## Simple maps (also) converge to the Brownian map

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Euler Formula: \# vertices $+\#$ faces $=\mathbf{2}+\#$ edges
A quadrangulation with $n$ faces has $2 n$ edges and $n+2$ vertices.

## Which maps ?



Quadrangulations (all faces have degree 4)

Simple maps (no loops nor multiple edges)


Cubic maps (all vertices have degree 3)

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- cvgence of normalized quadrangulations + properties of the limit [Marckert-Mokkadem '06], [Le Gall '07], [Le Gall, Paulin '08] [Miermont '08]

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\text { Hausdorff dimension }=4 \quad \text { topology of the limit }=\text { sphere }
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exactly the setting of [Marckert '08]:
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Theorem :
$S_{n}=$ random outer-triangular simple map, then for all $\varepsilon>0$ :

$$
\mathbb{P}\left(\sup _{0 \leq t \leq 1}\left\{\left|\tilde{Z}_{\lfloor n t\rfloor}-Z_{\lfloor n t\rfloor}\right|\right\} \geq \varepsilon n^{1 / 4}\right) \rightarrow 0 .
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i.e. the label process of the tree gives the distance to the root in the map.

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Label of $u \geq d_{M_{n}}(u$, root $)+\varepsilon n^{1 / 4}$.
Then under the uniform law on $\mathcal{M}_{n}$, for all $\varepsilon>0$ :

$$
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## The result for the last time

Theorem : [A., Bernardi, Collet, Fusy]
$\mathcal{S}_{n}=\{$ simple maps with $n$ edges $\}$
$S_{n}=$ uniform random element of $\mathcal{S}_{n}$. Then:

$$
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for the distance of Gromov-Hausdorff on the isometry classes of compact metric spaces.

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