# Recurrence of Tandem Queues under Random Perturbations 

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## Example: Random vertikal conductances

$\mu_{k} \sim$ Binom, i.i.d:

$$
\mathbb{P}\left[\mu_{k}=\lambda+\epsilon\right]=p=1-\mathbb{P}\left[\mu_{k}=\lambda-\epsilon\right]
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The Process is positive recurrent iff $p>\frac{1}{2}\left(1+\frac{\epsilon}{\lambda}\right)$.

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