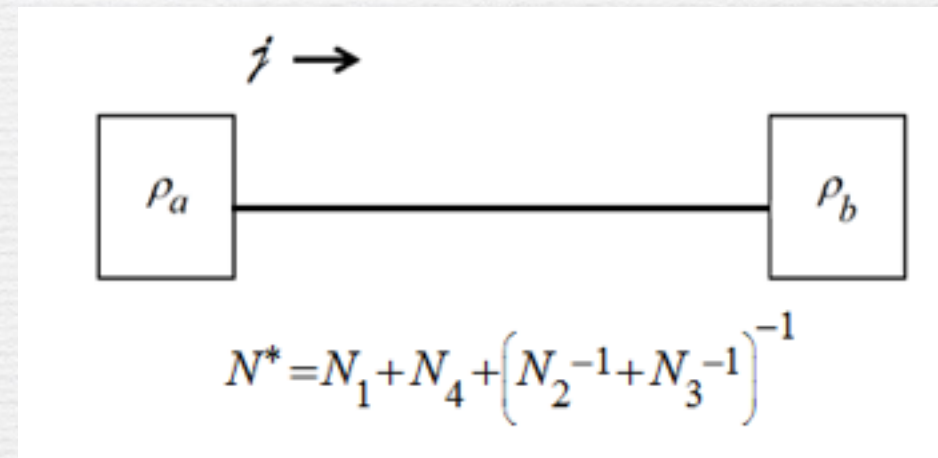
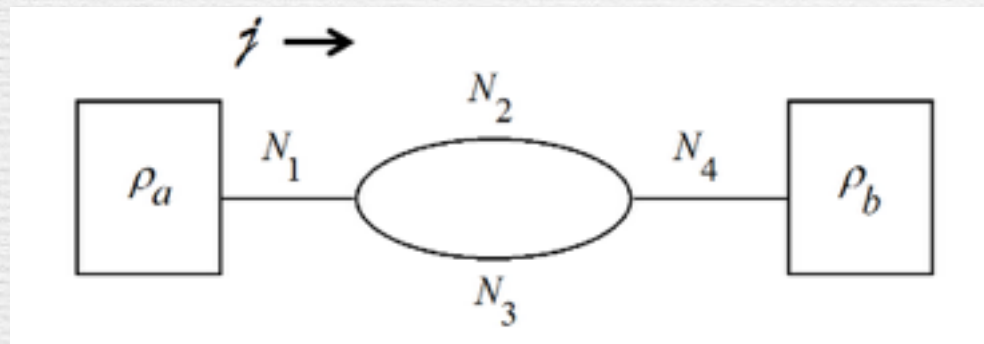
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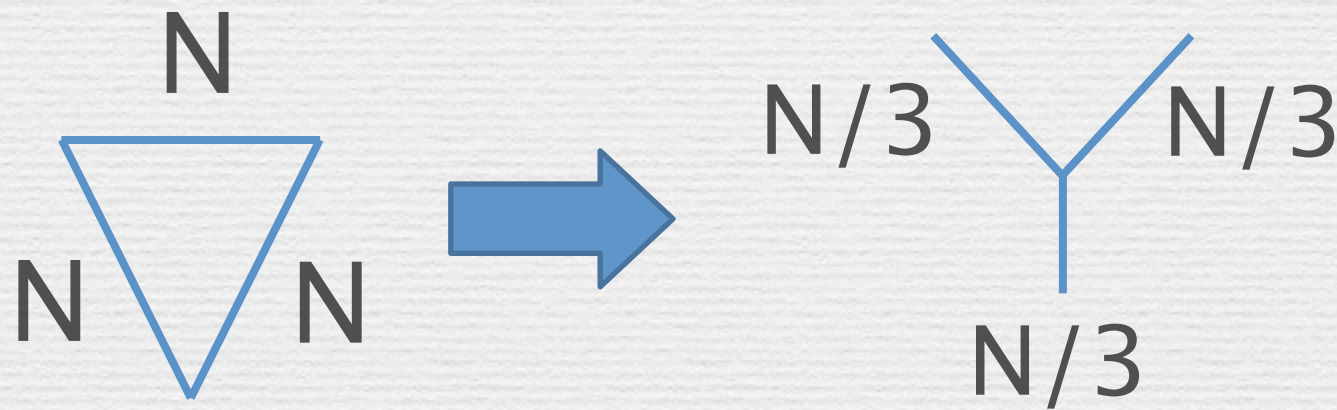


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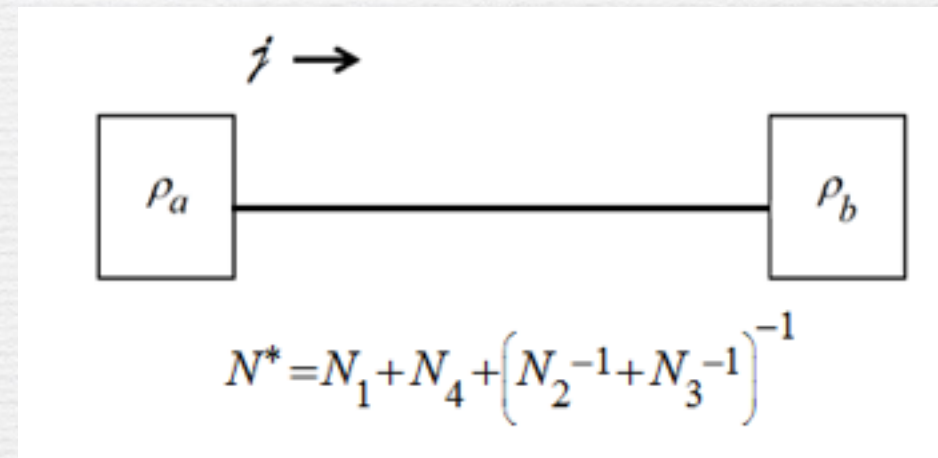
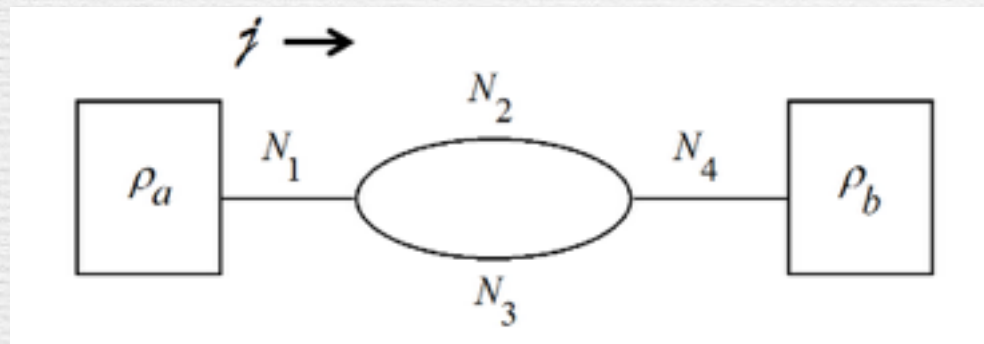
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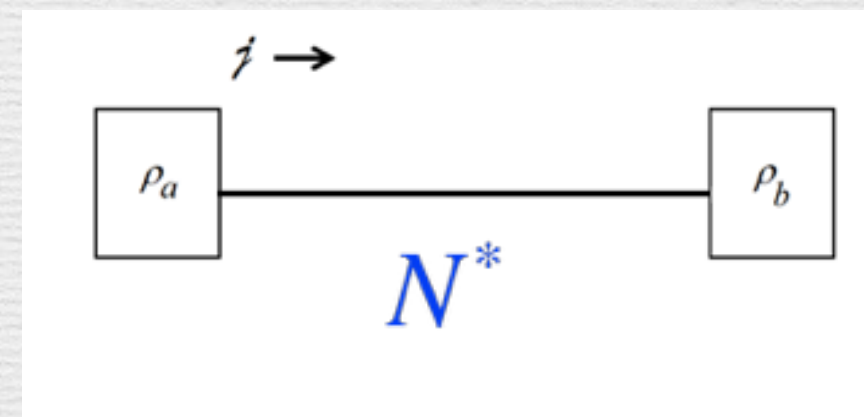
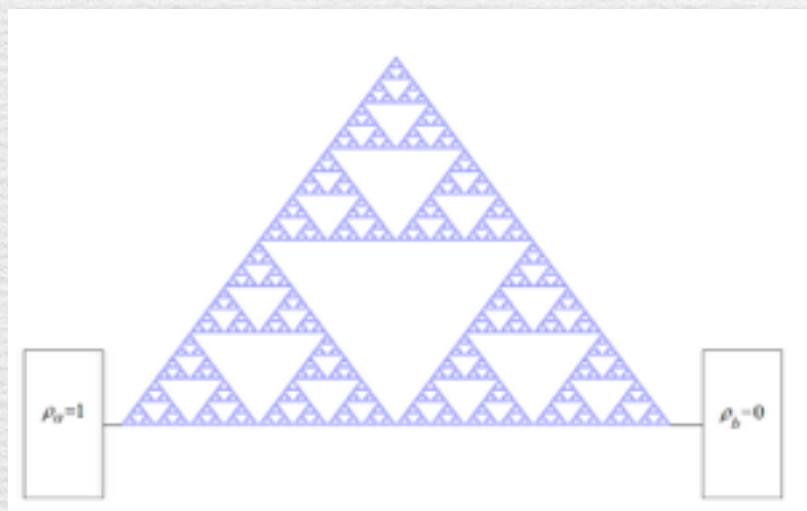
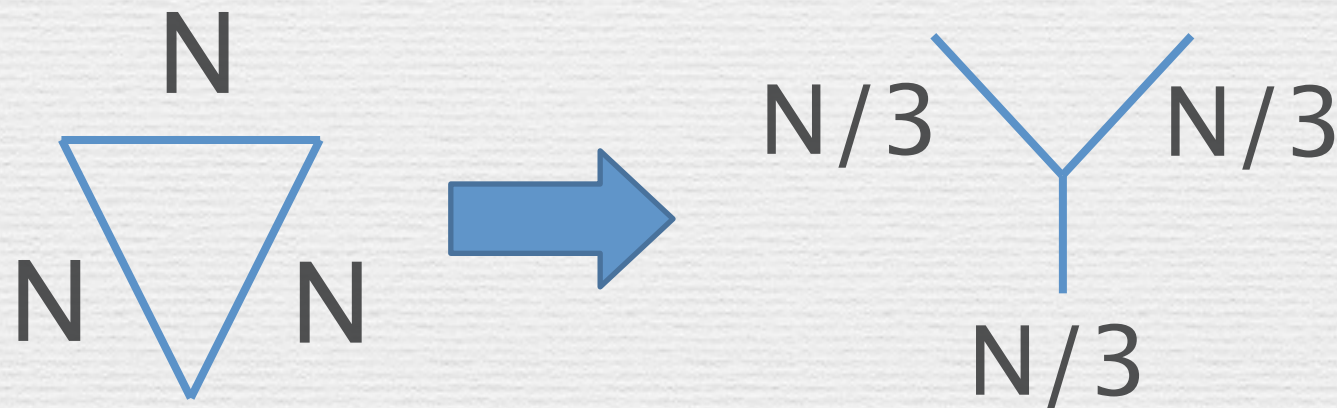


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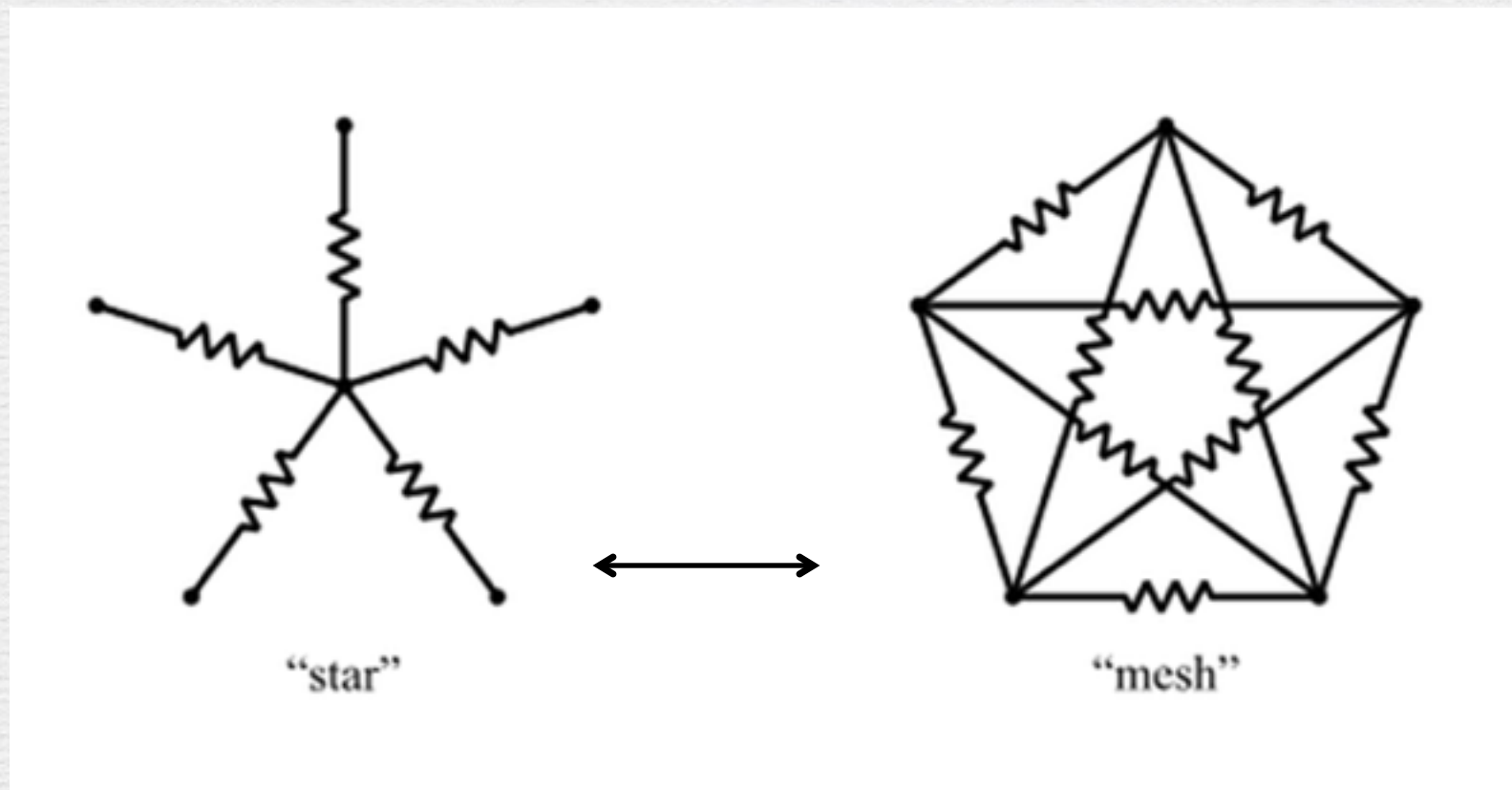
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# Star – mesh transform



- A two-terminal resistor network always has an equivalent resistor
- The equivalent resistor is obtained through repeated use of the star-mesh transform.

The same applies to any SSEP graph



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  2. The scaling assumption applies
  3. There is a steady state

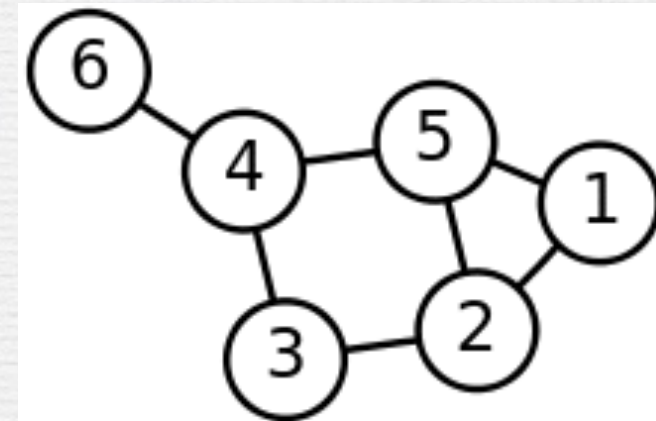


# Energy/Dirichlet forms



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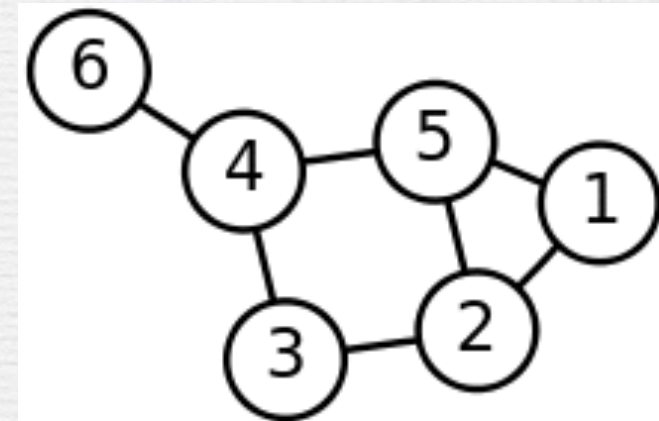


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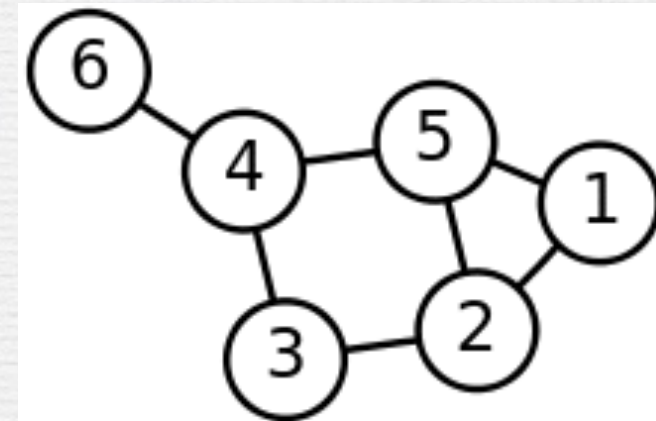
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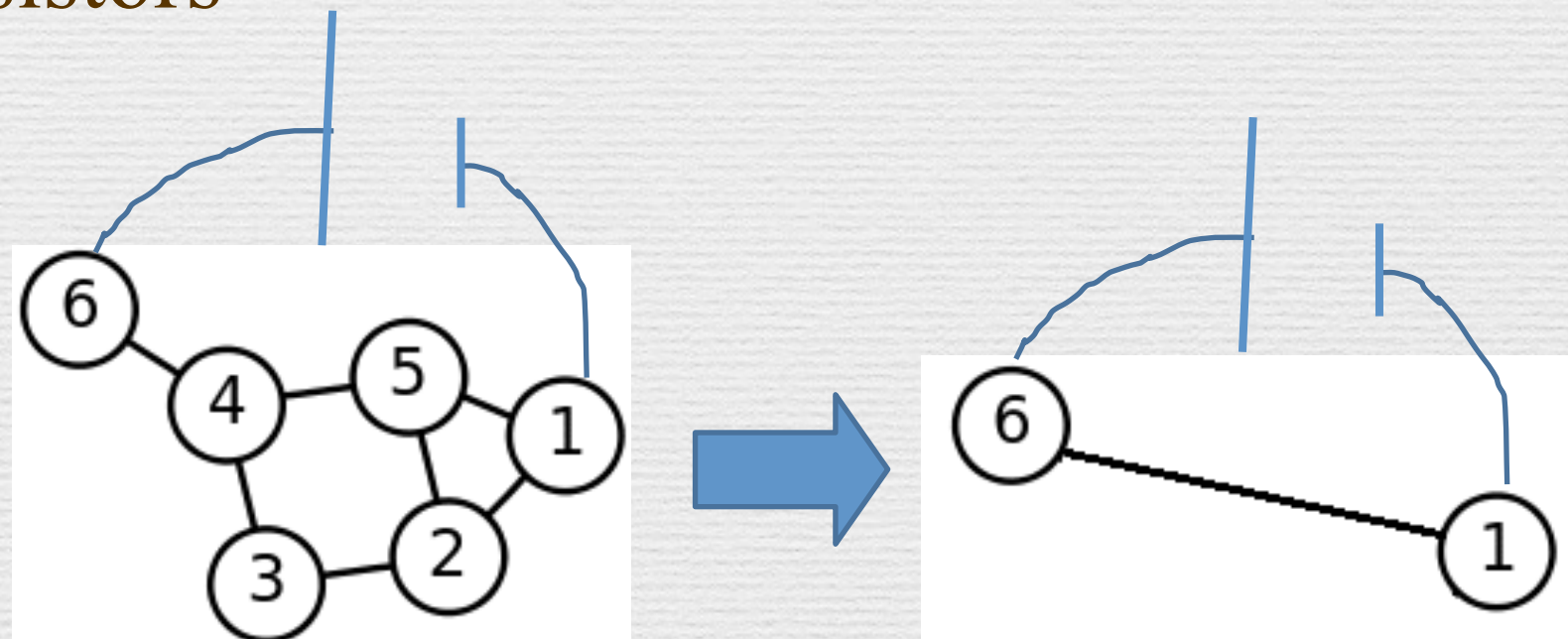
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$h$  - harmonic function





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

(Doyle & Snell)



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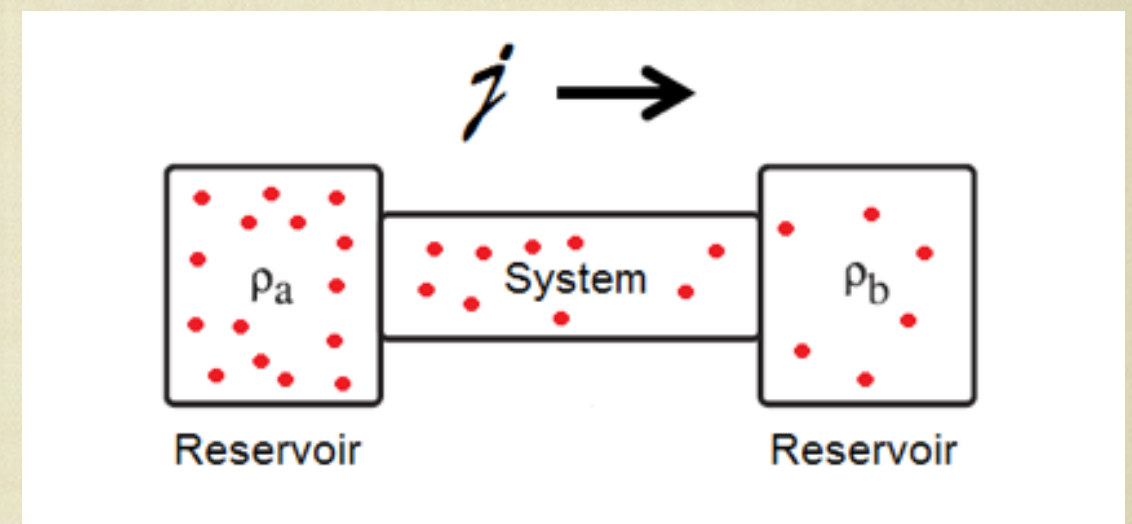
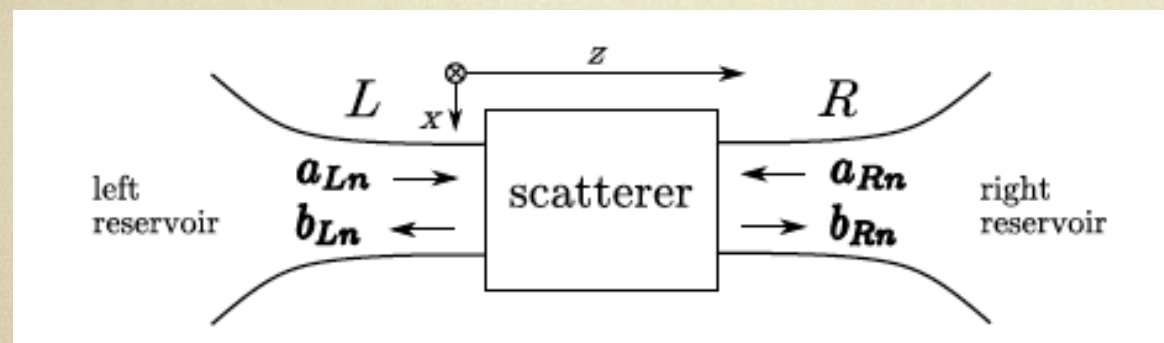
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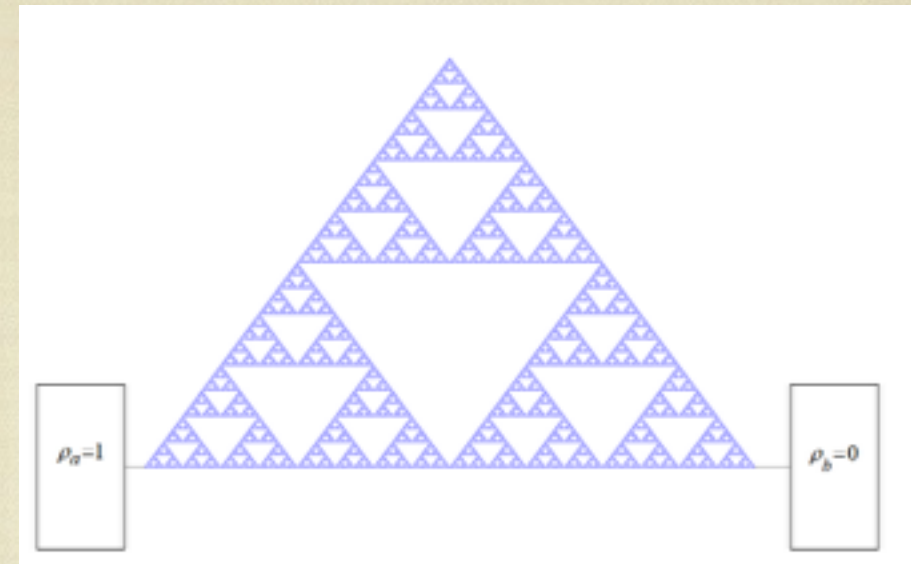
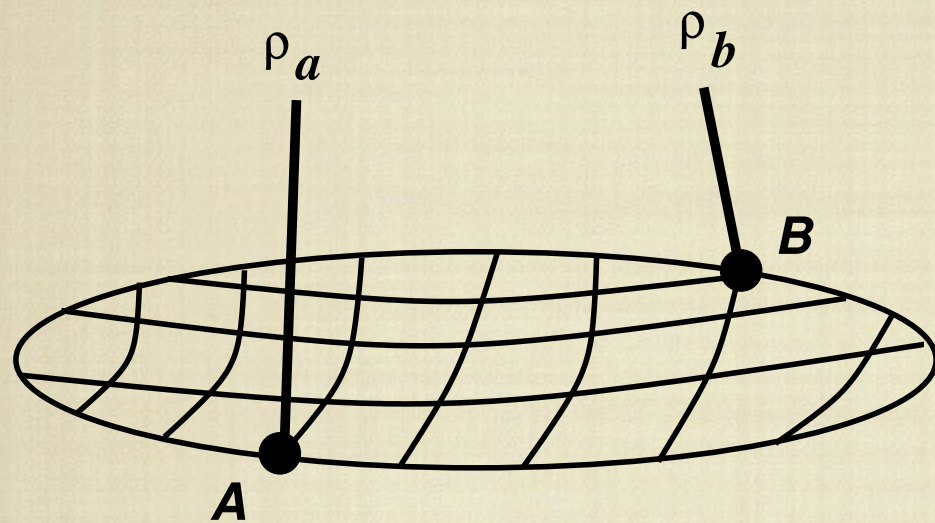
# Summary - further issues

- Full counting statistics of quantum mesoscopic conductors is well described by the classical 1D SSEP model:





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