

The maximum of branching Brownian motion

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The order of the maximum of branching Brownian motion (BBM) differs in a logarithmic correction term from the one in corresponding independent setting. In this talk we zoom into this transition. We study “variable speed branching Brownian motions” where the “speed functions”, that describe the time-inhomogeneous variance, approach the one of BBM from below. We show that the logarithmic correction only depends on the initial and final diffusion parameters. We will see that the key to the above result is a precise understanding of the entropic repulsion experienced by an extremal particle.

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