# Multi-fractal spectrum of planar harmonic measures

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$$n \ particular, \qquad D\left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) = \frac{1}{\alpha}F(\alpha).$$

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- 5) Use multiplicativity of harmonic measure of Repellers (refined Carleson's estimate) to get a lower bound on the spectrum.

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# Thank you!!!