

Connections between  
the solvability of the Dirichlet problem  
and flatness of the boundary  
for PDE in sets without connectivity

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### Theorem (Application of Riesz Rep. Thm.)

The elliptic measure  $\{\omega_L^X\}_{X \in \Omega}$  is a family of probabilities in  $\partial\Omega$  s.t.

$$u(X) = \int_{\partial\Omega} f(y) d\omega_L^X(y), \quad X \in \Omega,$$

is the solution of (1) if  $f \in \mathcal{C}(\partial\Omega)$ .

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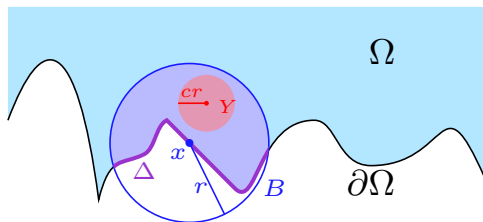
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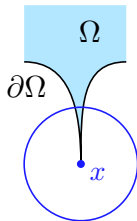
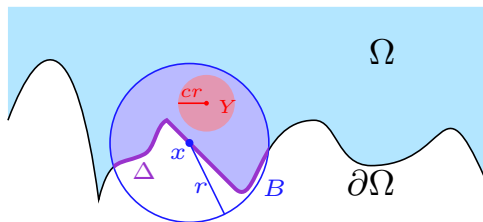
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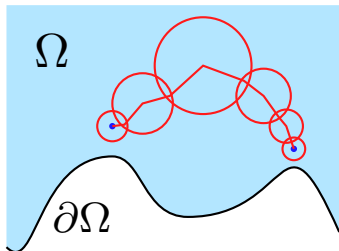
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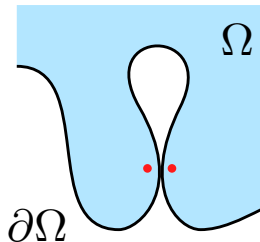
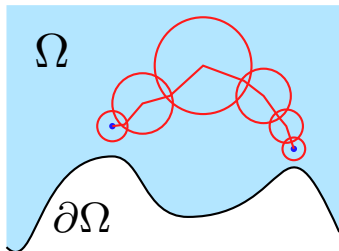
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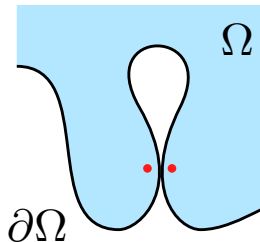
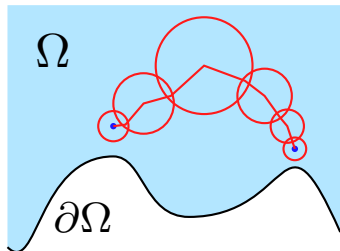
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- “Nice” operators  $\rightsquigarrow$  Fefferman-Kenig-Pipher operators  $L$ :
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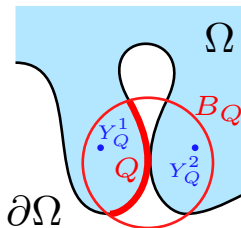
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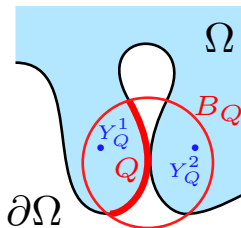
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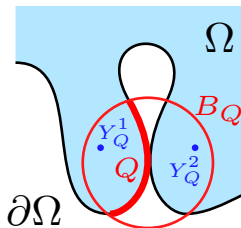
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# What was known without connectivity

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## Corollary (Cao, H., Martell - 2022)

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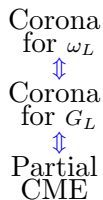
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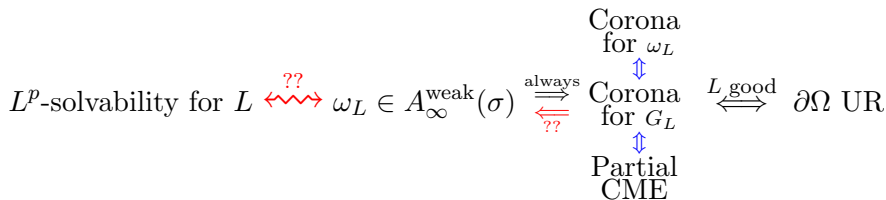
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