

# Quantum Spacetime *and* Random Geometry

## FROM ASYMPTOTIC SAFETY TO JT GRAVITY

### QUANTUM GRAVITY

In the search for a theory of **Quantum Gravity** (QG), a straightforward question is What are the geometrical properties of quantum spacetime? The QG Path Integral

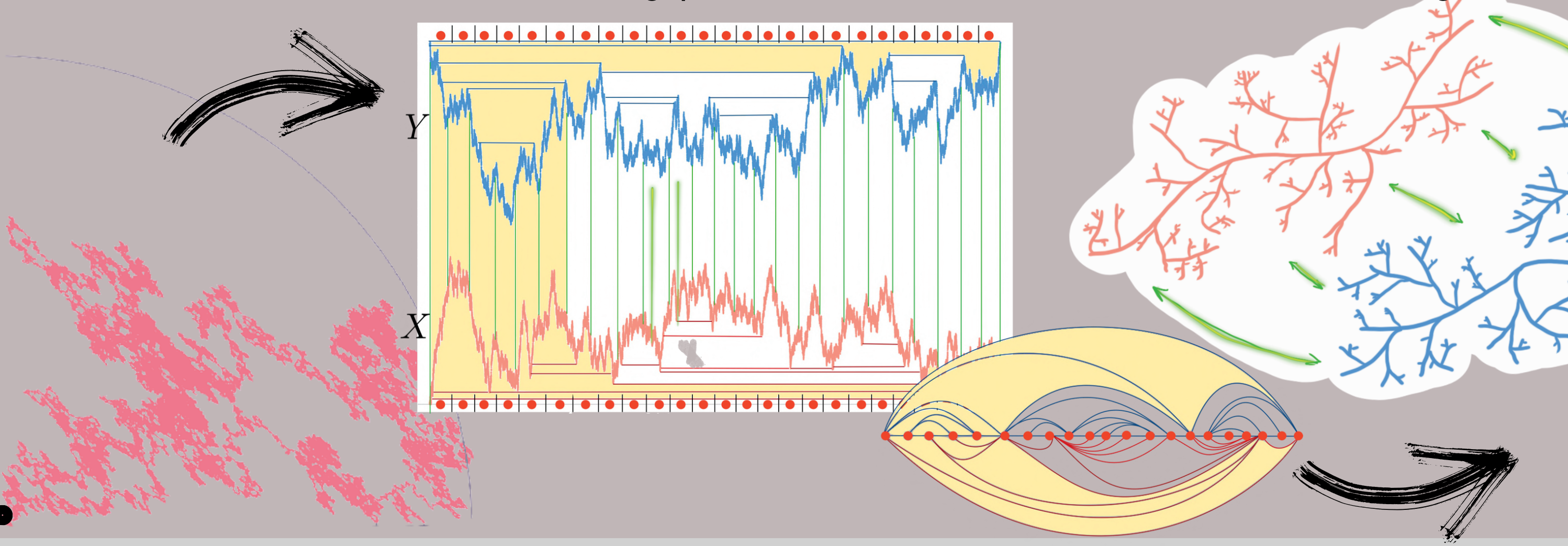
$$Z_{QG} = \sum_{\text{topology}} \int_{\text{Diff}}^{\text{Riem}} \mathcal{D}g e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_{grav.}}$$

suggest that we need to sum over configurations far away from the geometries we know from Classical Gravity, namely **Random Geometries**.

Due to quantum fluctuations, these geometries have fractal properties. In particular, the dimension of spacetime is a classical property for which a quantum counterpart is not yet well understood.

### scale-invariant random geometries for Asymptotic Safety

- In **Asymptotic Safety** one looks for an interacting fixed point of QG, which requires scale invariance.
- We use the mathematical framework of **Mating of Trees**, which relates Brownian motion and **Liouville Quantum Gravity** to explore new universality classes of scale-invariant random geometries.
- We run numerical simulations and, through distance measurements, we estimate Hausdorff dimensions in two and three dimensions, revealing potential new scale-invariant random geometries.



### RANDOM GEOMETRY

A random geometry is a geometry sampled from an ensemble with a well-defined probability.

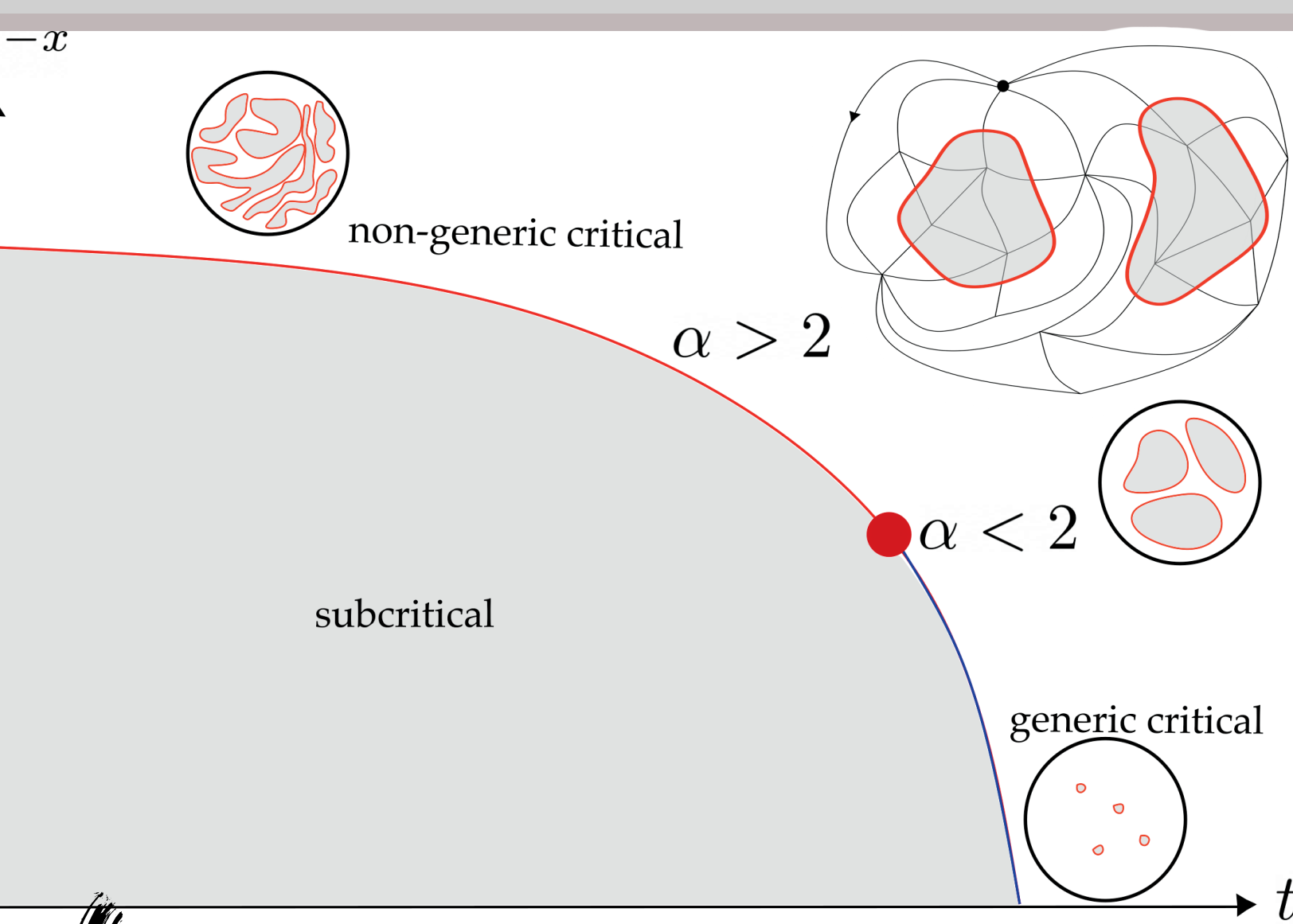
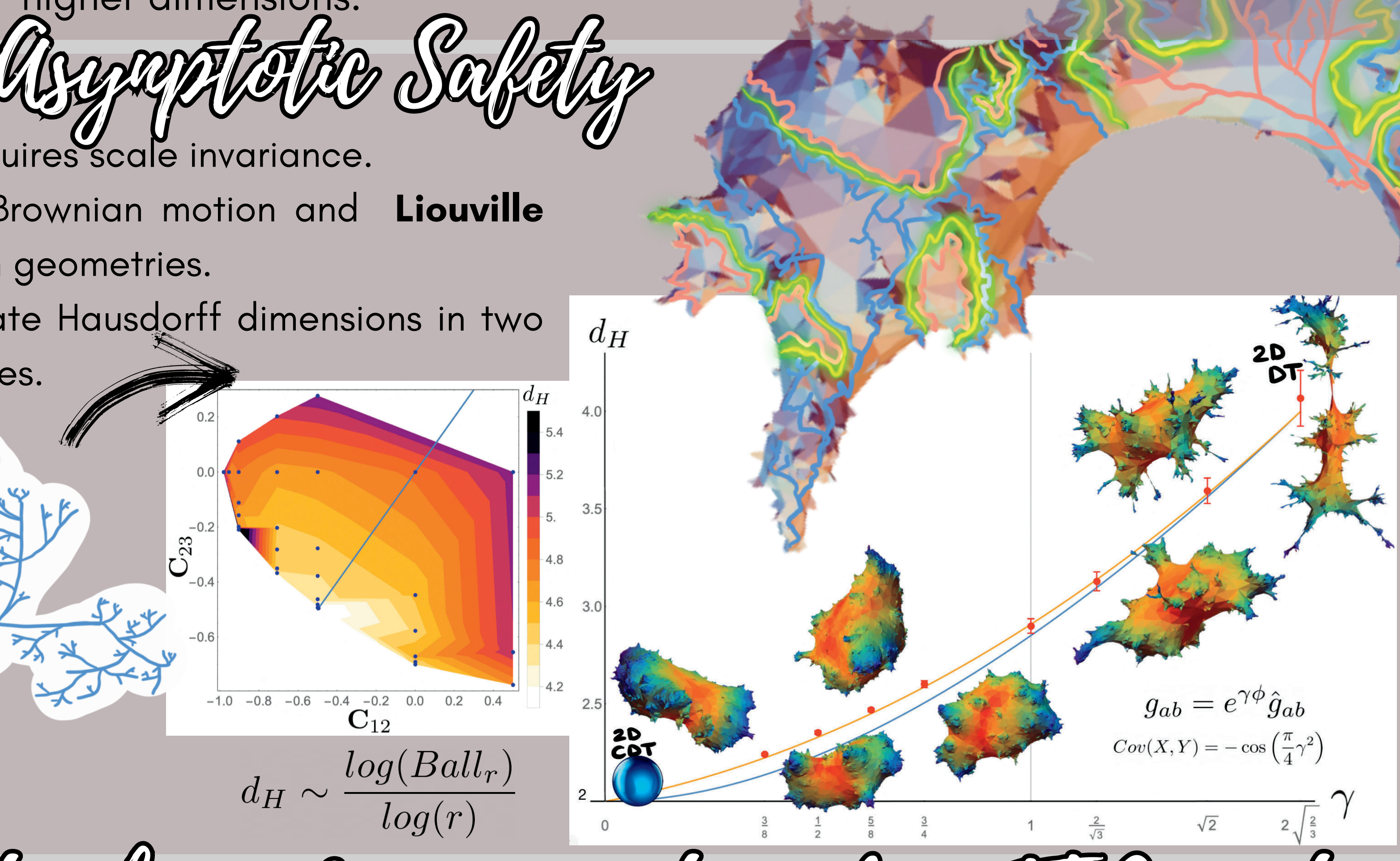
e.g. a map of  $n$  vertices decorated by a statistical system

$$Z_n^* = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}_d} \sum_{\text{decorations of } m} 1$$

e.g. a hyperbolic surface with any number of decorated boundaries

$$Z_g^{W,P}[\mu] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2-2g-k}}{k!} \prod_i \int_0^{\infty} d\alpha_i \mu(\alpha_i) V_{g,k}^{W,P}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$$

There are a lot of formal results in 2D but very few for higher dimensions.



### critical random geometries for JT Gravity

- In **JT gravity** one studies two-dimensional QG constant negatively curved spacetimes with boundaries = coupled to branes.
- Utilize techniques from **random maps**, where criticality is well-understood: big holes dominate the surfaces.
- Similar behavior was found for Weil-Petersson volumes, where we analyze the impact of criticality on the density of states **AdS/CFT**.
- Provide a precise definition of the phase transition from a random geometry perspective.

Universal results allow us to compare characteristics of spacetime in the quantum regime coming from various QG approaches. A better understanding of these **random geometries** helps us to better understand the QG path integral and search candidates for **quantum spacetime**.

*can you find the random geometry side of your QG research?*

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