

# Curvature measures of random sets - A survey

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## Background

Developments in classical and modern geometry concerning complete systems of Euclidean invariants with certain geometric properties

Applications to random models in former and recent literature

## Content

1. Curvature measures
2. Stationary point processes of geometric sets
3. Stationary random cell complexes and tessellations
4. Fractal models

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## Convex geometry:

$V^k(K)$   $k$  th intrinsic volume of a convex body  $K$ ; for smooth boundary

$$V^k(K) = C_k(\partial K)$$

Additive extensions to the convex ring  $\mathcal{C}$  (finite unions of compact convex sets in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ):

[Hadwiger 1957], [Groemer 1978], [Schneider 1980] (measure version),  
[McMullen/Schneider 1983], [Klain 1995]: ideas from convex integral  
geometry,  $C_k$  as motion invariant valuations on  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  
"Inclusion-exclusion-principle"

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### Convex sets

[Kendall 1974], [Matheron 1975], [Davy 1976], [Ripley 1976], [Stoyan 1979], [Kellerer 1884], [Weil 1983, 1984], [Weil/Wieacker 1984], [Stoyan/Kendall/Mecke 1987], [Mecke/Schneider/Stoyan/Weil 1990], [Schneider/Weil 2000], ...

### Manifolds

[Fava/Santalo 1979]

### Sets with positive reach

Z. (1986), ...

Many [applications](#) of integral-geometric relationships in [stereology](#)



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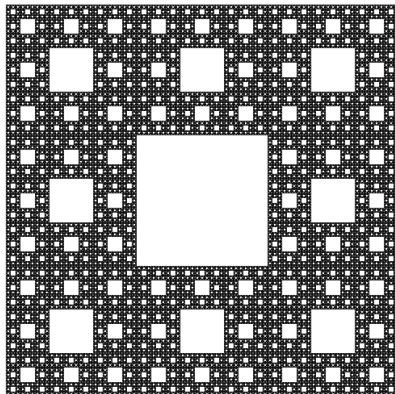
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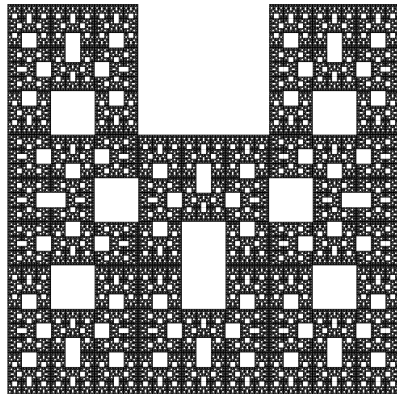
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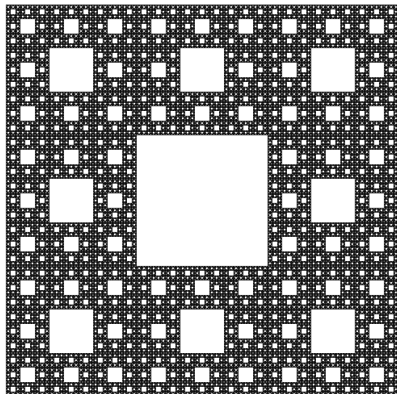


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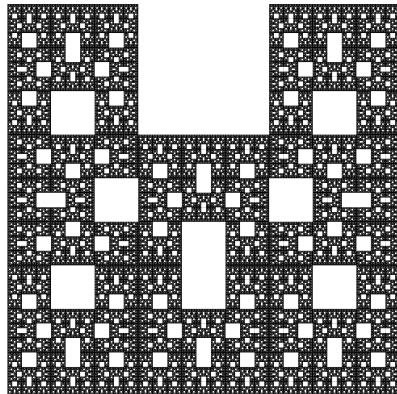
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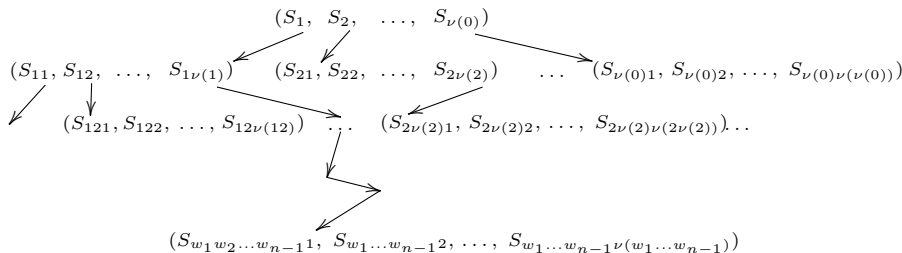
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$J$  fixed compact set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with  $\overline{\text{int}(J)} = J$

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1.  $S_0 := \text{id}$  for  $\nu = 0$
2.  $1 < \mathbb{E}\nu < \infty$  (supercritical case)
3.  $S_i(J) \subset J$  and  $S_i(\text{int}(J)) \cap S_j(\text{int}(J)) = \emptyset$ ,  $i \neq j$ , w.p.1  
(open set condition OSC)

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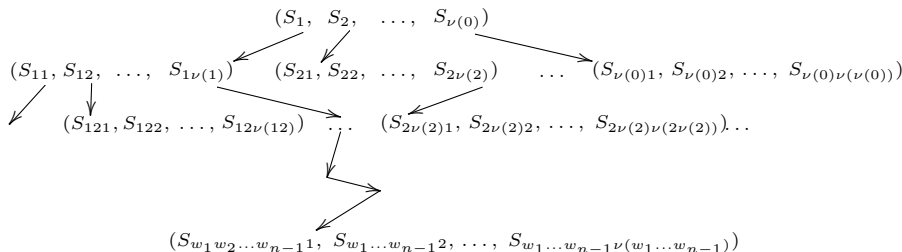
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