

# Connectivity of sparsified random geometric graphs

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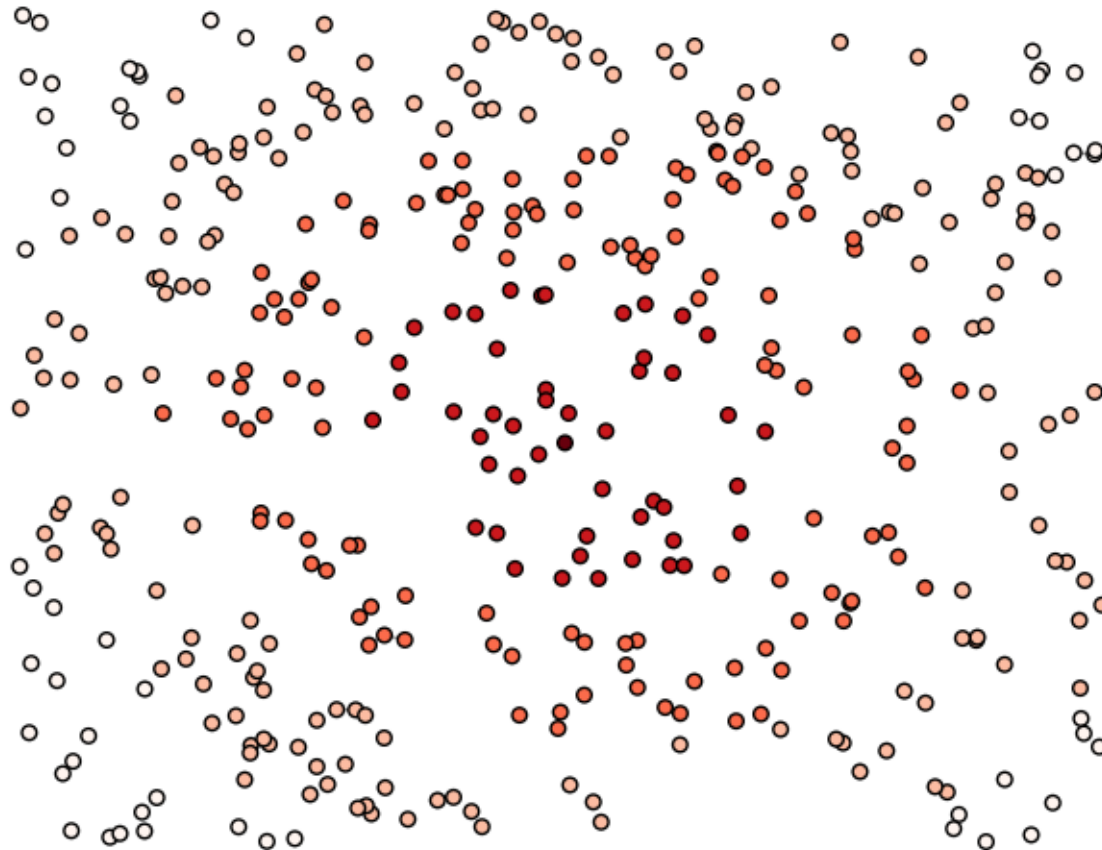
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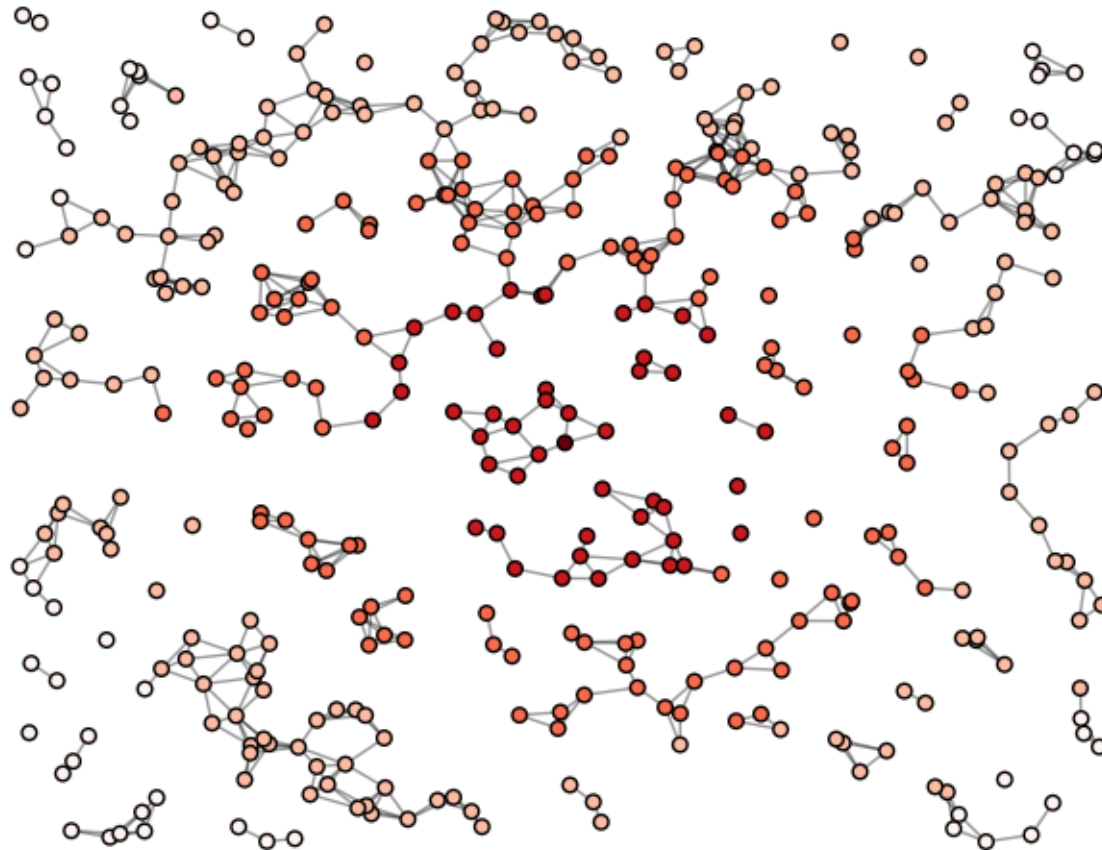
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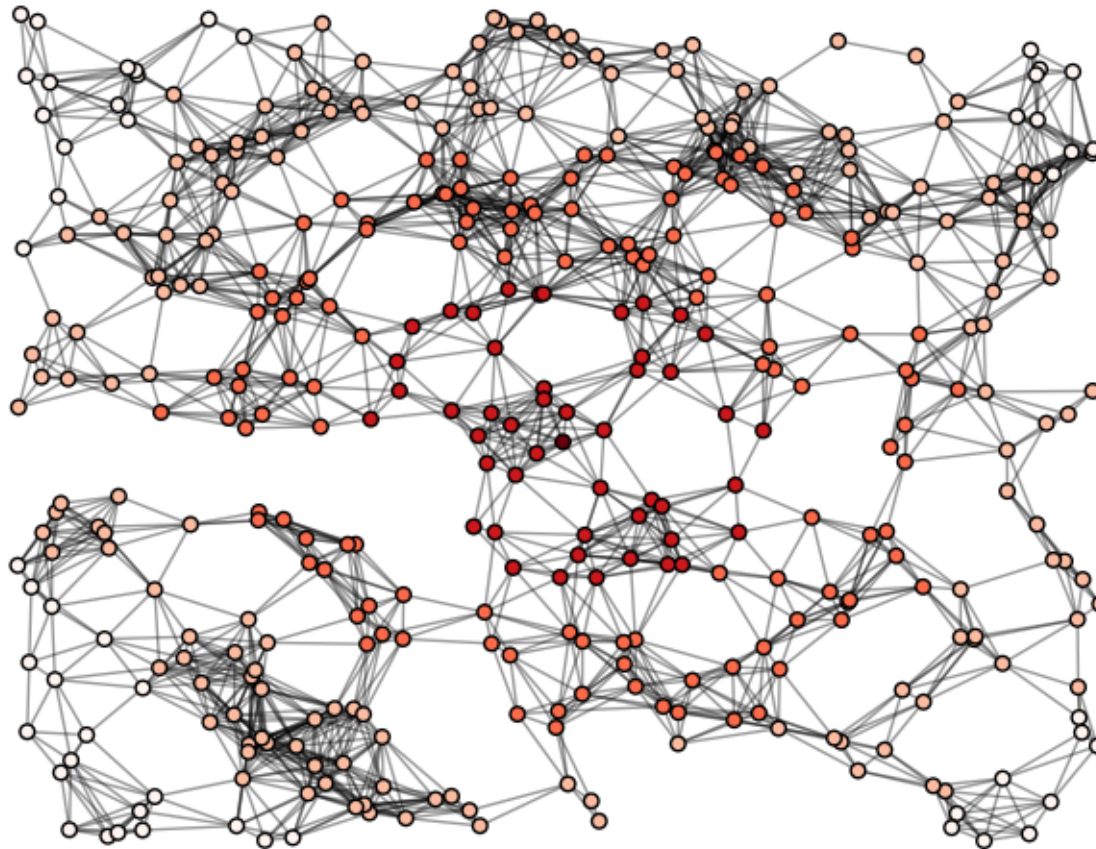
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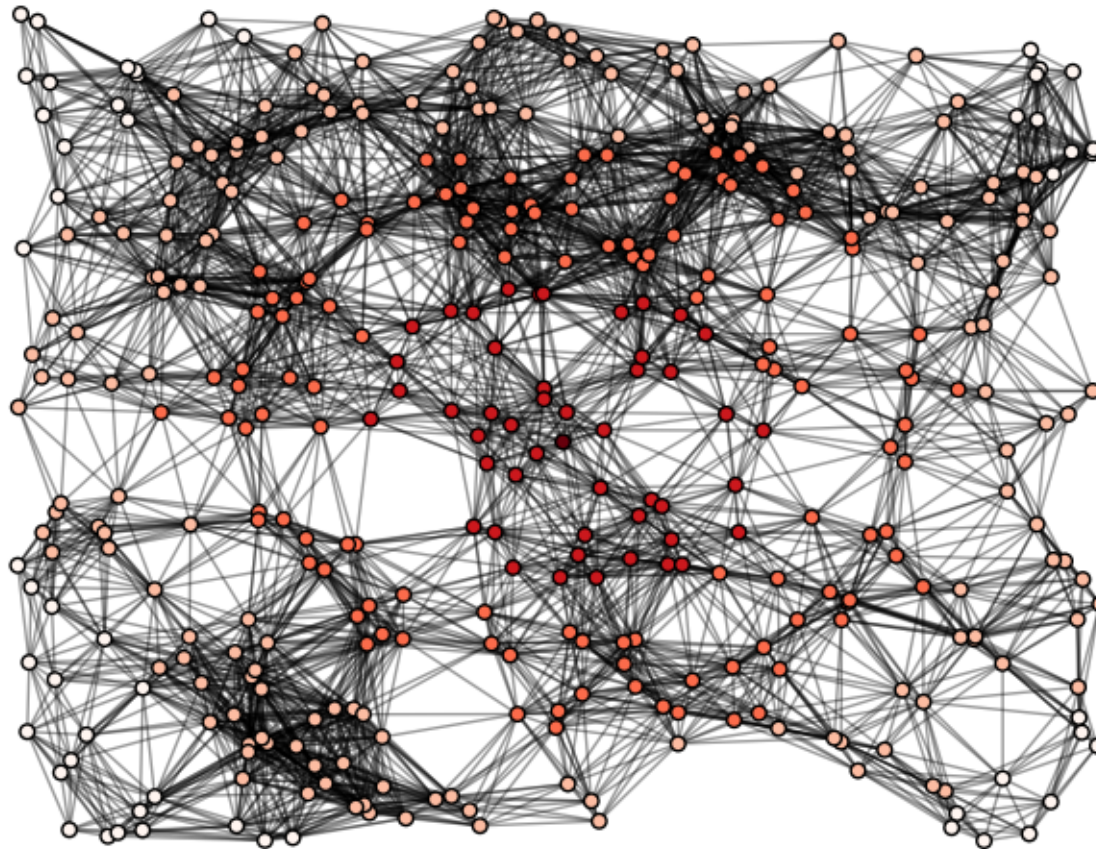
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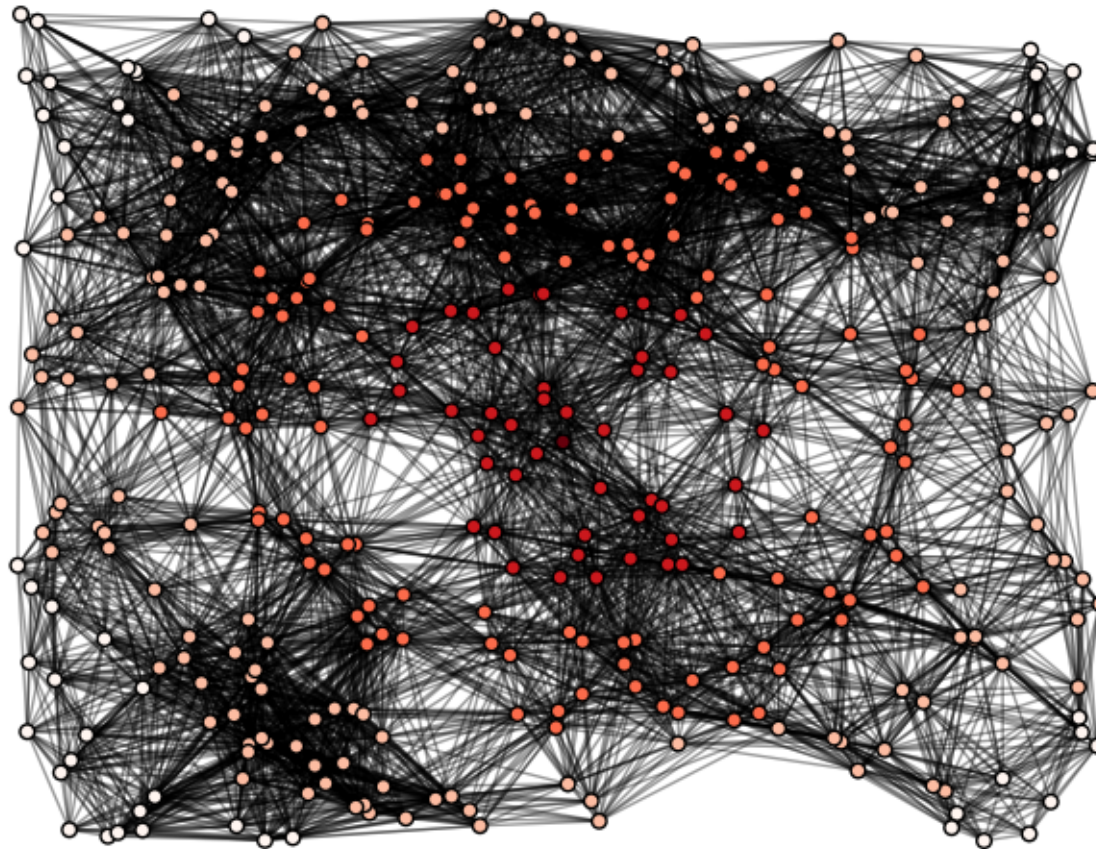
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**Theorem.**  $\vartheta_d$  the volume of the unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

$$r_n^\star \text{ such that } \vartheta_d n (r_n^\star)^d = \log n$$

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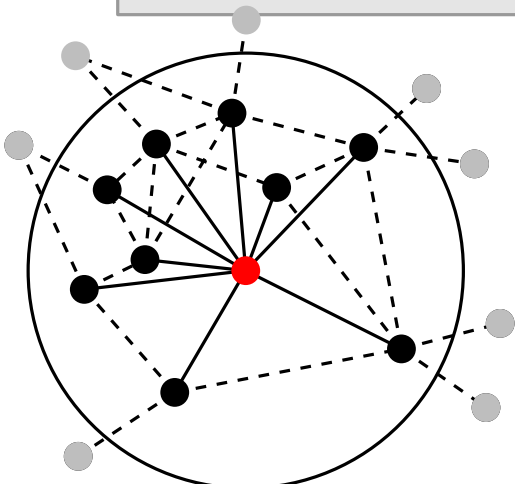
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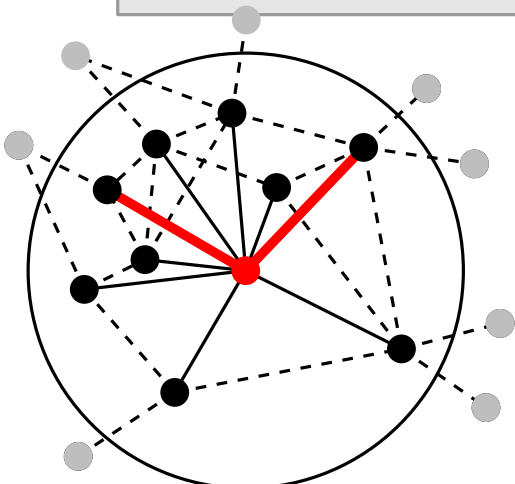
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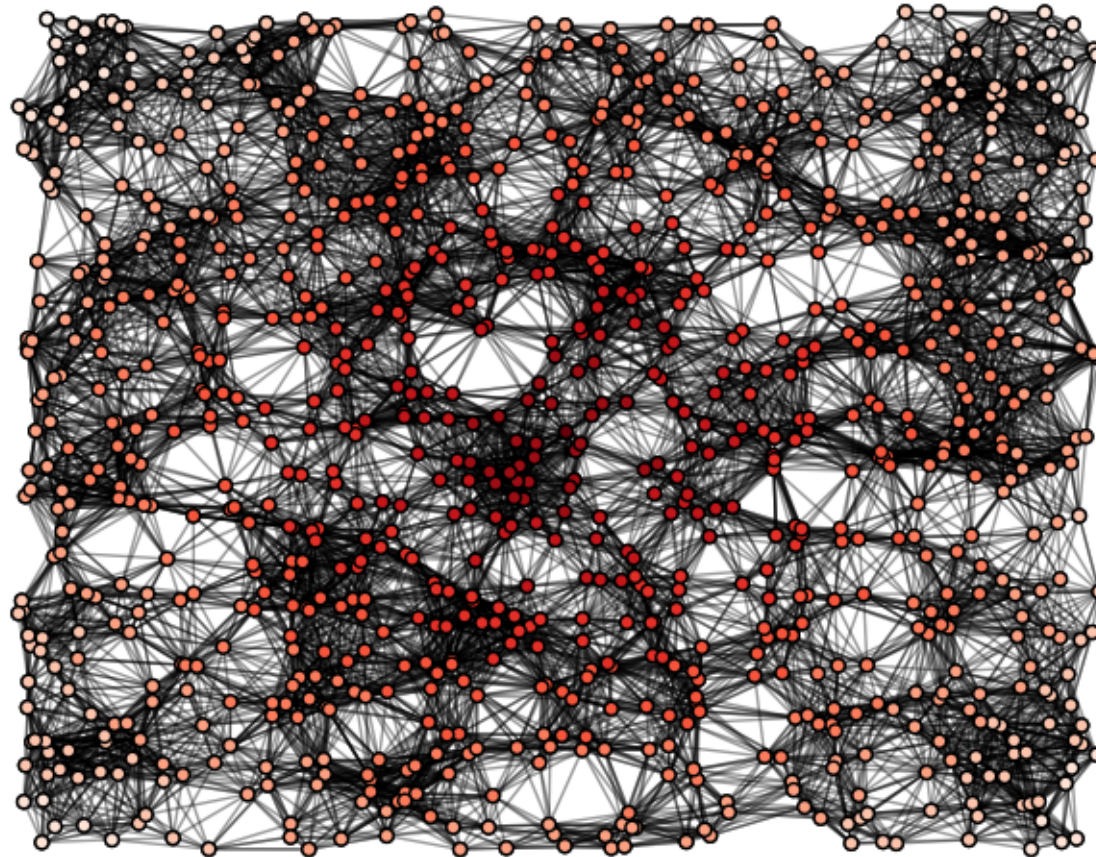
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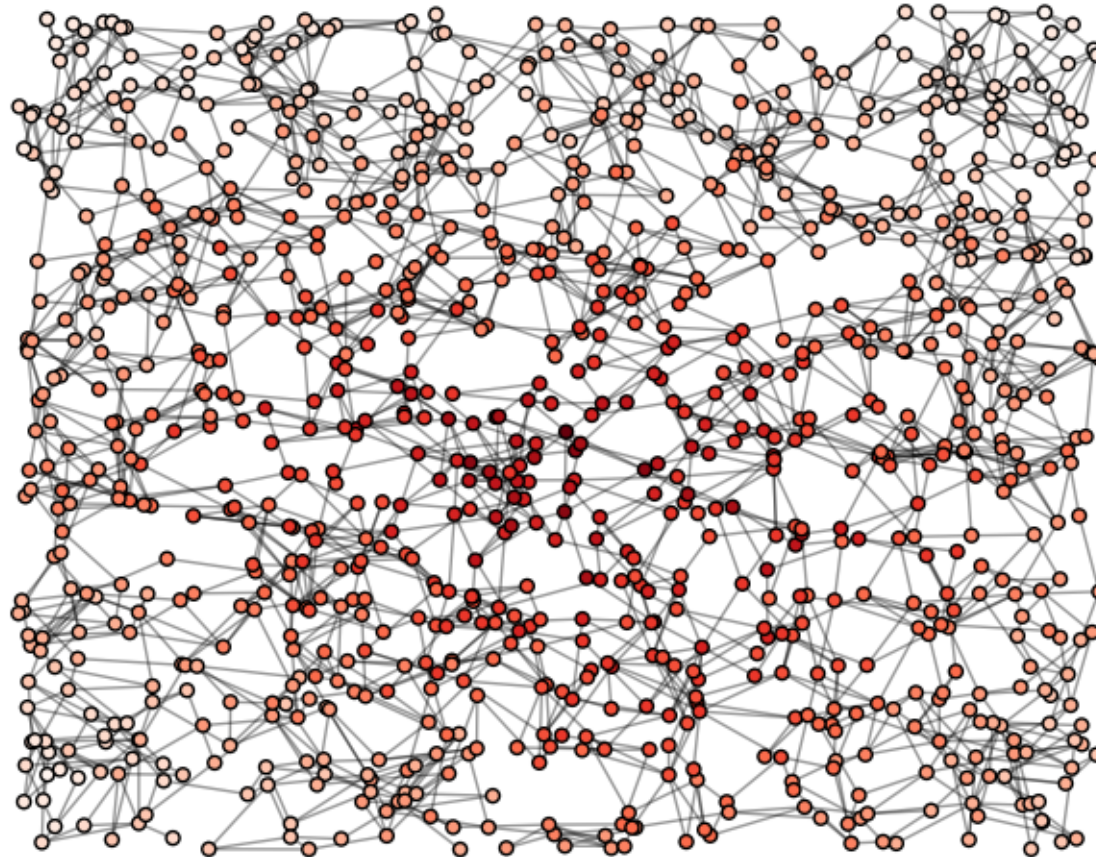
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but for  $r < n^{-\epsilon}$ ,  $c = \Theta(\log n)$ !

# Connectivity for small visibility radius

**Theorem.** (B-Devroye-Lugosi-Fraiman)  $\mathcal{D} = [0, 1]^d$

Suppose  $\gamma$  large enough

Set

$$r \sim \gamma \left( \frac{\log n}{n} \right)^{1/d} \quad \text{and} \quad c_n^\star = \sqrt{\frac{2 \log n}{\log \log n}}$$

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Take

$$r_n \sim \gamma n^{-(1-\delta)/d} \quad \text{with} \quad \delta \in (0, 1)$$

**Theorem.** There exists a constant  $c = c(\delta)$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P} (S_n(r_n, c) \text{ is connected}) = 1$$

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$$\underline{c}^*(\delta) := \sup \left\{ c : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P} (S_n(r_n, c) \text{ is connected}) = 0 \right\}$$

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Then, for any  $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$  and  $\delta$  small enough,

$$(1 - \epsilon)\delta^{-1/2} \leq c^*(\delta) \leq (1 + \epsilon)\delta^{-1/2}$$

# Giant component

**Refined model:** ( $d = 2$ )

$(\xi_i)_{i \geq 1}$  i.i.d. copies of a random variable  $\xi \geq 1$

Every node  $i$  chooses  $\xi_i$  neighbours

$\mathcal{C}_1(\cdot)$  the size of the largest connected component

**Theorem.** Suppose  $\mathbf{E}[\xi] > 1$ . For every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ , there exists a  $\gamma > 0$  such that, for  $r_n \geq \gamma \sqrt{n^{-1} \log n}$

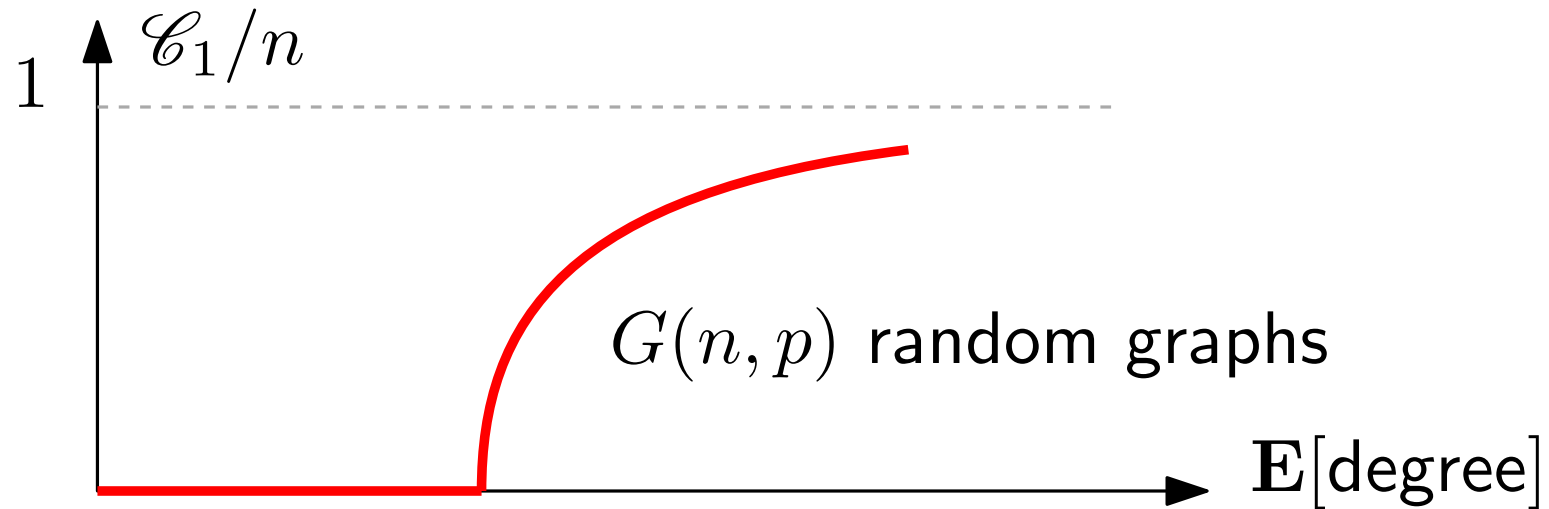
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**Theorem.** Suppose  $r_n = o((n \log n)^{-1/3})$ . Then  $\forall \delta > 0$

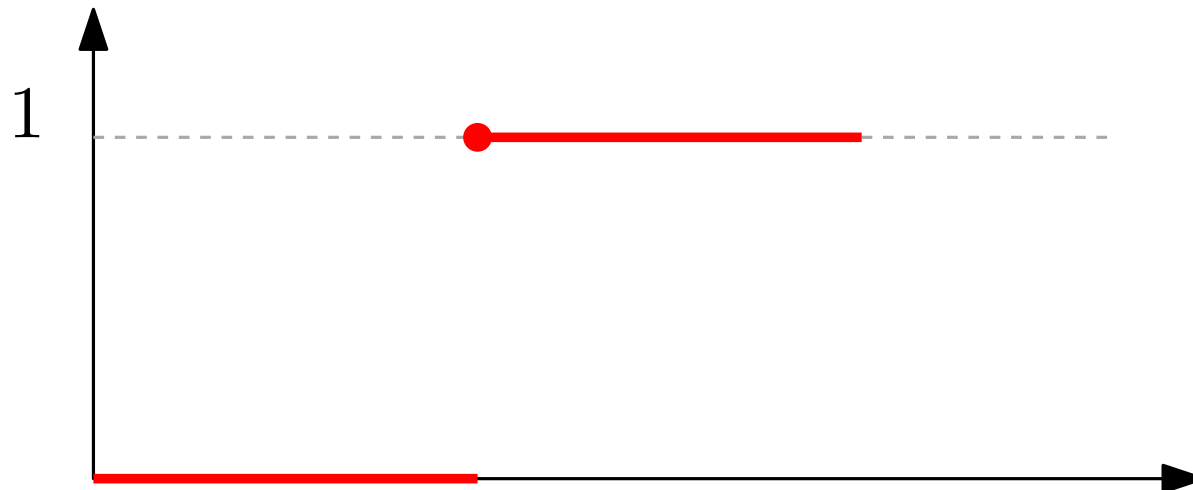
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# “Explosive” phase transition

**Usually:** phase transition is continuous



**Here:** as discontinuous as it can be...



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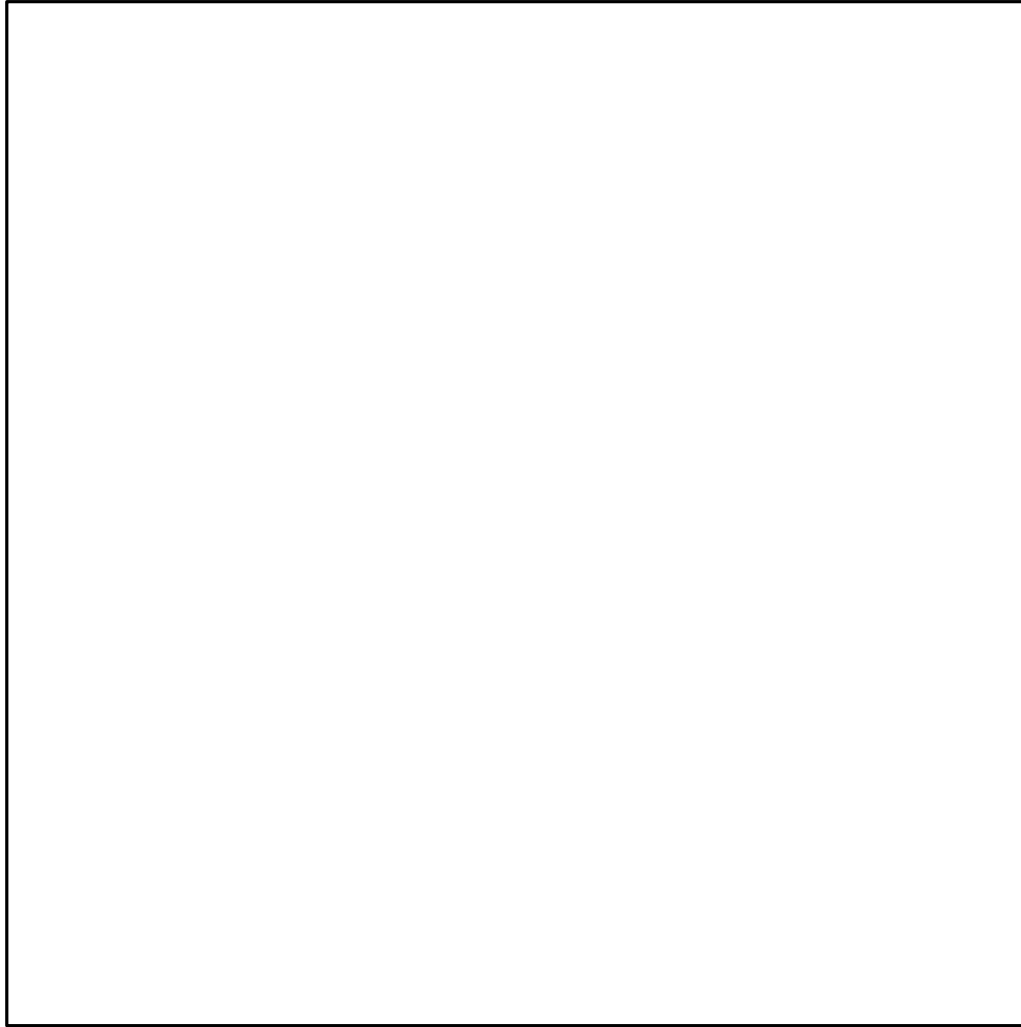
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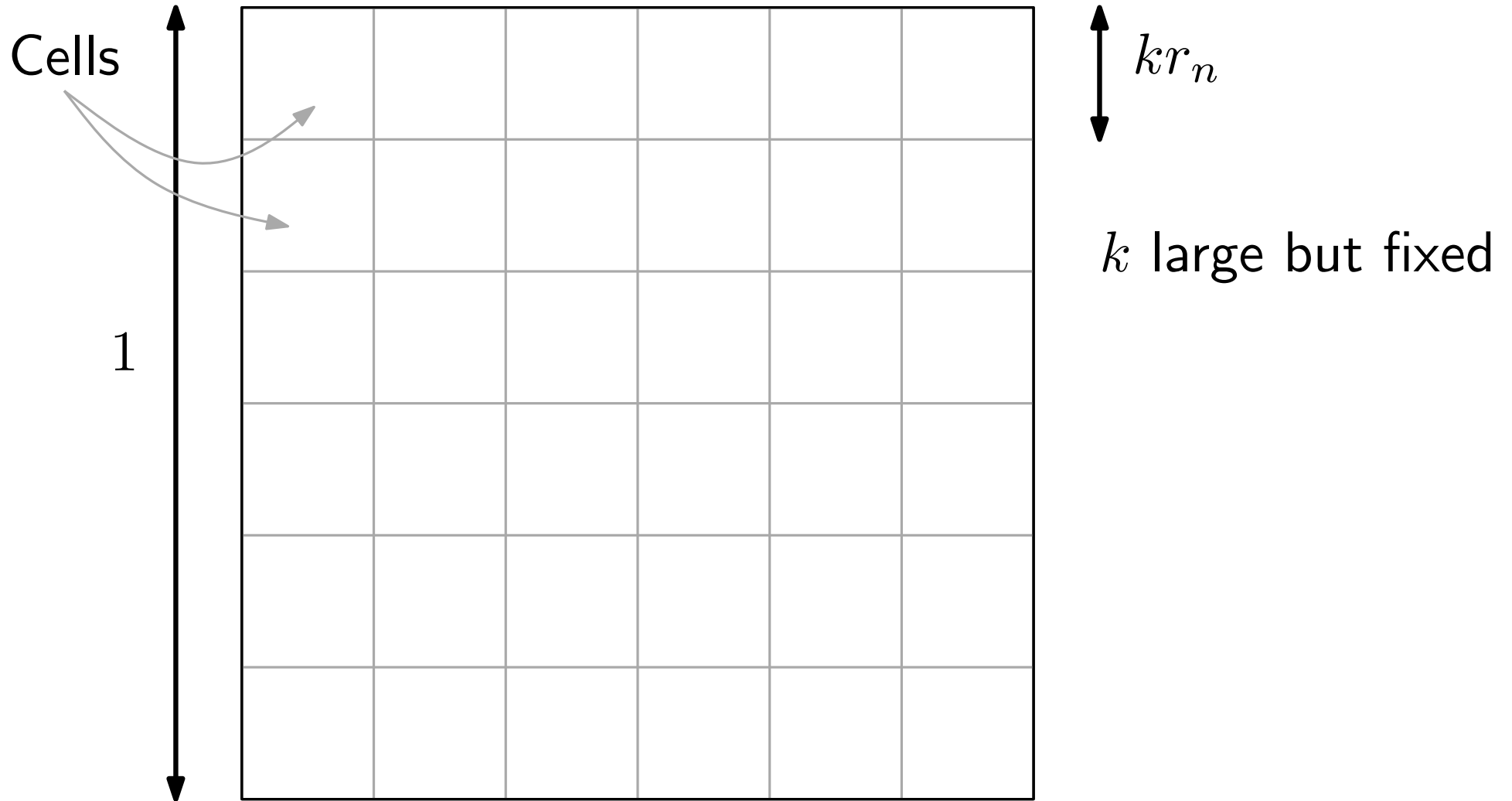
**Idea:**  $S_n(\infty, 1)$  is a random mapping

$S_n(\infty, 2)$  is the union of 2 random mappings

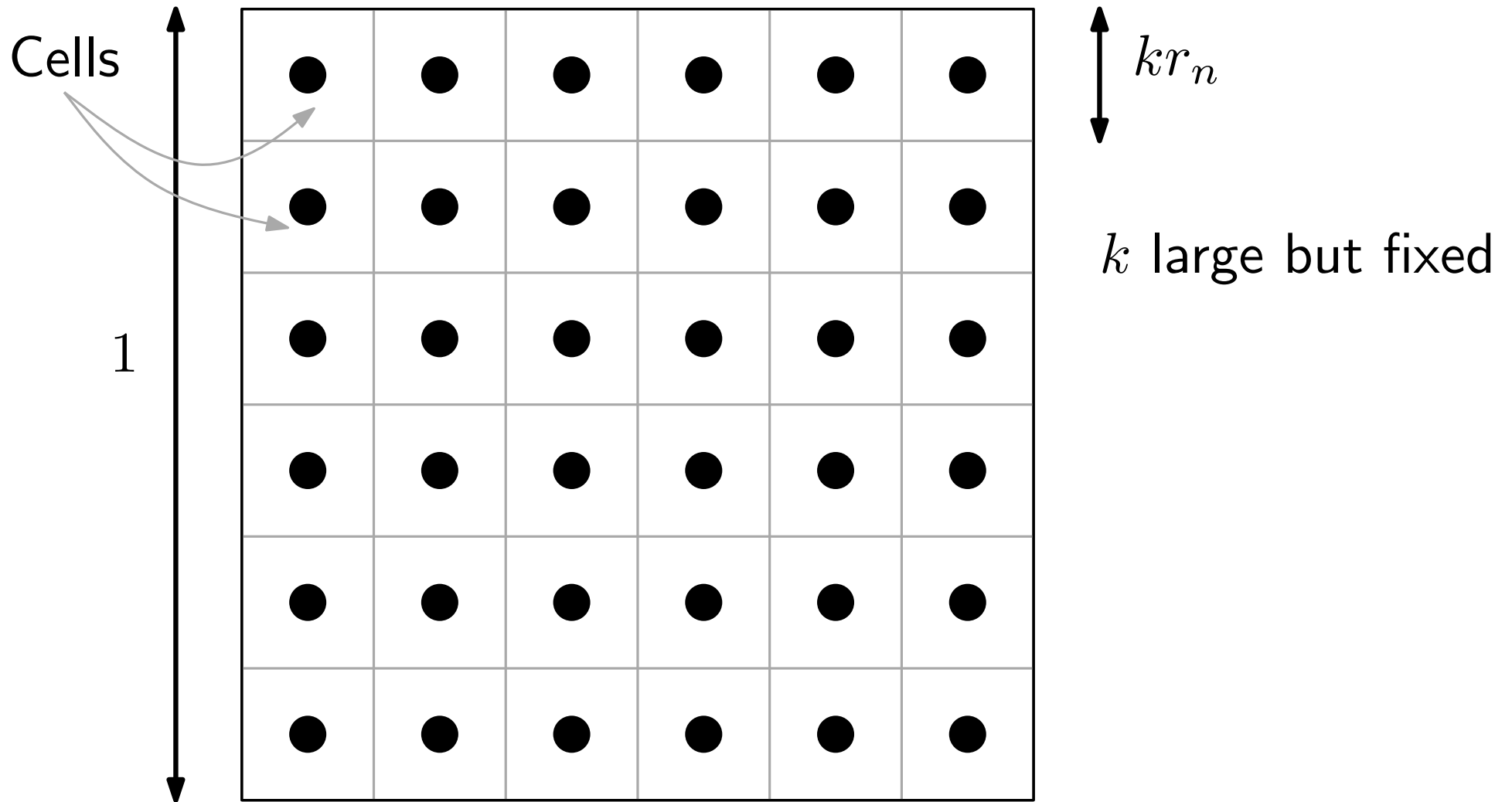
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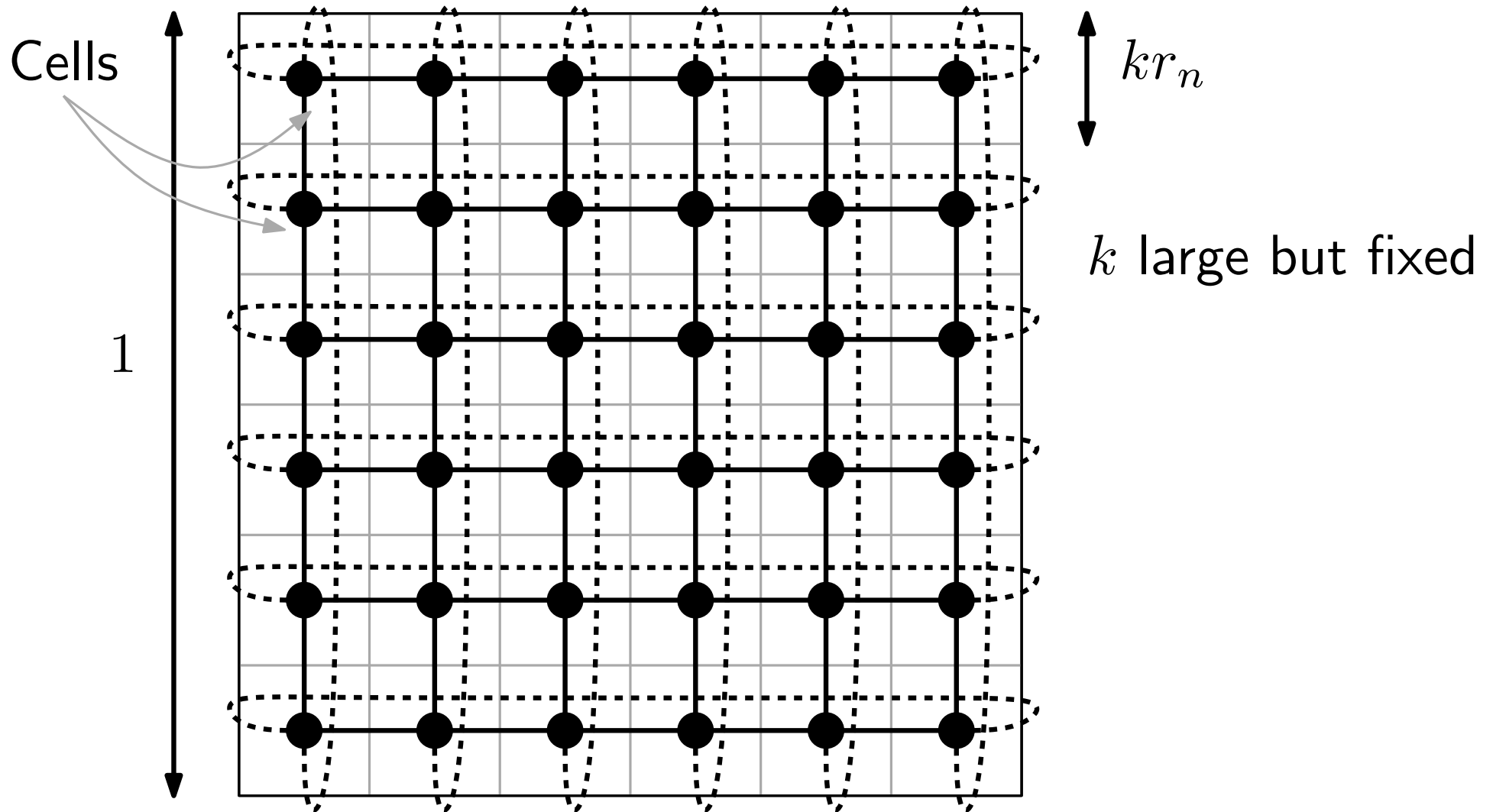
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Associate : events to nodes/cells  
events to bonds/faces } percolation

# Uniformity of the point set

**Definition.** A cell is  $\delta$ -good if for all boxes  $B$

$$(1 - \delta) \frac{nr_n^2}{4d^2} \leq |B \cap \mathbf{X}| \leq (1 + \delta) \frac{nr_n^2}{4d^2}$$

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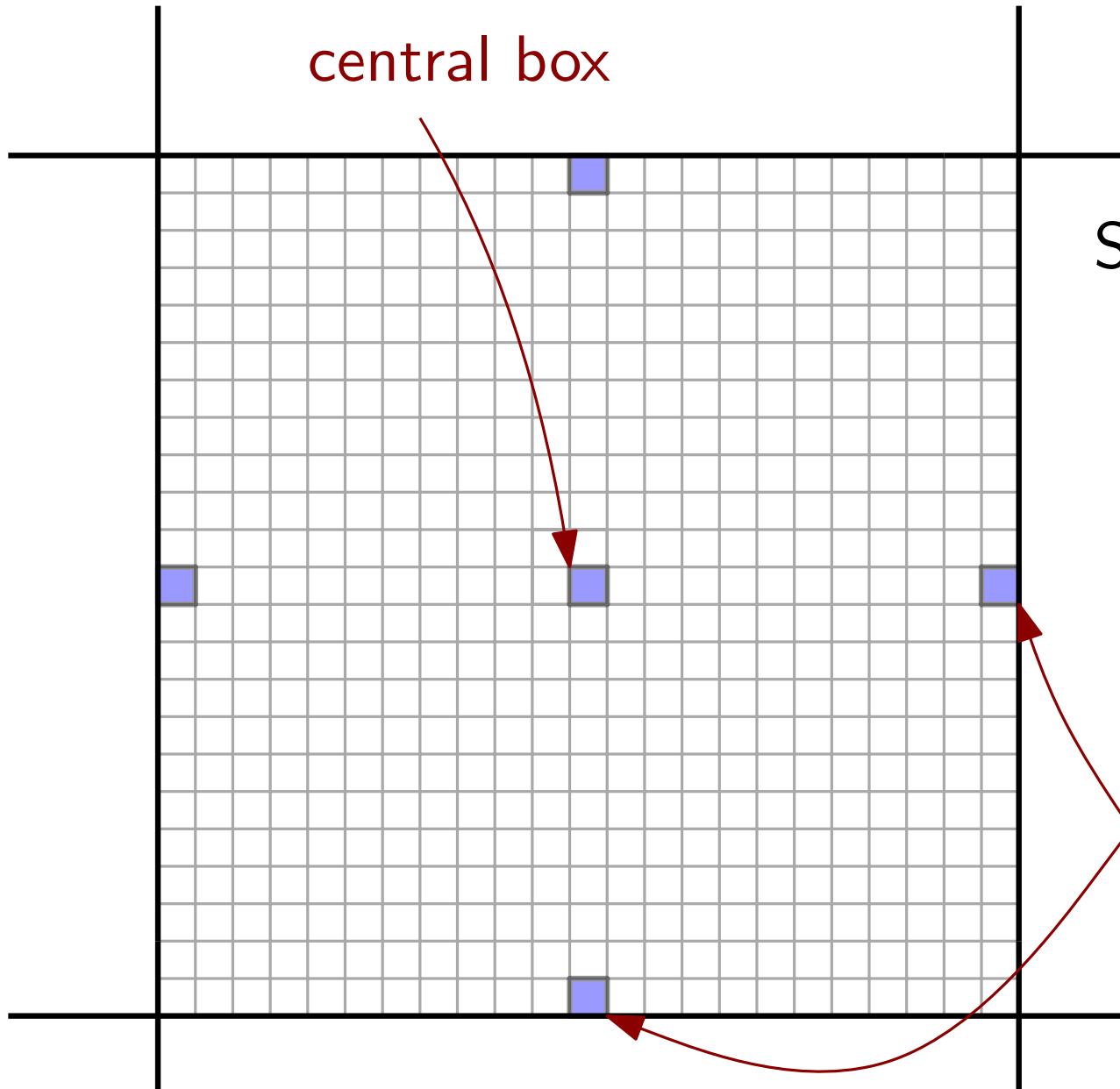
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**Lemma.**  $\exists \alpha, \beta > 0$  such that

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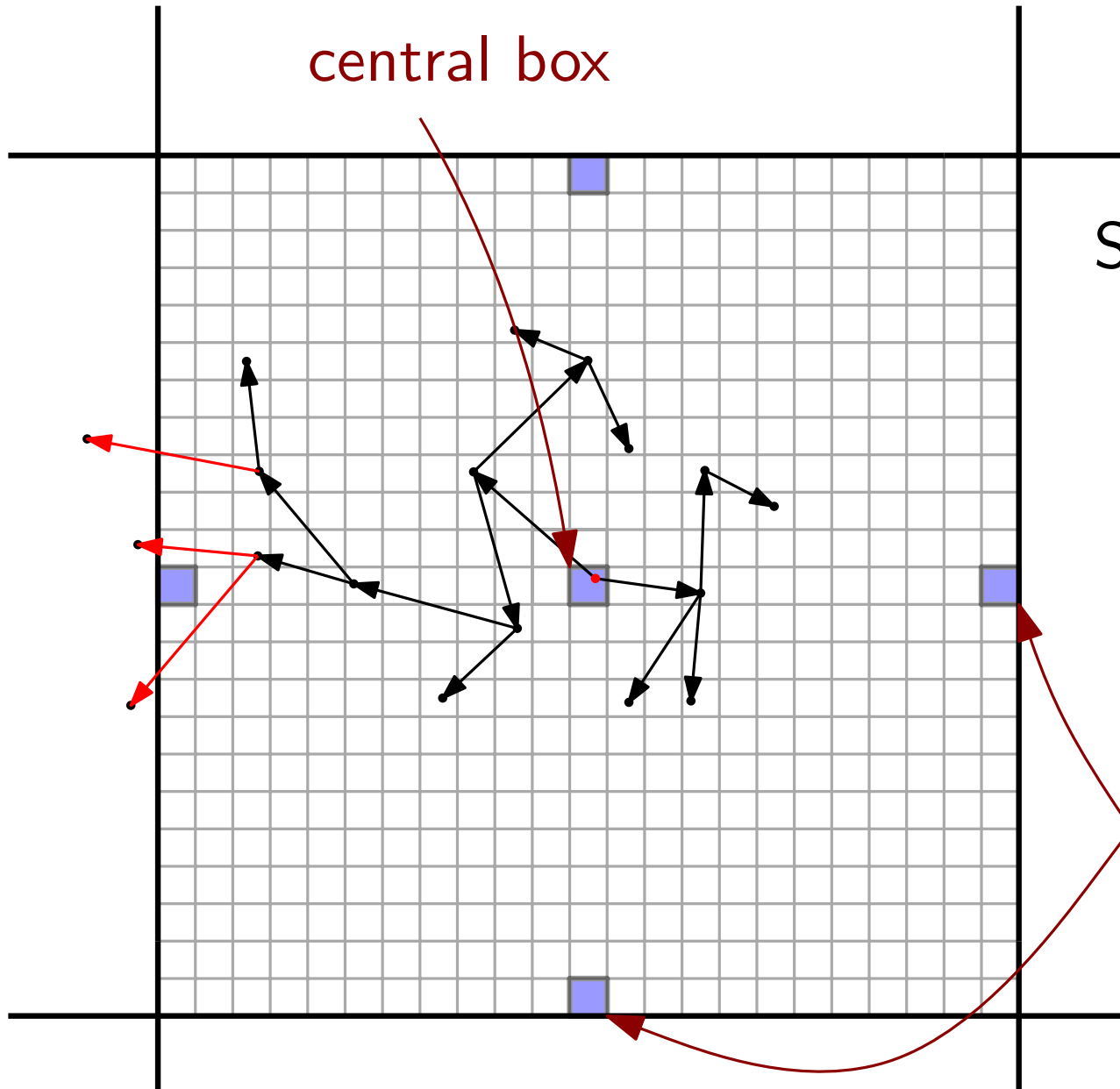
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## Node events II

**Exploration:** in a given cell

Start from a point  $x \in \mathbf{X}$  in the central box

Explore the neighborhoods for  $k^2$  generations

Kill the paths that leave the cell

**Define:**

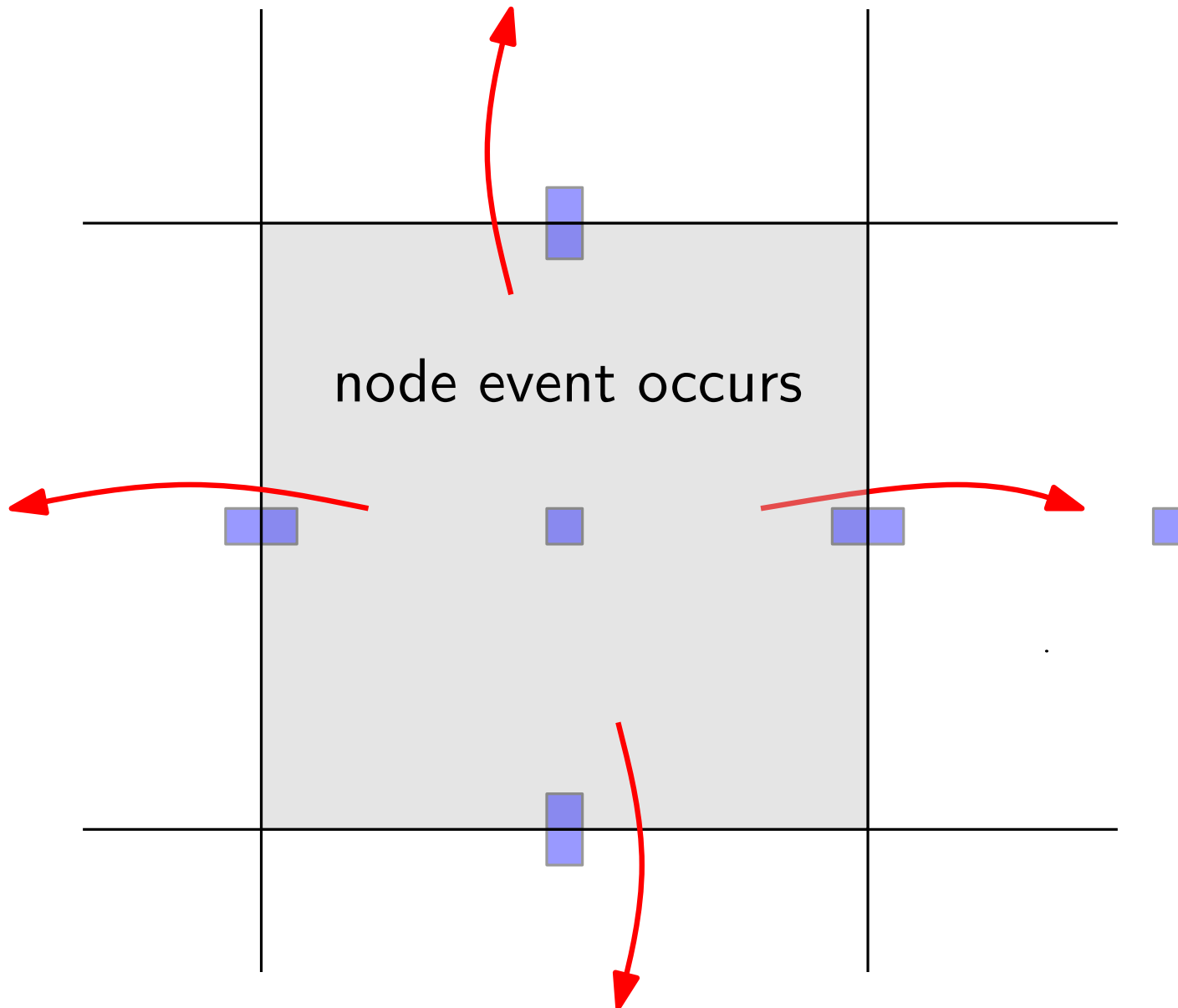
$\Delta_x(i)$  the collection of points at generation  $i$

$$G_x = \{\forall \text{ box } B, |\Delta_x(k^2) \cap B| \geq \mathbf{E}[\xi]^{k^2/2}\}$$

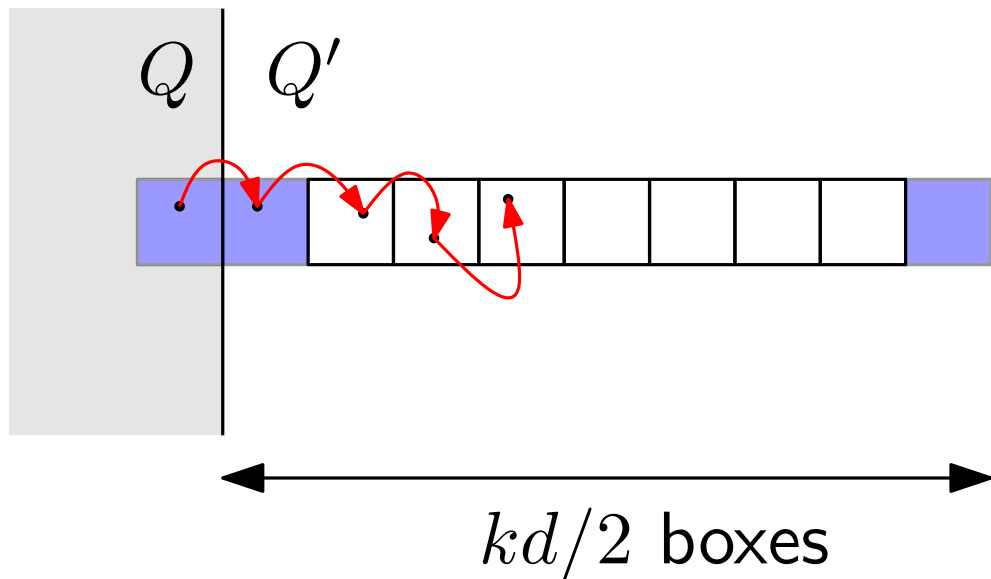
**Lemma.**  $\forall \eta > 0$ , can choose all the constants such that for all  $n$  large

$$\mathbf{P}(G_x \mid \mathbf{X}, \delta\text{-good}) \geq 1 - \eta$$

# Link events



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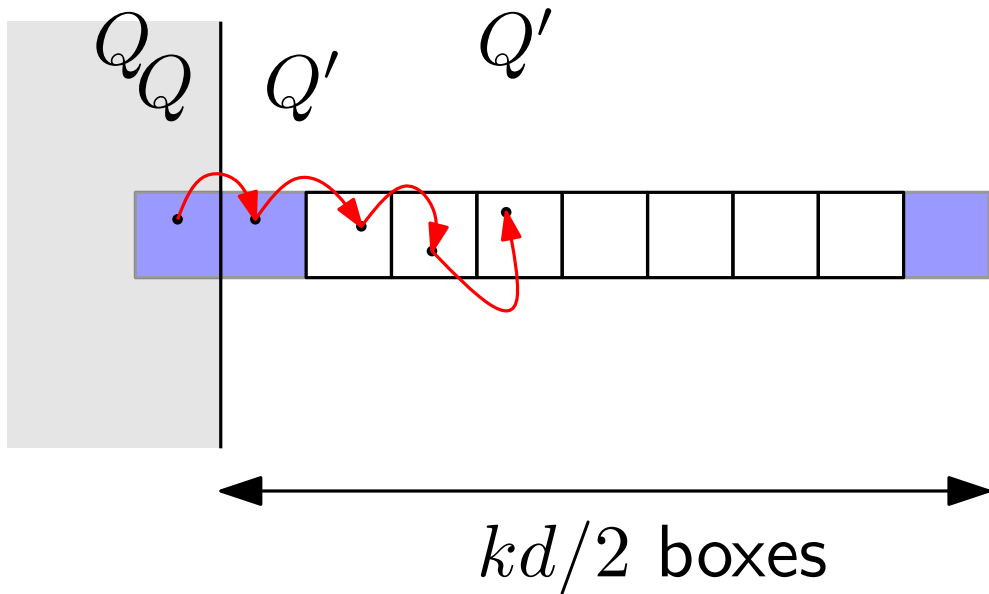
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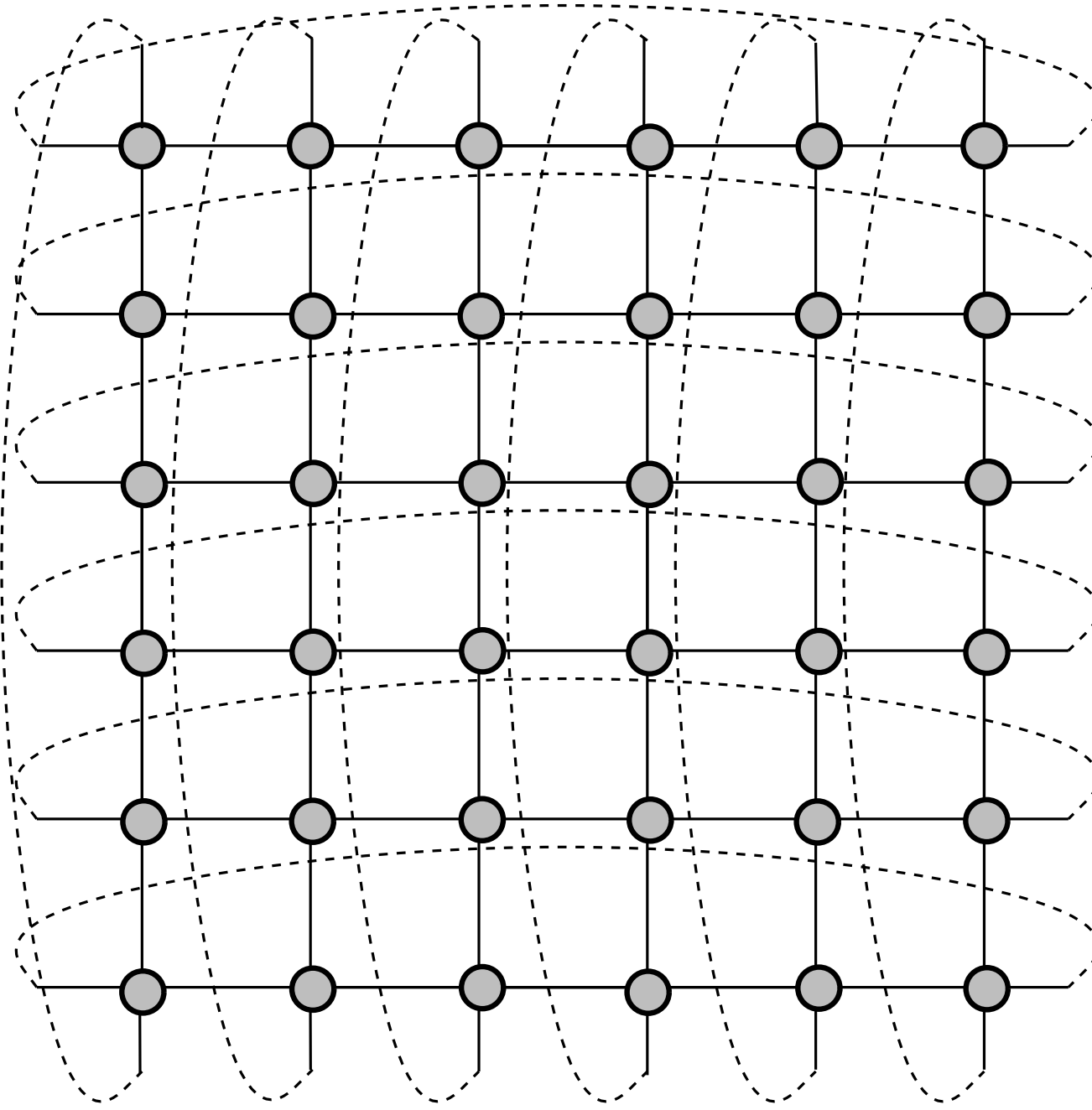
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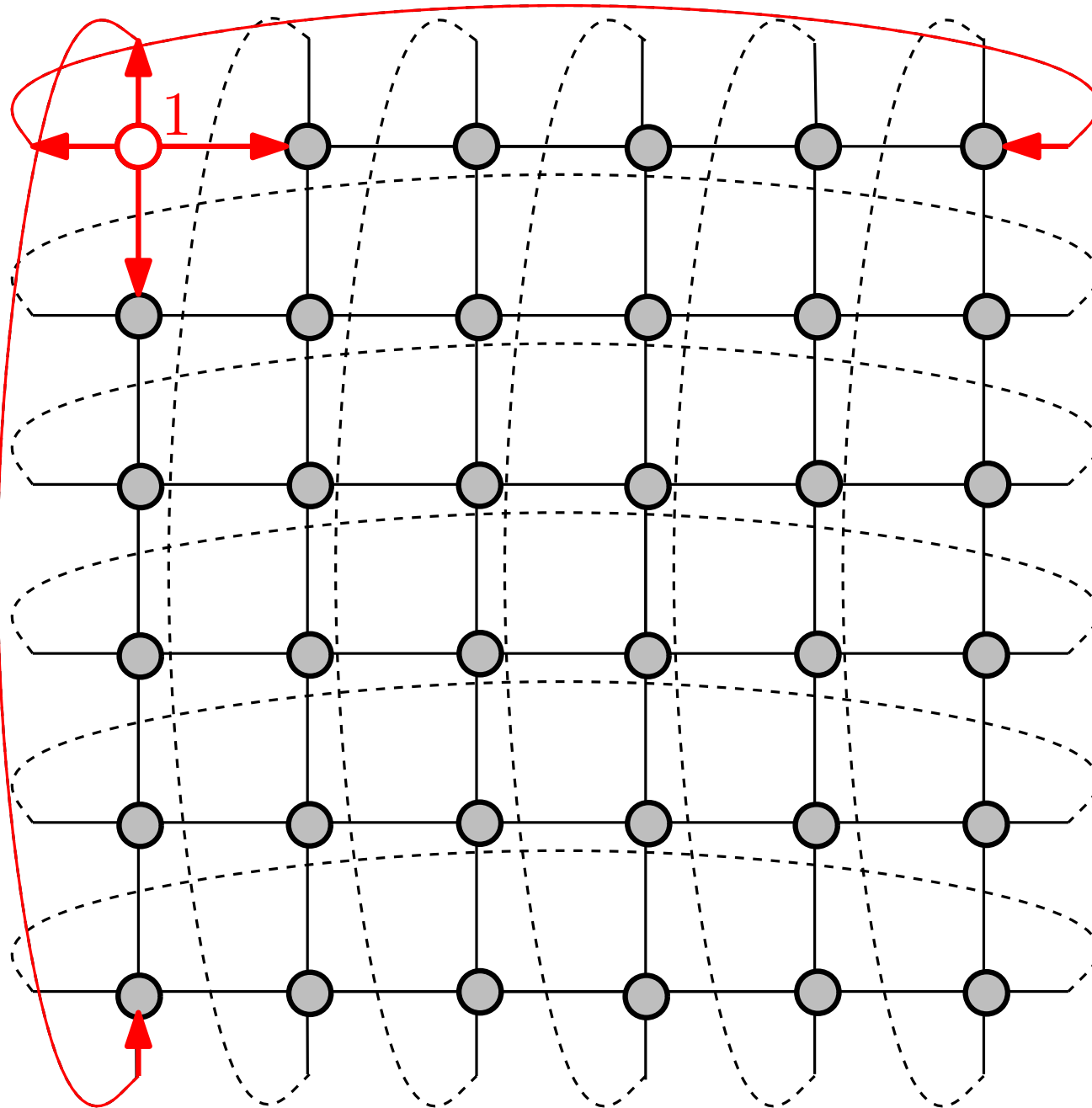
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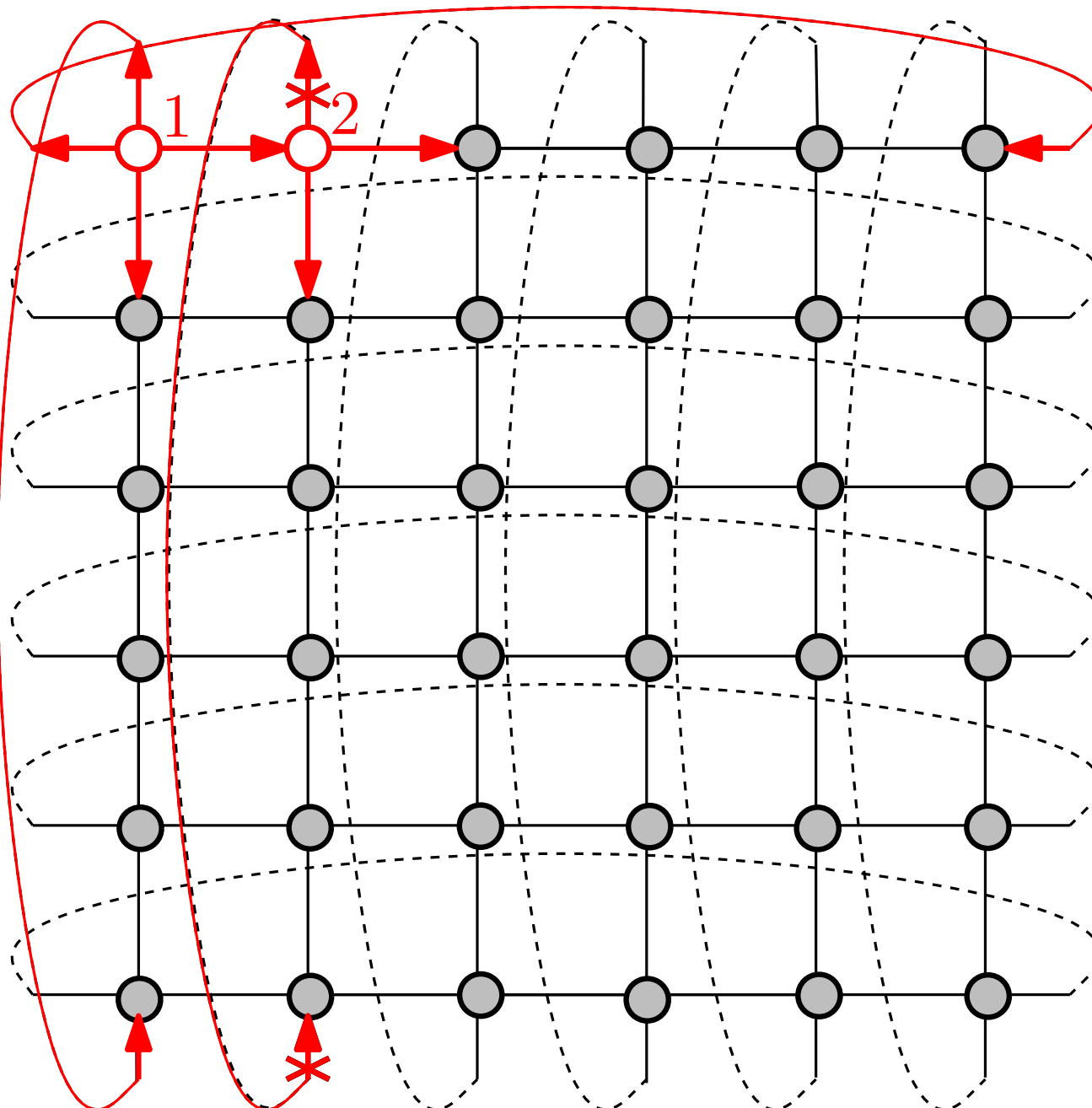
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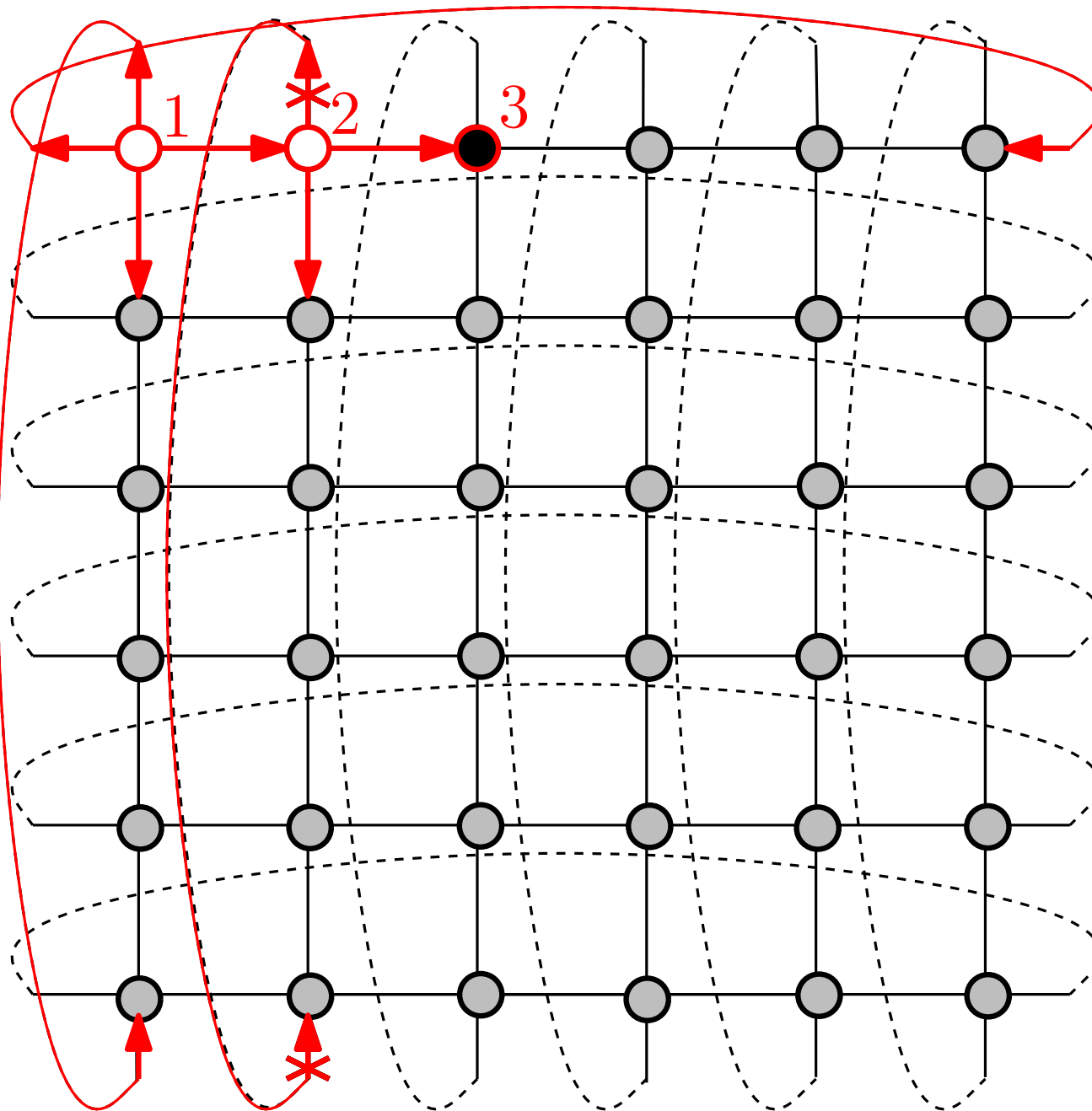
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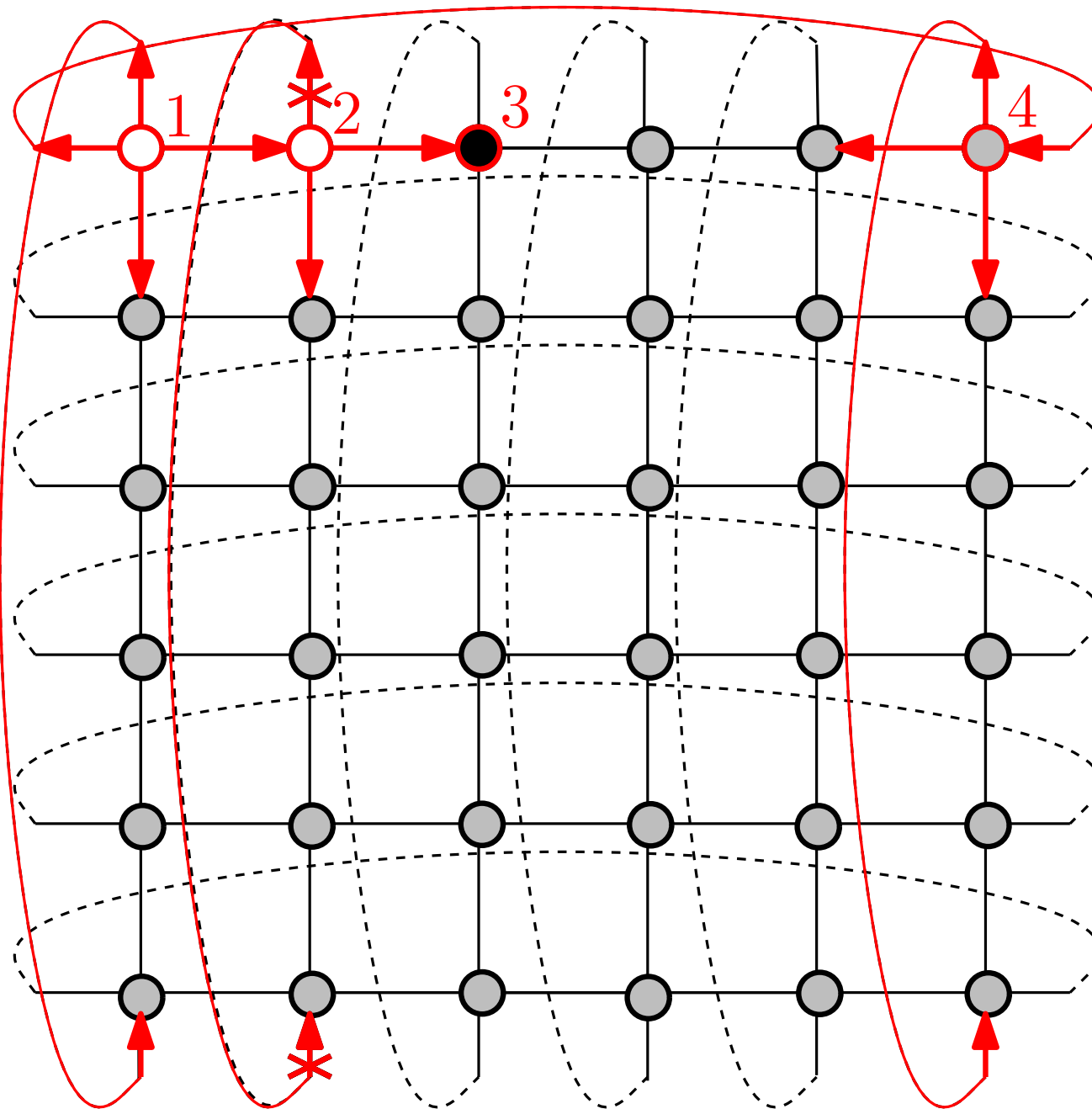
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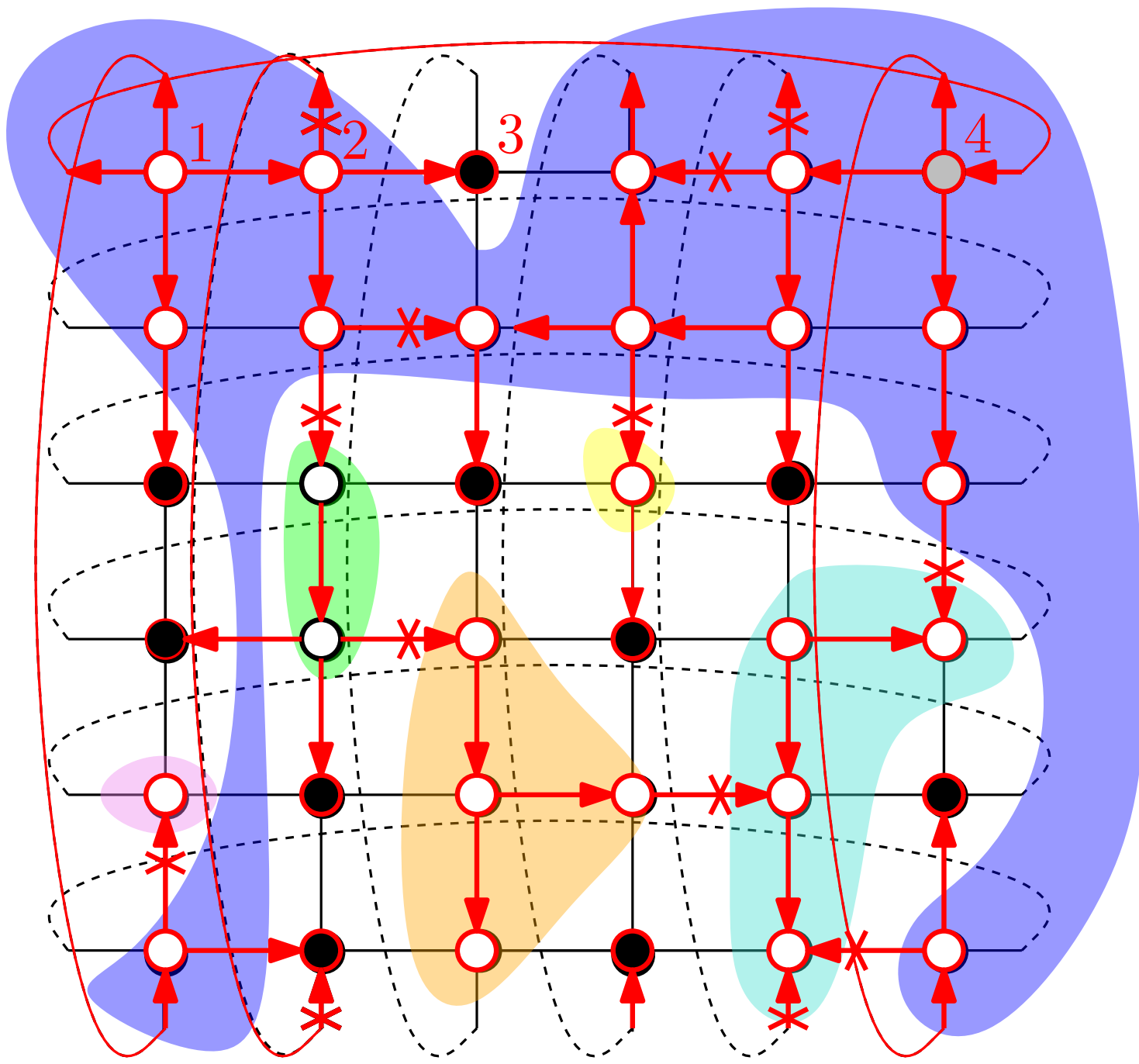
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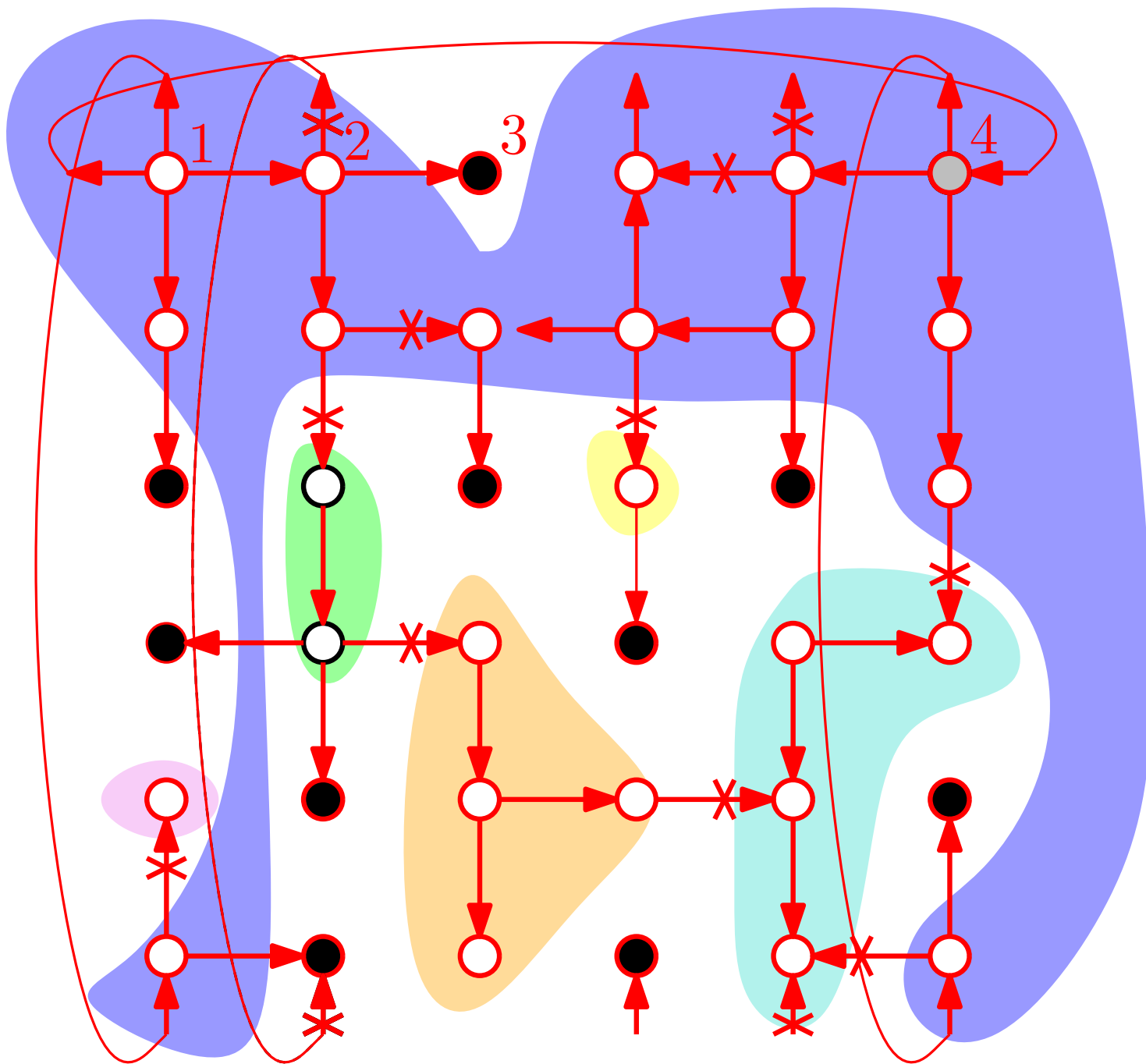
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percolation process = random configuration, where  
each edge open with probability  $p_e$   
each node open with probability  $p_n$  } independently !

## Definition of the coupling:

1. Exploration of clusters  $\implies$  partial percolation process on torus  $[m] \times [m]$
2. For unassigned values: complete with i.i.d. Bernoulli

**Observation.** If  $H$  is a cluster of cells in the percolation process, then, there is a connected component of  $S_n(r_n, \xi)$  which “sees” every single point of  $S$



# Cluster built is ubiquitous but too sparse!

**Lemma.** For any  $\epsilon > 0$

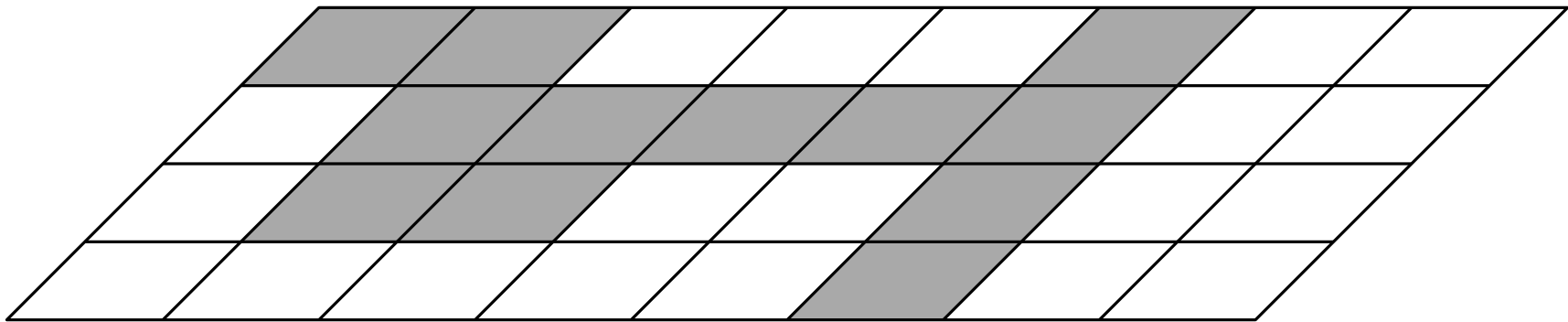
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## Problems:

- 1) in  $S_n(r_n, \xi)$  only constant number of points per cell  
so only  $O(m^2) = O(n/\log n)$  nodes in total !
- 2) close points do not connect locally !
  - after  $\ell$  generations about  $\mathbf{E}[\xi]^\ell$  points
  - need  $\ell = \log \log n$  to have a proportion in a cell
  - but these  $\Omega(\log n)$  are spread at distance  $\Omega(\sqrt{\log \log n})$

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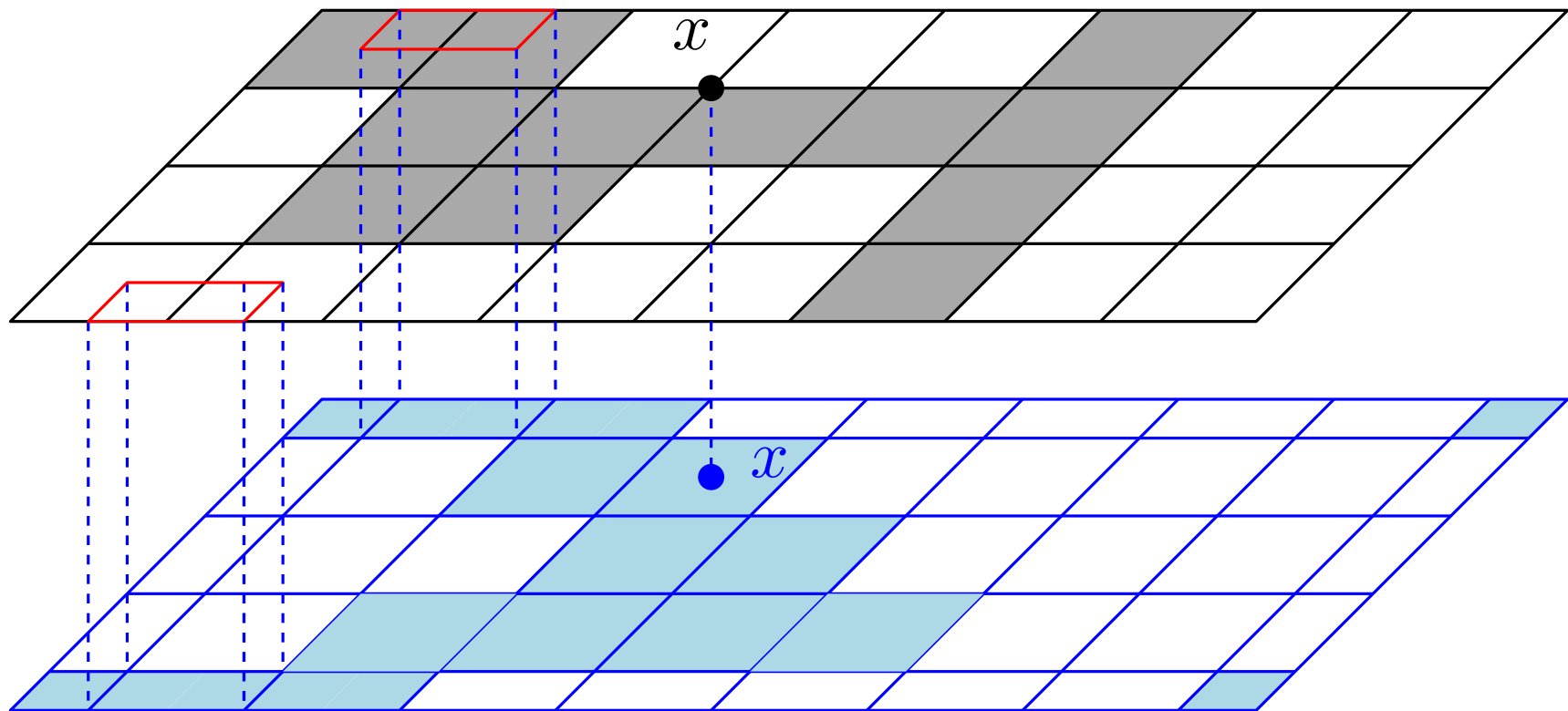
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Consider  $x \in \mathbf{X}$ : make its box central in the discretization



Cells may not be aligned, but boxes are aligned

# Hooking up left over points

## Observations.

- 1)  $\mathbf{P}(x \text{ in second giant}) \geq 1 - \epsilon$
- 2) the two giants overlap on  $(1 - 2\epsilon)$  proportion of the boxes  
 $\Rightarrow \Omega(n/\log n)$  such boxes

## The too giants are bound to hook up !

in each of the overlapping boxes: about  $\mathbf{E}[\xi]^{k^2/2}$  points  
whose neighbors have not yet been chosen !

$$\mathbf{P}(\text{one node fails to hook}) \leq (1 - O(1/\log n))$$

$$\mathbf{P}(\text{all node fail to hook}) = (1 - \Omega(1/\log n))^{n/\log n} = e^{-\Omega(n)}$$