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Multiple SLE_K Paths in the Annulus

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ABSTRACT

Oded Schramm defined the *SchrammLoewner evolution* (SLE_K) in 2000 as a one parameter family of conformally invariant measures on continuous curves in simply connected domains. It was proposed as a candidate for the scaling limits of various planar discrete processes such as the Uniform Spanning Tree and the Loop Erased Random Walk.

In this talk, we introduce *Locally Chordal* SLE_K in growing domains, where the domain itself changes as the curve evolves. This is done by weighting the chordal SLE_K by an appropriate martingale, which implies that locally chordal SLE_K is absolutely continuous with respect to chordal SLE_K . We then define SLE_K in the annulus and describe its partition function by a partial differential equation using the locally chordal SLE_K . Finally, we consider two SLE_K paths in the annulus and describe the problem of finding a partial differential equation for the partition function of this process.

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