

Random Matrix Theory and Multiple SLEs: Local Ergodicity of Dyson Brownian Motion and its consequences on the simultaneous growth of multiple SLEs; and other projects

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Abstract

We consider simultaneously growing chordal multiple SLE in \mathbb{H} , with Dyson Brownian motion as a driver. Using results from Random Matrix Theory (RMT), specifically the fast convergence to 'local equilibrium' of the Dyson Brownian motion, we describe how to obtain geometric and probabilistic information on the multiple SLE. We also give the details of a different project on the multiple SLE curves in the radial case in \mathbb{D} . We present a list of future directions, in both the multiple SLE chordal and radial cases.

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1 Introduction to Random Matrix Theory

Random matrices are fundamental objects for the modeling of complex systems. A basic example is the Wigner ensemble. The Wigner matrices H are $N \times N$ symmetric or Hermitian matrices whose entries are random variables that are independent up to the constraint imposed by the symmetry $H = H^*$. Wigner made the observation that the distribution of the distances between consecutive eigenvalues (that is called the gap distribution) follows an universal pattern. Furthermore, he predicted that the universality is not restricted to the Wigner ensemble, but it should hold for any system of sufficient large complexity, described by a large Hamiltonian.

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2 Introduction to SLE Theory

The Loewner equation was introduced by Charles Loewner in 1923 in [26] and it played an important role in the proof of the Bieberbach Conjecture [3] by Louis de Branges in 1985 in [6]. In 2000, Oded Schramm introduced a stochastic version of the Loewner equation in [32]. The stochastic version of the Loewner evolution, i.e. the Schramm-Loewner evolution, SLE_κ , generates a one parameter family of random fractal curves that are proved to describe scaling limits of a number of discrete models that appear in planar Statistical Physics. We refer to [24] for a detailed study of the object and many of its properties.

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4 Preliminaries

In the last years, there were a number of results on Multiple SLEs. We refer the reader to the sequence of papers [5], [16], [8], [19], [9], [29], [2], [18], [25]. In particular, in [5], [16], [8], [19] there

is established a connection between SLE and Random Matrix Theory. Furthermore, in [8], [19] there is a link between the multiple SLE and the Complex Burgers Equation. There is also literature written about the connection between multiple SLEs and Conformal Field Theory (CFT). We refer the reader to [30], as well as [25]. In the paper [22], the authors investigate the pure partition functions of multiple *SLEs* and prove their existence. In addition in [29] the pure partition functions are shown to be positive and they study the explicit one for $\kappa = 4$. In this paper we create a further link between Random Matrix Theory and Schramm-Loewner Evolution.

An important motivation to study the connection between Random Matrix Theory and SLE Theory comes from the work [5] where ideas in the Conformal Field Theory are linked with the predictions offered by the multiple SLE Theory. Specifically, in [5] is argued that the Dyson process is related by a similarity transformation to the quantum Calogero-Sutherland model.

In our model we consider the simultaneous growth that is related via [5] with the Calogero-Sutherland CFT model. In the papers [29] [22] it is discussed the case when the growth is not simultaneous. The difference between the simultaneous and non-simultaneous case in terms of drivers is discussed in [8]. See also [7] for a discussion on this topic. In this paper, we are interested in the simultaneous growth case (that leads to Dyson Brownian motion as driver) and in the future work we would like to study the non-simultaneous growth.

The main goal of this project is to apply results from Random Matrix Theory in order to obtain geometrical information about multiple SLE curves. The main strategy consists of applying results from the analysis of the Dyson Brownian Motion (DBM) at the level of drivers in the Loewner differential equation (LDE) corresponding to multiple *SLE* curves and through typical Loewner theory type analysis (including Carathéodory convergence type estimates, Hausdorff distance type estimates) to push the results at the level of the multiple SLE curves/hulls.

5 Multiple Chordal SLEs in the upper half-plane

We consider the Weyl chamber defined as

$$\mathfrak{W}_n = \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^N : x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_N\}.$$

Let $B_j(t)$, $t \geq 0$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$ be independent one-dimensional standard Brownian motions.

The Dyson Brownian motion with parameter $\beta > 0$ is a system of stochastic differential equations (SDEs) for the interacting particle system on \mathbb{R} $(X_1^N(t), X_2^N(t), \dots, X_N^N(t))$, given by

$$dX_j^N(t) = dB_j(t) + \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq N, k \neq j}^N \frac{dt}{X_j^N(t) - X_k^N(t)},$$

for $t \in [0, T^{X^N}]$ and $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

The initial configuration is $\mathbf{X}^N(0) = x^N \in \mathfrak{W}_n$ and $T^{x^N} = \inf\{\mathbf{X}^N(t) \notin \mathfrak{W}_n\}$.

We set as in [19], $\beta = \frac{8}{\kappa}$. We perform the following time-change $V_j^N(t) = X_j^N(\kappa t/N)$ and obtain the system of SDEs $V^N(t) = (V_1^N(t), \dots, V_N^N(t))$ given by

$$dV_j^N(t) = \sqrt{\kappa} dB_j(t) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{4}{V_j^N(t) - V_k^N(t)} dt, \quad t \in [0, \infty).$$

It is well known that for the Dyson Brownian motion when $\beta \geq 1$, $\forall x^N \in \mathfrak{W}_N$ we have $T^{x^N} = +\infty$, a.s. Next, we define further for $t \in [0, \infty)$ the multiple SLEs

$$\frac{\partial_t(g_t^N(z))}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{2}{g_t^N(z) - V_j^N(t)},$$

$t \geq 0$, $g_0(z) = z \in \mathbb{H}$.

Each realization of the g_t^N , $t \in [0, +\infty)$ determines a time evolution of the n -tuple $(\gamma_1(t)^N, \dots, \gamma_2(t)^N)$. In other words, $g_t^N(z)$ is a conformal map from $\mathbb{H} \setminus \cup_{j=1}^N \gamma_k^N(0, t] \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$, for $t \in [0, \infty)$, where $\gamma^N(0, t] = \cup_{0 \leq s \leq t} \gamma_j^N(s)$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

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6 Dyson Brownian Motion

6.1. Preliminaries. Let $\mathcal{M}_n(\beta)$ be the set of all $n \times n$ real ($\beta = 1$), complex ($\beta = 2$) and quaternion matrices ($\beta = 4$), respectively. Let $\mathcal{S}_n(\beta)$ be the set of self-dual elements in $\mathcal{M}_n(\beta)$. Let M_t be an $\mathcal{S}_n(\beta)$ -valued Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process, meaning that M_t satisfies the SDE

$$dM_t = -M_t dt + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{\beta n}} d(B_t + B_t^*),$$

where B_t is an $n \times n$ matrices, which elements are standard real complex or quaternion Brownian motions, for $\beta = 1, 2$ and 4 respectively. We consider the following system of n Itô equations:

$$d\lambda_t^i = \frac{2}{\sqrt{n\beta}} dB_t^i - \lambda_i dt + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{dt}{\lambda_t^j - \lambda_t^i}, \quad (6.1)$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. The entries $M_t^{i,j}$ $i \leq j$ are then independent O-U processes. It is known that the eigenvalues distribution of the previous system is given by (6.1) version of the Dyson Brownian motion. In this case, since the law of the O-U process is absolutely continuous with respect to Brownian motion in every entry, all the previous results concerning the existence of the traces and the other properties are still valid a.s.

We observe that even if connected with classes of matrices for certain values of the parameter β , the dynamics in (6.1) makes sense also for $\beta \geq 1$ (that corresponds to $\kappa \leq 8$).

In the special cases, when one has the O-U matrix representation, then the analysis of the Dyson Brownian motion, specifically the local ergodicity of the Dyson Brownian motion, gives a tool for proofs of results in Random Matrix Theory. We cover this in more detail in the next section.

We also cover the Local Ergodicity for the Dyson Brownian Motion, for $\beta \geq 1$.

6.2. The three steps strategy in the proof of universality. Let us first define Wigner matrices.

Definition 6.1. *A Wigner matrix is a $N \times N$ random Hermitian matrix $H = H^*$ whose entries H_{ij} satisfy the following conditions.*

- ▶ (i) *The upper-triangular entries $(H_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq j \leq N)$ are independent.*
- ▶ (ii) *For all i, j , we have $\mathbb{E}(H_{ij}) = 0$ and $\mathbb{E}|H_{ij}|^2 = N^{-1}(1 + O(\delta_{ij}))$*
- ▶ (iii) *The random variables $\sqrt{N}H_{ij}$ are bounded in any L^p space, uniformly in N, i, j .*

The fast convergence to local equilibrium appears as one of the steps in the proof of the Universality Conjecture in Random Matrix Theory. We refer the reader to [12] for more details. In short, in [12] the analysis is performed for a Wigner matrix added with a matrix from the Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble (GOE). The analysis is performed in a 'three-step strategy': Local semicircle law and delocalization of eigenvectors, Universality for the Gaussian Divisible Ensemble (GDE) and Approximation by GDE, or alternatively continuity of the eigenvalues under the matrix O-U process up to small times. Now, we give the details of these steps.

Step 1 can be phrased as 'Local semicircle law and delocalization of eigenvectors' (rigidity of the eigenvalues), and it states that the density of eigenvalues is given by the semicircle law not only as a weak limit macroscopically, but also in a high probability at scales containing N^ξ eigenvalues, for all $\xi > 0$, where N is the size of the random matrix. Step 2 is the Universality

for Gaussian divisible ensembles (GDE). The GDE are matrices of the form $H_t = e^{-t/2}H_0 + \sqrt{1 - e^{-t}}H^G$, where $t > 0$ is a parameter, H_0 is a Wigner matrix and H^G is an independent GUE/GOE matrix. The parametrization of H_t is chosen so that H_t can be obtained by an Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (O-U) process starting from H_0 . The aim of Step 2 is to prove the bulk universality of H_t for $t = N^{-\tau}$ for the entire range of $0 < \tau < 1$. In Step 3, one has the following continuity of matrix O-U process: In Theorem 15.2 in [12] it is shown that the changes of the local statistics in the bulk under the matrix O-U process flow, up to time scales $t \ll N^{-1/2}$ are negligible.

6.3. Local Ergodicity of the Dyson Brownian Motion. In this subsection we provide the details of the Local Ergodicity of the Dyson Brownian motion.

Let us consider the density of the semicircle law

$$\varrho_{sc}(x) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{(4 - x^2)_+}.$$

Let us further define

$$n_{sc}(E) := \int_{-\infty}^E \varrho_{sc}(x) dx.$$

We will say that γ_j is the classical location of the j -th eigenvalue

$$\gamma_j = n_{sc}^{-1}(j/N).$$

Let us consider the generator

$$\mathcal{L}_G = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\beta N} \partial_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^N \left(-\frac{1}{2} \lambda_i + \frac{1}{N} \sum_j^{(i)} \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} \right) \partial_i.$$

We consider the Dyson Brownian motion, i.e., dynamics of the eigenvalues $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_N)$ of H_t that is $H_t = e^{-t/2}H_0 + \sqrt{1 - e^{-t}}H^G$, with H_0 Wigner Matrix and H^G an independent matrix from a Gaussian ensemble. We write the distribution of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ of H_t at time t as $f_t(\boldsymbol{\lambda})\mu_G(d\boldsymbol{\lambda})$. We notice that Kolmogorov's forward equation for the evolution of the density f_t takes the form

$$\partial_t f_t = \mathcal{L}_G f_t. \tag{6.2}$$

Let us further consider the following estimate.

A-priori estimate: There exists a $\xi > 0$ such that average rigidity on scale $N^{-1+\xi}$ holds, i.e.,

$$Q = Q_\xi := \sup_{0 \leq t \leq N} \frac{1}{N} \int \sum_{j=1}^N (\lambda_j - \gamma_j)^2 f_t(\lambda) \mu_G(d\lambda) \leq CN^{-2+2\xi} \tag{6.3}$$

with a constant C that is uniformly in N .

The main result on the Local Ergodicity of Dyson Brownian Motion states that if the a-priori estimate from before is satisfied, then the local correlation functions of the measure $f_t \mu_G$ are the same as the corresponding ones for the Gaussian measure, $\mu_G = f_\infty \mu_G$, provided that t is larger than $N^{-1+2\xi}$.

When we have the O-U matrix representation, i.e. in the cases $\kappa = 4, \kappa = 8$ that correspond to $\beta = 2$ (GUE) and $\beta = 1$ respectively, the probability distribution of the eigenvalues at the time t , $f_t \mu_G$, is the same as that of the Gaussian divisible matrix

$$H_t = e^{-t/2} H_0 + (1 - e^{-t})^{1/2} H^G,$$

where H_0 is the initial Wigner matrix and H^G is an independent standard GUE (or GOE) matrix.

However, note that the next result is true for any $\beta \geq 1$, i.e for $\kappa \leq 8$. Also, there is a stronger result ([23]), i.e. fixed energy universality for $\beta = 1$, that we plan to adapt for $\beta = 2$, and use in that form in a future project,

For general $\beta \geq 1$, instead of eigenvalues, we think of an interacting particles system (x_1, \dots, x_N) on the real line of which dynamics is described via the Dyson BM equations.

In general, the n -point correlation functions of the probability measure ν are defined by

$$p_{\nu, N}^{(n)}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^{N-n}} \nu(\mathbf{x}) dx_{n+1} \dots dx_N, \quad \mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N).$$

In particular, when $\nu = f_t d\mu_G$, one has

$$p_{t, N}^{(n)}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = p_{f_t \mu_G, N}^{(n)}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

We also use, as in [12], $p_{G, N}^{(n)}$ for $p_{\mu_G, N}^{(n)}$. When considering the O-U matrix representation case (i.e. $\beta = 1, 2$), one has the following result.

Theorem 6.2 (Theorem 12.4 in [12]). *[Local ergodicity of DBM] Suppose that for some exponent $\xi \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$, the average rigidity, i.e. the a priori estimate (6.3), holds for the solution f_t of the forward equation (6.2) on scale $N^{-1+\xi}$. Additionally, suppose that in the bulk the rigidity holds on scale $N^{-1+\xi}$ even without averaging, i.e., for any $\kappa > 0$*

$$\sup_{\kappa N \leq j \leq (1-\kappa)N} |\lambda_j - \gamma_j| \prec N^{-1+\xi}$$

holds for any $t \in [N^{-1+2\xi}, N]$ if $N \geq N_0(\xi, \kappa)$ is large enough. Let $E \in (-2, 2)$ and $b = b_N > 0$ such that $[E - b, E + b] \subset (-2, 2)$. Then for any integer $n \geq 1$ and for any compactly supported smooth test function $O : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we have, for any $t \in [N^{-1+2\xi}, N]$

$$\left| \int_{E-b}^{E+b} \frac{dE'}{2b} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d\alpha O(\alpha) \left(p_{t,N}^{(n)} - p_{G,N}^{(n)} \right) \left(E' + \frac{\alpha}{N} \right) \right| \leq N^\varepsilon \left[\frac{N^{-1+\xi}}{b} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{bNt}} \right] \|O\|_{C^1}, \quad (6.4)$$

for any N sufficiently large, $N \geq N_0(n, \xi, \kappa)$.

In the same manner, the correlation functions of the equilibrium measure μ of the DBM, are denoted by

$$p_{\mu,N}^{(k)}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^{N-k}} \mu(\mathbf{x}) dx_{k+1} \dots dx_N$$

Following, [11], we have the following result for $\beta \geq 1$.

Theorem 6.3 (Theorem 2.1 of [11]). *Let \mathcal{N}_I denote the number of eigenvalues in an interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$. Suppose the initial density f_0 satisfies $S_\mu(f_0) := \int f_0 \log f_0 d\mu \leq CN^m$ with some fixed exponent m independent of N . Let f_t be the solution of the forward equation (6.2). Suppose that the following three assumptions are satisfied for all sufficiently large N*

- For some $\mathfrak{a} > 0$ we have

$$Q \leq N^{-2\mathfrak{a}}.$$

- There exist constants $\mathfrak{b} > 0$ and $\mathfrak{c} > 0$ such that

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \int \mathbf{1} \left\{ \max_{j=1, \dots, N} |x_j - \gamma_j| \geq N^{-\mathfrak{b}} \right\} f_t d\mu \leq \exp[-N^\mathfrak{c}].$$

- For any compact subinterval $I_0 \subset (-2, 2)$, and for any $\delta > 0, \sigma > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ there is a constant C_n depending on I_0, δ and σ such that for any interval $I \subset I_0$ with $|I| \geq N^{-1+\sigma}$ and for any $K \geq 1$, we have

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \int \mathbf{1} \{ \mathcal{N}_I \geq KN|I| \} f_t d\mu \leq C_n K^{-n}.$$

Let $E \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $|E| < 2$ and let $0 < b < 2 - |E|$. There exists a constant $\zeta > 0$, depending only on \mathfrak{a} and \mathfrak{b} , such that, for any integer $k \geq 1$ and for any compactly supported continuous test function $O : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we have have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{E-b}^{E+b} \frac{dE'}{2b} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} d\alpha_1 \dots d\alpha_k O(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) \\ \times \frac{1}{\varrho_{sc}(E)^k} \left(p_{t,N}^{(k)} - p_{\mu,N}^{(k)} \right) \left(E' + \frac{\alpha_1}{N\varrho_{sc}(E)}, \dots, E' + \frac{\alpha_k}{N\varrho_{sc}(E)} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for $t = N^{-\zeta}$.

We use these results in the next sections, at the level of drivers of the multiple SLEs. The goal is to translate this result via the multiple Loewner Differential Equation (LDE) to the level of hulls/curves.

7 Results in [20] that need to be adapted to the multiple SLE curves

Lemma 7.1 (Lemma 6.1 in [20]). *For each $\delta > 0$ and $T > 0$ there exists a constant $C(T, \delta)$ such that the following holds. Let $h_k(t, z), k = 1, 2$ be the solutions of backward LDE with the continuous driving terms $(W_k(t))_{t \in [0, T]}, k = 1, 2$, respectively. Then they satisfy*

$$|h_1(T, z_1) - h_2(T, z_2)| \leq C(T, \delta) \left(\|W_1 - W_2\|_{\infty, [0, T]} + |z_1 - z_2| \right),$$

for any z_1, z_2 , such that $\text{Im } z_k > \delta > 0$.

For the proof of the previous lemma, one considers $h_k(t, z), k = 1, 2$ be the solutions of the backward LDE with the continuous driving terms $(W_k(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$, which we also consider to be fixed. Moreover, one writes $\psi(t) = h_1(t, z_1) - h_2(t, z_2)$. Then, one considers

$$\partial_t \psi(t) = \zeta(t)(\psi(t) - D(t)),$$

where $\zeta(t) = 2 / ((h_1(t, z_1) - W_1(t))(h_2(t, z_2) - W_2(t)))$ and $D(t) = W_1(t) - W_2(t)$.

Furthermore, $\partial_t \left(e^{-\int_0^t \zeta(s) ds} \psi(t) \right) = -\zeta(t) e^{-\int_0^t \zeta(s) ds} D(t)$ using an integrating factor. Hence

$$\psi(t) = e^{\int_0^t \zeta(s) ds} \psi(0) - \int_0^t \zeta(u) e^{\int_u^t \zeta(s) ds} D(u) du.$$

In order to obtain the result, on the right hand side it is considered the uniform estimate on $[0, T]$ between the drivers.

In our case, we will consider different topology. Moreover, we will do the analysis for the multiple Loewner differential equation with simultaneous growth, as described in the Preliminaries section.

Similarly, we have

Lemma 7.2. *For each $\delta > 0$ and $T > 0$ there exists a constant $C(T, \delta)$ such that the following holds. Let $g_k(t, z), k = 1, 2$ be the solutions of forward LDE with the continuous driving terms $(W_k(t))_{t \in [0, T]}, k = 1, 2$, respectively*

$$|g_1(T, z_1) - g_2(T, z_2)| \leq C(T, \delta) \left(\|W_1 - W_2\|_{\infty, [0, T]} + |z_1 - z_2| \right),$$

for any z_1, z_2 such that $\text{Im } g_k(T, z_k) > \delta > 0$.

Proof. The proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 6.1. The only difference is that we replace $\psi(t)$ by $\psi(t) = g_1(t, z_1) - g_2(t, z_1)$ and $\zeta(t)$ by $\zeta(t) = -2 / ((g_1(t, z_1) - W_1(t))(g_2(t, z_2) - W_2(t)))$. Then I_k is given as and bounded by $I_k = \int_0^t 2 |g_k(s, z_k) - W_k(s)|^{-2} ds \leq \log \frac{\text{Im } z_k}{\text{Im } g_k(t, z_k)} \leq \log \frac{\text{Im } z_k}{\max\{\delta, \sqrt{((\text{Im } z_k)^2 - 4t)^+}\}}$, where $a^+ = \max\{a, 0\}$. \square

The final result that one gets in this form is the following.

Proposition 7.3 (Proposition 6.2. in [20]). *Let K_0 be a hull and $G \subset \mathbb{H} \setminus K_0$ be a compact set. Then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that if $g_k, k = 1, 2$, are two Loewner chains such that $K_k(T) \subset K_0$ for $k = 1, 2$, then*

$$\|g_1 - g_2\|_{\infty, [0, T] \times G} \leq C \|W_1 - W_2\|_{\infty, [0, T]}.$$

Proof. The claim follows directly from Lemma 6.2 \square

In our case, using the type of convergence (local ergodicity or fixed energy) we want to prove with the same type of idea a Caratheodory, Hausdorff convergence at the level of curves/drivers.

8 Main results

Even though the results on the fast convergence to local equilibrium of the Dyson Brownian motion are valid for all $\beta \geq 1$, i.e. $\kappa \leq 8$, we focus on the regime $\kappa \leq 4$, in order to work with simple curves, for simplicity. We plan to study the case $8 \geq \kappa > 4$ in a future project.

Theorem 8.1. *Let $\beta \geq 2$, i.e. $\kappa \leq 4$. Let us consider N -multiple SLE curves up to the first hitting time in the upper half-plane. Then, for any choice of initial conditions of Dyson BM, respecting the assumptions of Theorem 6.3, we have that, for $t \geq \frac{1}{N\zeta}$, for some $\zeta > 0$, for any $k \geq 1$, the convergence of k -point correlations at the level of drivers, in the sense of (6.3), as $N \rightarrow \infty$, gives the convergence of the k -marginals*

$$\mathbb{P}_N^k(g_t^N(z) \in A_N, \text{ for } z \in G_N) \rightarrow \mu^k(g_t(z) \in A, \text{ for } z \in G_\infty), \quad (8.1)$$

(in a sense to be defined), as $N \rightarrow \infty$, where μ is the equilibrium measure for the Dyson BM, $G_N, G_\infty \subset \mathbb{H}$, and A_N, A are Borel sets.

Remark 8.2. Using a similar argument as the one in [15], one can obtain multiple SLE curves, for $\kappa \leq 4$, that do not touch each other until they reach the target. Then, in the case of simple curves, we have that the result in the Carathéodory sense gives the result in the Hausdorff sense.

Proof. [Sketch of the proof for the $\kappa \leq 8$ case]

8.1. Control at the level of drivers.

- For $t \geq N^{-\zeta}$, the control on the drivers is given by the local ergodicity of the Dyson BM for $\beta \geq 1$, i.e. $\kappa \leq 8$ (see Theorem 6.3).

8.2. From the drivers to the hulls; adaptation to the multiple SLE curves and the work [18] .

- We adapt the results in Section 7 for any hulls to the multiple SLE case, especially Proposition 7.3 by considering different topology at the level of drivers. Section 4.3 in [18], especially after the equation (4.12), in [18] provides ideas for the iterated growth of multiple *SLE*. The same idea works in the simultaneous growth case.
- One can also use the result in Sec. 4.3 in [18], if assuming the usual Kemppainen-Smirnov crossing conditions (see [21]). In Sec. 4.3 of [18], it is shown that weak convergence of the iterated driving functions implies weak convergence of curves in the sup-norm (and thus also Hausdorff and Carathéodory) topology. The same idea works in the simultaneous growth case.
- In order to achieve the final result, we couple and compare the Dyson BM started from random initial conditions that respect the conditions of Theorem 6.4, and Dyson BM started from the equilibrium measure and then use the multiple Loewner Differential Equation to perform the analysis from the drivers to the hulls.

□

In the special case $\kappa = 4$ using the elements of the proof of the Universality in [12], one obtains the following result. Given the connection with the O-U matrix representation, then one can get also control over the dynamics over time $t \leq N^{-\zeta}$, compared with the general case $\beta \geq 1$, where the control is obtained in time, only after $t \geq N^{-\zeta}$.

Theorem 8.3. *Let $\kappa = 4$. Let us consider N -multiple SLE curves in the upper half-plane to the first hitting time. Then, for any choice of initial conditions of the Dyson BM, respecting the*

assumptions of Theorem 6.4, we have that, for any $k \geq 1$, the convergence of k -point correlations at the level of drivers, in the sense of (6.4), as $N \rightarrow \infty$, gives the convergence of the k -marginals

$$\mathbb{P}_N^k(g_t^N(z) \in A_N, \text{ for } z \in G_N) \rightarrow \mu^k(g_t(z) \in A, \text{ for } z \in G_\infty), \quad (8.2)$$

(in a sense to be defined), as $N \rightarrow \infty$, where μ is the equilibrium measure for the Dyson BM, $G_N, G_\infty \subset \mathbb{H}$, and A_N, A are Borel sets.

Corollary 8.4 (Corollary of Theorem 8.3). *One corollary of the result in [10] gives that the probability to find no eigenvalue in a certain interval that is precisely stated in the paper, after averaging in the interval of size $N^{-1+\delta}$ around a point $u_0 \in (-2, 2)$ is the same as in the GUE case.*

Proof. [Sketch of the proof for the $\kappa = 4$ case]

The proof is similar with the one of Theorem 8.1, with the following difference.

8.3. Control at the level of drivers.

- For $t \geq N^{-\zeta}$

As before, the control on this regime, it is obtained via the Local Ergodicity of the Dyson BM driver (see Theorem 6.4).

- For $t \leq N^{-\zeta}$

Since $\kappa = 4$, i.e. $\beta = 2$, we use the third step in the proof of the Universality in Random Matrix Theory (see Section 6.2). Using the continuity of the matrix O-U process we show that the changes of the local statistics in the bulk under the matrix O-U process flow, up to time scales $t \ll N^{-1/2}$ are negligible (in the sense of Theorem 15.2 in [12]).

8.4. From the drivers to the hulls; adaptation to the multiple SLE curves and the work [18].

The next steps of the proof, i.e. the analysis from the drivers to the hulls and the coupling argument, are done in the same manner as the previous result.

□

Corollary 8.5 (Independence on initial conditions of the asymptotic multiple SLE growth model).

Theorem 8.1 can be interpreted as an independence on initial conditions that respect certain assumptions, for the growth model of N SLE curves, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, in time less than $N^{-\zeta}$, for

some $\zeta > 0$. These type of results are useful in the context of study of the scaling limits of Random Growth Models (see also [27], [28]).

9 Updated strategy to prove both main results, Theorem 8.1 and Theorem 8.3

Let $z \in G_N$ compacts, such that $g_t^V(z)$ and $g_t^B(z)$ has no blow-up in finite time. Let us couple the following simultaneous growth multiple Loewner chains

$$dg_t^V(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{g_t^V(z) - V_t^i} dt,$$

$$dg_t^B(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{g_t^B(z) - B_t^i} dt.$$

In the previous formulas, V_t^i are jointly distributed such that the assumptions of the fast relaxation to local equilibrium of Dyson Brownian Motion are satisfied. The second pair of multiple drivers B_t^i are jointly distributed according to the equilibrium measure of the Dyson Brownian motion (i.e. the second dynamics starts directly from the equilibrium).

Equivalently, we write

$$N dg_t^V(z) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{g_t^V(z) - V_t^i} dt,$$

$$N dg_t^B(z) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{g_t^B(z) - B_t^i} dt.$$

We have

$$d(g_t^V(z) - V_t^1) + d(g_t^V(z) - V_t^2) + \cdots + d(g_t^V(z) - V_t^N) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\left(\frac{2}{g_t^V(z) - V_t^i} \right) - dV_t^i \right],$$

and similarly

$$d(g_t^B(z) - B_t^1) + d(g_t^B(z) - B_t^2) + \cdots + d(g_t^B(z) - B_t^N) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\left(\frac{2}{g_t^B(z) - B_t^i} \right) - dB_t^i \right].$$

We define $\tilde{g}_t^{V_i} := g_t^V(z) - V_t^i, i \in 1, \dots, N$ and $\tilde{g}_t^{B_i} := g_t^B(z) - B_t^i, i \in 1, \dots, N$.

Then, the equations become

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{g}_t^{V_i} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\int_0^t \frac{2}{\tilde{g}_t^{V_i}} dt - V_t^i \right)$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{g}_t^{B_i} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\int_0^t \frac{2}{\tilde{g}_t^{B_i}} dt - B_t^i \right).$$

We are interested in estimating

$$\int_{E-b}^{E+b} \frac{dE'}{2b} \mathbb{E} \left[F \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{g}_t^{V_i} \right) \right] - \int_{E-b}^{E+b} \frac{dE'}{2b} \mathbb{E}_\mu \left[F \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{g}_t^{B_i} \right) \right],$$

as $N \rightarrow \infty$, for F test functions.

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{E-b}^{E+b} \frac{dE'}{2b} \mathbb{E} \left[F \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{g}_t^{V_i} \right) \right] - \int_{E-b}^{E+b} \frac{dE'}{2b} \mathbb{E}_\mu \left[F \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{g}_t^{B_i} \right) \right] \\ &= \int_{E-b}^{E+b} \frac{dE'}{2b} \left(\mathbb{E} \left[F \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \int_0^t \frac{2}{\tilde{g}_t^{V_i}(z)} dt \right) \right] \right) - \left(\mathbb{E}_\mu \left[F \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \int_0^t \frac{2}{\tilde{g}_t^{B_i}(z)} dt \right) \right] \right) \\ & \quad + \int_{E-b}^{E+b} \frac{dE'}{2b} \left(\mathbb{E} \left[F \left(\sum_{i=1}^N V_t^i \right) \right] - \mathbb{E}_\mu \left[F \left(\sum_{i=1}^N B_t^i \right) \right] \right). \end{aligned}$$

The convergence of the second term on the RHS, as $N \rightarrow \infty$ (when considering the drivers written as in the Local Ergodicity result, Theorem 6.3), follows from Theorem 6.3.

For the first term in the RHS, we use that the sigma-algebra of the k -point correlations, for any $k \geq 1$, generates the same sigma-algebra as the Dyson Brownian Motion process for $t \in [0, T]$. In our case, we have the convergence of the k -point correlations in the averaged sense. Note that in [31], the universality of β -ensembles is proved without further averaging. However, in that case there is no dynamics as the system is already in equilibrium. In that case, it is direct to use the fact that the sigma-algebra of the k -point correlations is the same as the one of the Dyson Brownian Motion Process, for $t \in [0, T]$.

In our case, we check that the averaging of the k -point correlations is enough to give the information needed to obtain the averaging convergence of the integrals, i.e. the first terms in the RHS.

Another strategy, is to consider a Random Matrix Model in which we add a random variable to each entry sampled from a distribution in order to obtain the averaging effect via the

displacement of the window of energies, and smooth out the density of the eigenvalues (to make the density of the eigenvalues smoother than in the case of Bernoulli-type entries, for example).

For the general case $\beta \geq 2$, in order to obtain the estimate at the level of hulls/curves, after $t \geq N^{-\zeta}$, for some $\zeta > 0$, one can study the following form of the multiple Loewner Differential Equation. Let us fix some deterministic time $s > 0$, and let \tilde{g}_t be the solution of the Loewner equation with driving functions $\tilde{V}_t^i = V_{s+t}^i, t \geq 0, \forall i \in 1, \dots, N$. We omit in the notation the superscripts in order to not overburden the reader. This solution can be obtained by $g_{s+t} \circ g_s^{-1}$.

$$\partial_t g_{s+t} \circ g_s^{-1}(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{g_{s+t} \circ g_s^{-1}(z) - V_{s+t}^i} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2}{g_{s+t} \circ g_s^{-1}(z) - \tilde{V}_t^i}$$

and $g_s \circ g_s^{-1}(z) = z$. By the uniqueness of solution of the equation above, we have $\tilde{g}_t(z) = g_{s+t} \circ g_s^{-1}(z)$. We can choose $s = \frac{1}{N^\zeta}$, for $\zeta > 0$ as in Theorem 6.3 and study this dynamics.

For $\beta = 2$, using the control on times $t \in [0, N^{-\zeta}]$, there is no need to consider the above chain.

In the case, there is no further averaging (for example, by a stronger result than Theorem 6.3), then the main estimate from this section, will be obtained in a direct manner without the further averaging in the energy windows.

10 Brownian carousel and the local statistics of the multiple SLE curves

It is known that when β takes the special values $\beta = 1, 2, 4$, the correlation functions can be explicitly expressed. Thus, the analysis of the correlation functions relies heavily on the asymptotic properties of the corresponding orthogonal polynomials.

For non-classical values of β , i.e., $\beta \notin \{1, 2, 4\}$, there is no simple expression of the correlation functions in terms of orthogonal polynomials. In [35] it is proved that in the Gaussian case, i.e., when V is quadratic, the measure describes eigenvalues of tri-diagonal matrices. This idea allowed to establish, between others, the local spacing distributions of the Gaussian β -ensembles in [35].

Specifically, the Brownian carousel studied in [35] gives information about the local statistics of the eigenvalues for the general $\beta \geq 1$. We study the consequences of this representation at the level of drivers to the level of multiple SLE curves.

Moreover, in another direction of study, we want to use that in [4], the authors prove that

the local spacing distributions are independent of the potential V for certain class of V , for any $\beta \geq 1$.

[to be completed]

11 Starting from stationarity

In the previous section, we argued that given a range of random initial conditions, then the Dyson BM reaches in fast time the local equilibrium ('forgetting very fast the initial conditions').

In a different project, we plan to start directly from stationarity the Dyson Brownian motion as a driver of the multiple SLE curves. Computations involving the Dyson BM and the LDE will give new results in this case as well, as the flow of the Dyson BM at the level of drivers will leave the distribution invariant. Then one will get directly the uniform control over time that is needed for the Carathéodory result. [to be completed with the details].

12 Multiple Radial SLEs on the unit disk and the Circular β Ensembles

An important paper in this direction is the work of Cardy in [5]. In [5] it is introduced the framework for this type of analysis but the analysis in the paper leads to a different exponent $\beta = \frac{4}{\kappa}$. However, there is a corrected version published later by Cardy where the factor $\beta = \frac{8}{\kappa}$ is obtained.

12.1. Brief summary on the project on the multiple radial SLE and Circular Dyson Brownian motion with Vivian Healey. In this section, we give a brief description of the work in [15], in order to connect the main result with a theorem on the smallest gap distribution of the Circular Ensembles (see [13]). This joint project with Vivian Healey is detached from the previous independent work.

Let $a = \frac{2}{\kappa}$. We fix positive integer n and let $\theta = (\theta^1, \dots, \theta^n)$ with $\theta^1 < \dots < \theta^n < \theta^1 + \pi$. We further consider $z^j = \exp\{2i\theta^j\}$ and $\mathbf{z} = (z^1, \dots, z^n)$. Then, z^1, \dots, z^n are n distinct points on the unit circle ordered counterclockwise. Let $\gamma = (\gamma^1, \dots, \gamma^n)$ be an n -tuple of curves $\gamma^j : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}$ with $\gamma^j(0+) = z^j$ and $\gamma^j(\infty) = 0$. We write γ_t^j for $\gamma^j[0, t]$ and $\gamma_t = (\gamma_t^1, \dots, \gamma_t^n)$.

In the following, we introduce some notations from [15].

- Let D_t^j, D_t be the connected components of $\mathbb{D} \setminus \gamma_t^j, \mathbb{D} \setminus \gamma_t$, respectively, containing the origin. Let $g_t^j : D_t^j \rightarrow \mathbb{D}, g_t : D_t \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ be the unique conformal transformations with

$$g_t^j(0) = g_t(0) = 0, \quad (g_t^j)'(0), g_t'(0) > 0$$

- Let T be the first time t such that $\gamma_t^j \cap \gamma_t^k \neq \emptyset$ for some $1 \leq j < k \leq n$. Define $z_t^j = \exp \left\{ 2i\theta_t^j \right\}$ by $g_t(\gamma_t^j(t)) = z_t^j$. Let $\mathbf{z}_t = (z_t^1, \dots, z_t^n), \boldsymbol{\theta}_t = (\theta_t^1, \dots, \theta_t^n)$. For $\zeta \in \mathbb{H}$, define $h_t(\zeta)$ to be the continuous function of t with $h_0(\zeta) = \zeta$ and

$$g_t(e^{2i\zeta}) = e^{2ih_t(\zeta)}.$$

Note that if $\zeta \in \mathbb{R}$ so that $e^{2i\zeta} \in \partial\mathbb{D}$, we can differentiate with respect to ζ to get

$$|g_t'(e^{2i\zeta})| = h_t'(\zeta).$$

- More generally, if $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, \dots, t_n)$ is an n -tuple of times, we define $\gamma_{\mathbf{t}}, D_{\mathbf{t}}, g_{\mathbf{t}}$. We let

$$\alpha(\mathbf{t}) = \log g_{\mathbf{t}}'(0).$$

We will say that the curves have the common (capacity a-) parameterization, if for each t

$$\partial_j \alpha(t, t, \dots, t) = 2a, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

In particular,

$$g_t'(0) = e^{2ant}.$$

The common parametrization terminology in [15] is equivalent with the simultaneous growth terminology in [16] .

Proposition 12.1 (Proposition 3.1 in [15]). *[Radial Loewner equation] If γ_t has the common parameterization, then for $t < T$, the functions g_t, h_t satisfy*

$$\dot{g}_t(w) = 2ag_t(w) \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{z_t^j + g_t(w)}{z_t^j - g_t(w)}, \quad \dot{h}_t(\zeta) = a \sum_{j=1}^n \cot \left(h_t(\zeta) - \theta_t^j \right)$$

If ∂D_t contains an open arc of $\partial\mathbb{D}$ including $w = e^{2i\zeta}$, then

$$|g_t'(w)| = \exp \left\{ -a \int_0^t \sum_{j=1}^n \csc^2 \left(h_s(\zeta) - \theta_s^j \right) ds \right\}$$

In what follows next, we distinguish between three families of measures (that are being sequentially obtained one from another via tilting with some martingales).

- \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{E} will denote independent SLE_κ with the common parameterization;
- $\mathbb{P}_*, \mathbb{E}_*$ will denote locally independent SLE_κ ;
- \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{E} will denote n -radial SLE_κ .

Define

$$F_\alpha(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{1 \leq j < k \leq n} \left| \sin(\theta^k - \theta^j) \right|^\alpha.$$

Let \mathbb{P} denote the measure on n independent radial SLE_κ curves from θ_0 to 0 with the a -common parameterization.

In Section 3.2, of [15], it is obtained \mathbb{P}_* from \mathbb{P} by tilting by a \mathbb{P} -local martingale M_t . After that, it is obtained \mathcal{P} from \mathbb{P}_* by tilting by a \mathbb{P}_* -local martingale $N_{t,T}$ and then letting $T \rightarrow \infty$. Equivalently, it is obtained \mathcal{P} from \mathbb{P} by tilting by $\tilde{N}_{t,T} := M_t N_{t,T}$ and letting $T \rightarrow \infty$, where all the martingales described above are explicit in [15].

Let $L_t^j = L_t^j(\gamma_t)$ be the set of loops ℓ with $s(\ell) < s^j(\ell)$ and $s(\ell) \leq t$. Define

$$\mathcal{L}_t = I_t \exp \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{c}}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n m_{\mathbb{D}}(L_t^j) \right\}$$

Here I_t is the indicator function that $\gamma_t^j \cap \gamma_t^k = \emptyset$ for $j \neq k$.

Theorem 12.2 (Theorem 3.12. of [15]). *Let $0 < \kappa \leq 4$. Let $t > 0$ be fixed. For each $T > t$, let $\mu_T = \mu_{T,t}$ denote the measure whose Radon-Nikodym derivative with respect to \mathbb{P} is*

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}_T}{\mathbb{E}^{\boldsymbol{\theta}_0}[\mathcal{L}_T]}.$$

Then as $T \rightarrow \infty$, the measure $\mu_{T,t}$ approaches \mathcal{P} with respect to the variation distance. Furthermore, the driving functions $z_t^j = e^{2i\theta_t^j}$ satisfy

$$d\theta_t^j = 2a \sum_{k \neq j} \cot(\theta_t^j - \theta_t^k) dt + dW_t^j,$$

where W_t^j are independent standard Brownian motions in \mathcal{P} .

One of the essential identities in the proof of the above theorem is the following

$$\frac{d\mu_{T,t}/d\mathbb{P}_t}{d\mathcal{P}_t/d\mathbb{P}_t} = 1 + O\left(e^{-u(T-t)}\right).$$

The right-hand side depends on T but also inside the O notation, there is an N dependence, that we will make explicit. The previous result, it is proved for fixed N , where N is the number of curves. In order to apply results from Random Matrices, we are interested in the asymptotic in N . In our case, in the previous expression, we take T and N simultaneous to $+\infty$, in order to use the next result from Random Matrix Theory (that is a direct consequence of the main result in [13]).

Corollary 12.3 (Corollary 1 of [13]). *Let's denote m_k as the k -th smallest gap, and*

$$\tau_k = n^{(\beta+2)/(\beta+1)} \times (A_\beta/(\beta+1))^{1/(\beta+1)} m_k,$$

with A_β an explicit factor in β . Then, for any bounded interval $A \subset \mathbb{R}_+$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{P}(\tau_k \in A) = \int_A \frac{\beta+1}{(k-1)!} x^{k(\beta+1)-1} e^{-x^{\beta+1}} dx$$

In particular, the limiting density function for τ_1 is

$$(\beta+1)x^\beta e^{-x^{\beta+1}}.$$

One of the main goals of the project is to use the previous result from Random Matrix Theory literature concerning the distribution of the smallest gap in the case of general Circular Ensembles, to obtain new geometric information on the multiple SLE curves.

Another possibility that we investigate is to start from stationarity and perform computations using the equilibrium measure of the Dyson BM and the simultaneous growth multiple Loewner Differential Equation.

13 Future projects

13.1. Main directions to investigate further in the Multiple Chordal SLE case.

- 0) Perform the analysis and obtain the corresponding result for $8 \geq \kappa \geq 4$.

In this context, we have the following lemma that establishes a connection between the parameters corresponding to SLE duality and the corresponding one in the β ensembles.

Lemma 13.1. *Let $\kappa, \kappa' \in \mathbb{R}_+$ and let $\beta = \frac{8}{\kappa}$ and $\beta' = \frac{8}{\kappa'}$. Then, the relation $\beta' = \frac{\beta}{4}$ is equivalent with the κ duality in SLE_κ theory, i.e. $\kappa' = 16/\kappa$.*

Proof. Let $\beta = 8/\kappa$ and $\beta' = 8/\kappa'$. Then, $\beta = 4/\beta'$ is equivalent with $8/\kappa = 4\kappa'/8 = \kappa'/2$. Thus, $\kappa' = 16/\kappa$. \square

We want to use the duality results of SLE Theory to obtain some new information about results in Random Matrix Theory.

- 1) Use the Fixed energy Universality proof in [23] to redo the proof for $\kappa = 4$. Then, the fixed energy result for $\kappa = 4$, it implies the averaging result, and then obtains the main results in this draft in a stronger form.
- 1.b) Provide the same analysis using the universality at the edge (Theorem 18.7 in Section 18.4 of [12]) (note that is not formulated in the averaged sense) and Theorem 17.1 in [11] for the largest eigenvalue. A similar approach will give new results.
- 2) An important model in which one can consider the simultaneous and non-simultaneous growth (more relevant): Consider in the unit disk the $+-$ alternating boundary conditions on half of the circle and $+$ on the other half of the circle. Consider the multiple SLEs in this context and pass to the hydrodynamic limit. Then the outer boundary of the limiting shape behaves like an interface between 0 (all the signs on one side cancel) and $+$ (see also [8]).
- 3) One direction to investigate is the implication of the result for the multiple SLE curves in CFT, using the work in [5].
- 4) Use the extreme gaps result proved in the work [1] along with multiple curves versions of the lemmas in the previous section and obtain the geometric information about the multiple SLE curves (using information on the time dynamics of the smallest and the biggest gap).
- 5) Study the reversibility of the Dyson Brownian motion dynamics and study similar questions in the context of multiple backward SLE (the time reversal of the multiple SLEs).

- ▶ 6) Use the β -ensembles universality result in [4] proof, to compare general potentials with the typical Gaussian potential at the level of drivers, and understand the impact that it has on the geometry of the curves/hulls.
- ▶ 7) Using the β -Tracy-Widom distribution about the fluctuations of the top eigenvalue, we can obtain some geometric information about the dynamics of the extremal SLE curve (i.e. the curve that grows from the extremal eigenvalue), as well as obtain some comparison between the dynamics of the extremal SLE curve, i.e. the one that grows from the position of the top eigenvalue, and the dynamics of some concrete curve (such as a tilted /straight line) also growing from the position of the top eigenvalue.
- ▶ 8) We also plan to use the connection between TASEP large time limit with Tracy-Widom ([17]). In general, there is no link at the moment (that I know about) between the particle systems scaling limits and the SLE curves. We plan to obtain some results that link some the asymptotic behavior of the extreme SLE curve with some results about TASEP. In addition, we plan to establish further the connection between multilevel TASEP, Warren process and multiple SLE (see [14]).
- ▶ 9) Connect the development in this direction presented in this draft with the convergence and conformal invariance of discrete models coming from planar Statistical Physics on various lattices ([21], [34]).

13.2. Main directions to be studied in the Multiple Radial SLE case.

- ▶ 1) One direction is to focus on the critical case $\kappa = 4$. We plan use techniques and results about the smallest gap distribution obtained in [1] in the case of the CUE (a particular case of the result in [13], for $\kappa = 4$) and obtain new information on the critical case.
- ▶ 2) We plan to obtain estimates on the geometry of the hulls/curves when one starts from the stationary measure directly.
- ▶ 3) To check another direction: we plan to improve the topology with the estimates on difference between curves as in [33].

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