

Fluctuations of branching Brownian motion at criticality

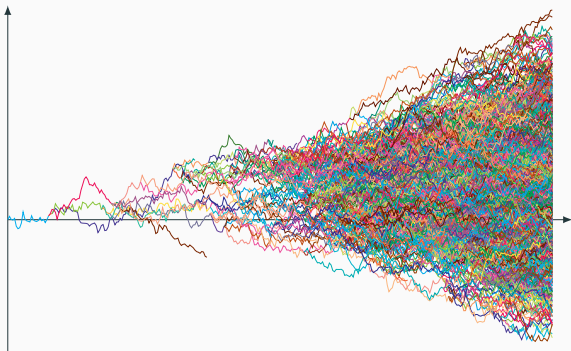
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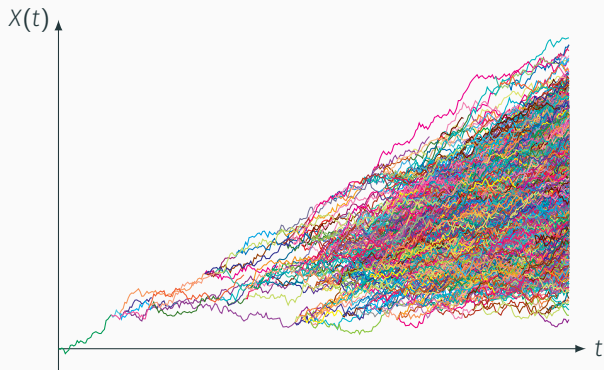
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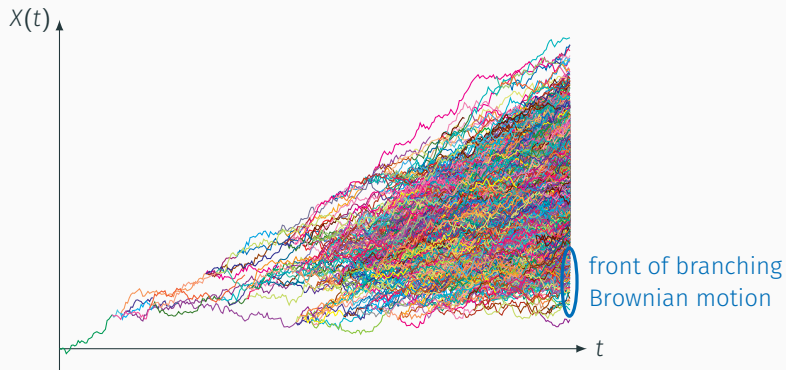
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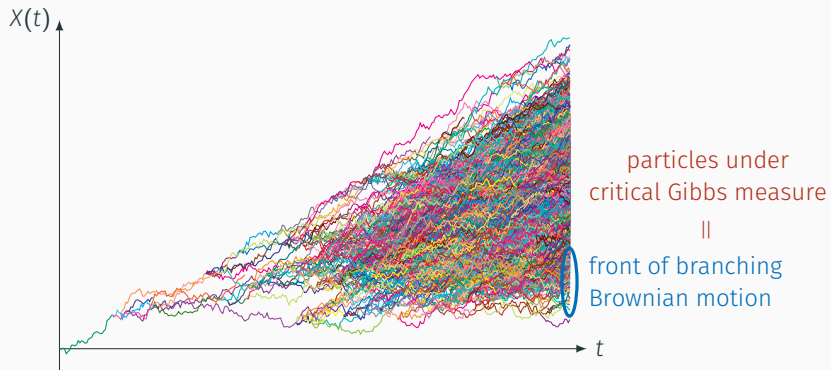
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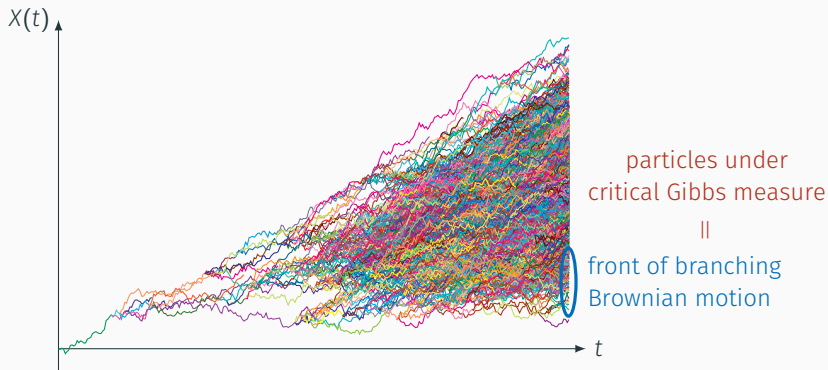
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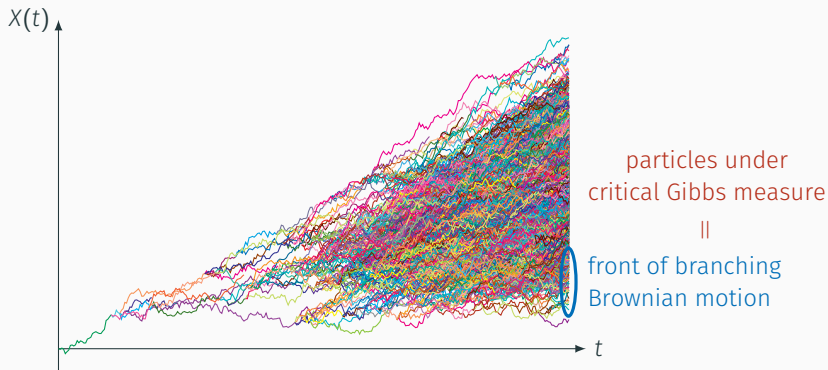


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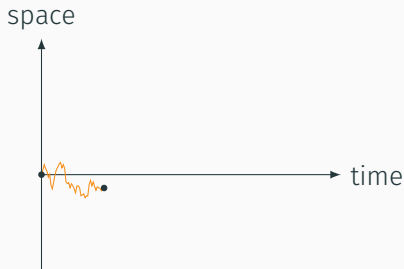
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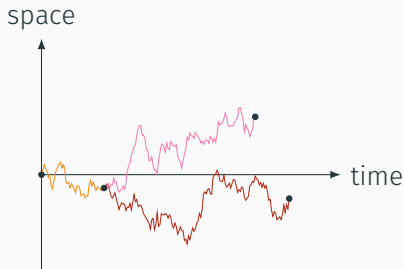
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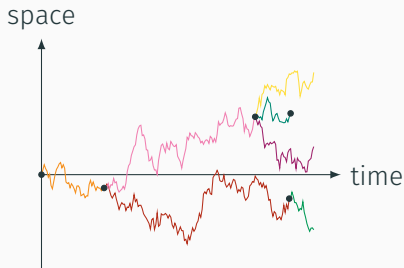
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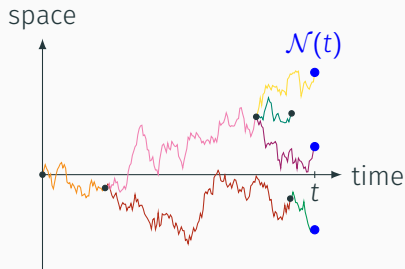
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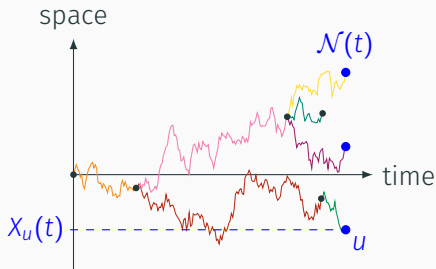
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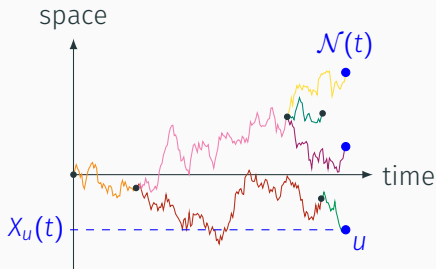
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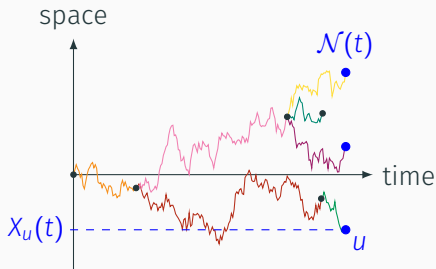
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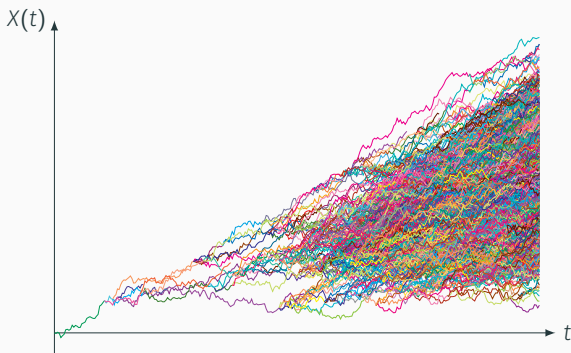
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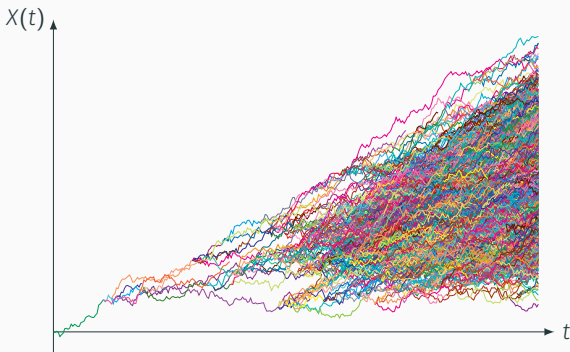
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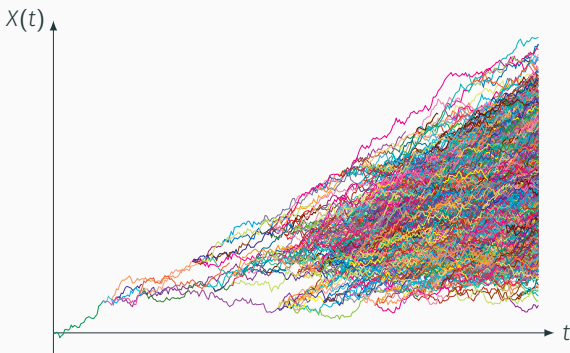
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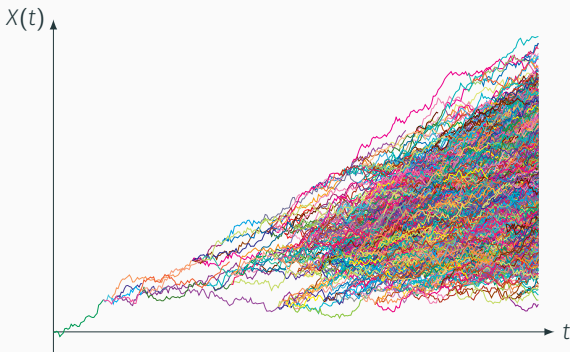
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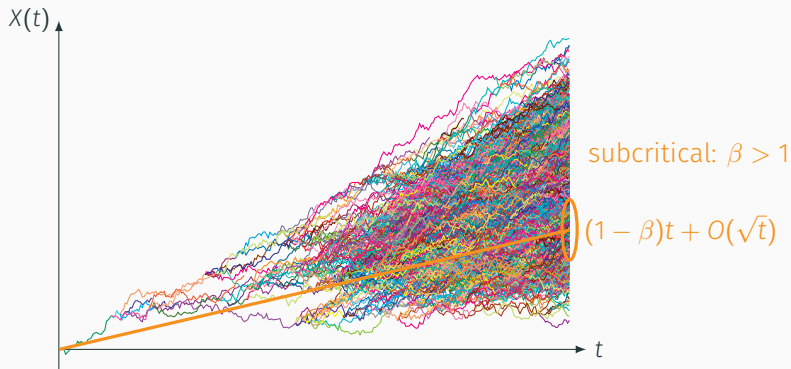
Theorem (Kahane–Peyrière 1976, Biggins 1977): *The following phase transition occurs:*

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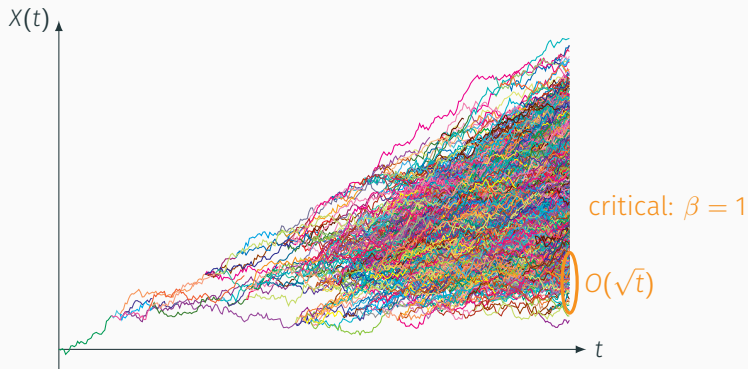
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Convergence of the front (Madaule 2016):

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where $\mu(dx) := \mathbb{1}_{x>0} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} x^2 e^{-x^2/2} dx$.

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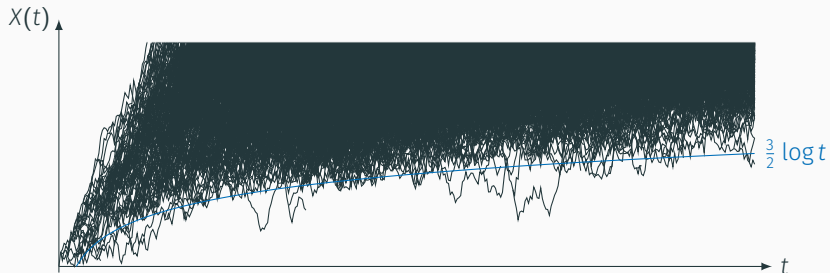
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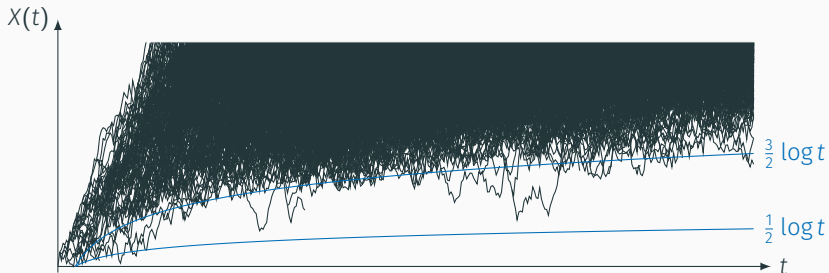
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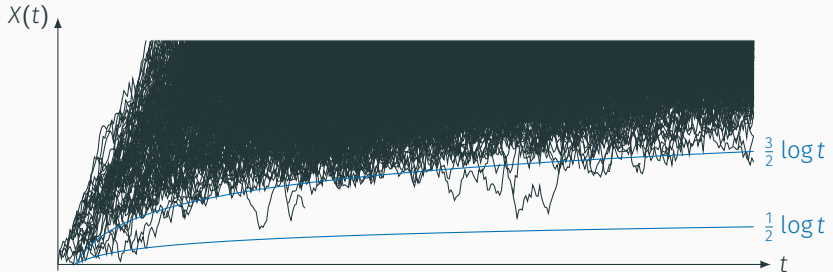
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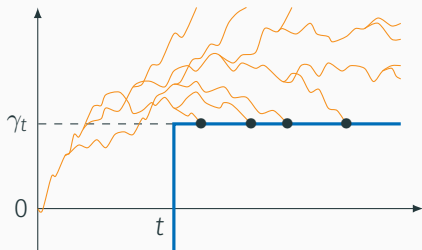
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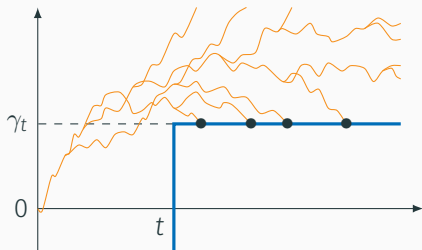


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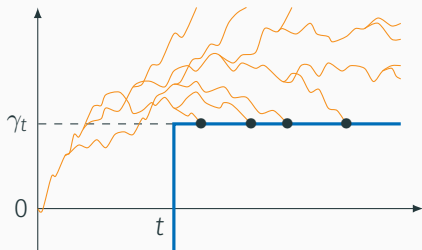
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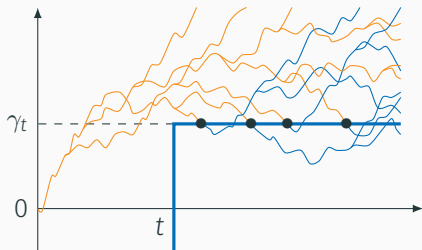
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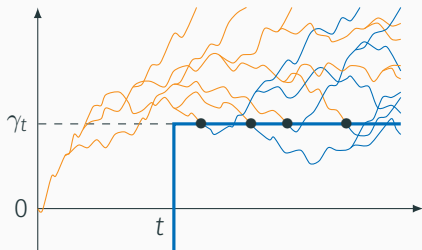
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And Z_∞ is in the domain of attraction of a 1-stable law (Berestycki–Berestycki–Schweinsberg 2013).

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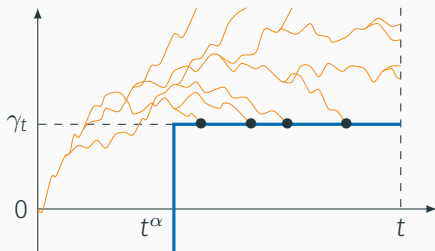
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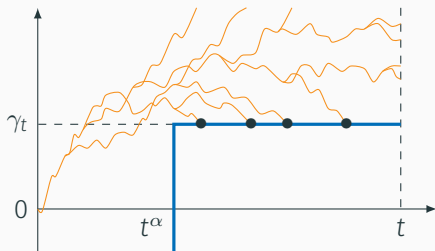
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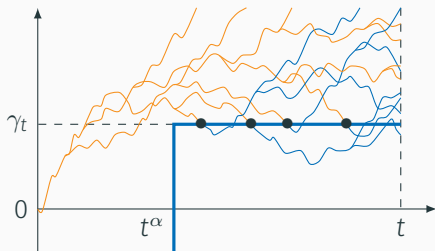


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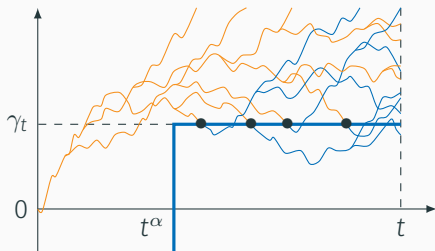


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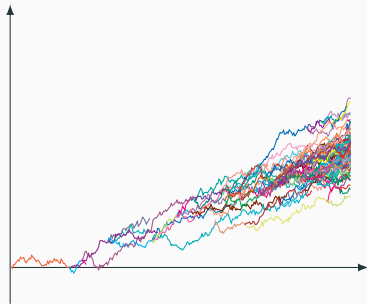
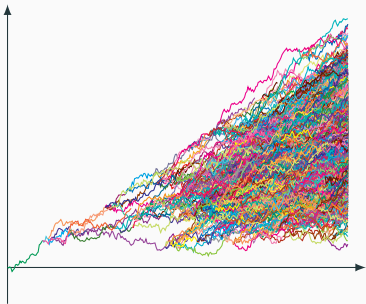
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Thank you for your attention!

