## Comportement asymptotique de

 grandes structures discrètes aléatoires


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for every continuous bounded function $F: Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

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- different families of tree-like structures: stack triangulations (Albenque \& Marckert), graphs from subcritical classes (Panagiotou, Stufler \& Weller), dissections (Curien, Haas \& K), various maps (Janson \& Stefánsson, Bettinelli, Caraceni, K \& Richier).


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Figure: A simulation of $\mathrm{L}_{5}$.

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