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- Universal scaling limit of
- $p$-angulations, $p \geq 3$ [Le Gall, '11; Albenque, '18+]
- general maps with fixed number of edges
[Bettinelli, Jacob, Miermont, '14]
- bipartite maps with prescribed degrees
[Marzouk, '17]
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$$
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[Høegh-Krohn '71; Kahane, '85, Duplantier, Sheffield, '11]


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## Outline

- Intro to planar maps and Boltzmann distributions

- Peeling exploration
- Geometrical properties (beyond Brownian)
- Towards geometry of maps with an $O(n)$ loop model


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## Proposition (TB, '15; TB, Curien, '17)

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Theorem (TB, Curien, '16)
When $\alpha<3 / 2$ the map and its dual both contain infinitely many cut vertices separating root from $\infty$.

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## Simulations: Cauchy case

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Theorem (TB, Curien, Marzouk '17)
Again infinitely many cut vertices, but their number grows only like $\log \log$ (volume).

## Simulations: dilute case

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