# The multicolour East model 

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## Ergodicity

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- Target can a.s. be removed if correct colour is met at some point, follows by Borel-Cantelli if $q_{\bullet}, q_{\bullet}>0$.


## Ergodicity results

On $\mathbb{Z}^{d}$ we can add up to $2^{d}$ colours.

## Theorem (Y.C. '22)

The multicolour East model on $\mathbb{Z}^{d}$

- with $2^{d}$ colours is not ergodic.
- has positive spectral gap if
- all colours share a propagation direction (max colours $2^{d-1}$ ).
- there is a central colour that shares $d-1$ propagation direction with all other colours (max colours $d+1$ ).
- For $d=2$ completely characterized ergodicity landscape.
- For $d>2$ large gaps.


## Spectral gap bounds

## For simplicity: Only two-colour East model

Assume w.l.o.g. that $q_{\bullet}<q_{\bullet}$ and let $\theta_{q}:=\log _{2}(1 / q)$.

## Theorem (Y.C. '22)

Fix $\Delta>0$. If $p>\Delta$ we have

$$
\lim _{q_{\bullet} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\gamma(2 \text {-colour })}{\gamma_{2 D-E a s t}\left(q_{\bullet}\right)}=1
$$

If either:

- $\lim _{q_{\bullet} \rightarrow 0} q_{\bullet} \theta_{\bullet}^{3}=0$, i.e. "there is no frequent colour".
- $\lim _{q_{\bullet} \rightarrow 0} q_{\bullet} \theta_{\bullet}^{3} / \log _{2}\left(\theta_{\bullet}\right)=\infty$, i.e. "there is a frequent colour".

Bounding $\lambda_{D}$ : Finding spectral gap minimizing $V \subset \Lambda$

## Proposition (Y.C., F. Martinelli '22)

We find $V$ subset of a square $\wedge$ containing both the lower left and top right corner s.t.

$$
\lim _{q \rightarrow 0} \frac{\gamma_{\min }(V)}{\gamma_{2 D-\operatorname{East}}(q)}=1
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- Generalizes to d dimensions.
- Previously only known on boxes with maximal boundary conditions.

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Find such a system of paths w.h.p. using Peierlstype argument.

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Intersection points isomorphic to box in $\mathbb{Z}^{2}$

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## Thank you for listening.

