

# Inn'formal Probability Seminar

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“Cutsets and percolation”

**Abstract:**

The classical Peierls argument establishes that percolation on a graph  $G$  has a non-trivial (uniformly) percolating phase if  $G$  has “not too many small cutsets”. Severo, Tassion, and I have recently proved the converse. Our argument is inspired by an idea from computer science and fits on one page. Our new approach also resolves a conjecture of Babson and Benjamini from 1999 and provides a much simpler proof of the celebrated result of Duminil-Copin, Goswami, Raoufi, Severo, and Yadin that percolation on any transitive graph with superlinear growth undergoes a non-trivial phase transition.

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