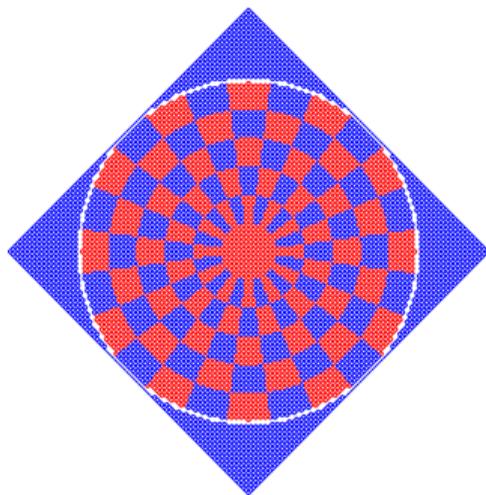


# BIPARTITE DIMER MODEL:

## T-EMEBEDDINGS OF GRAPHS AND GFF

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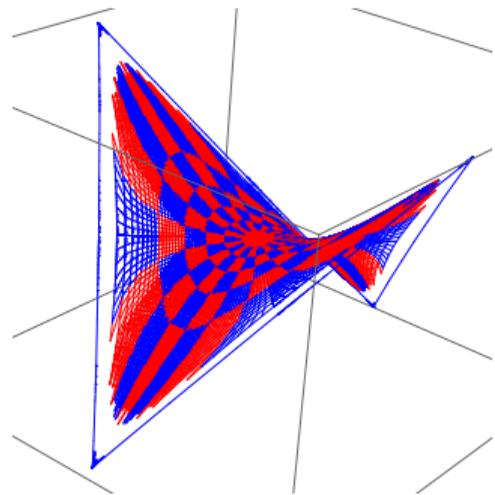


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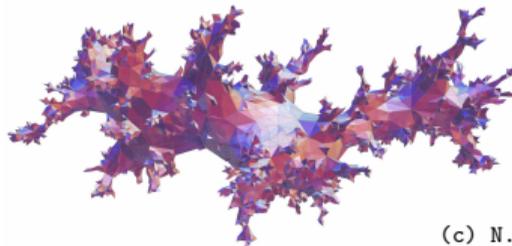


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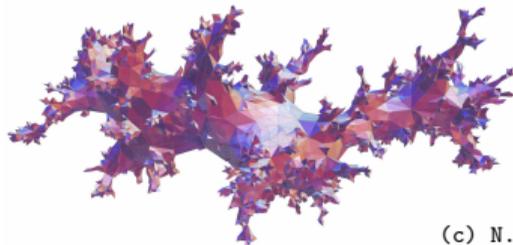
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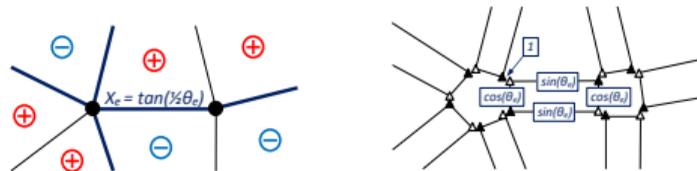
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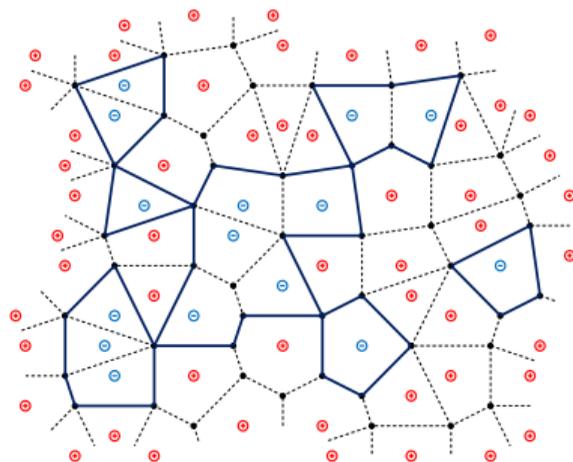
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where  $J_{uv} > 0$  are interaction constants preassigned to edges  $\langle uv \rangle$ ,  $\beta = 1/kT$ , and  $x_{uv} = \exp[-2\beta J_{uv}]$ .

- **Remark:** w/o magnetic field  $\Rightarrow$  'free fermion'.

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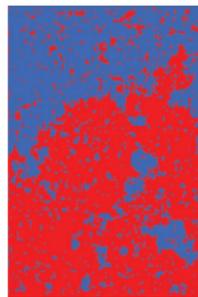
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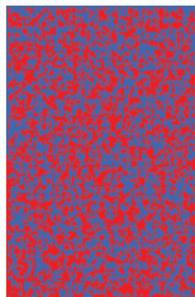
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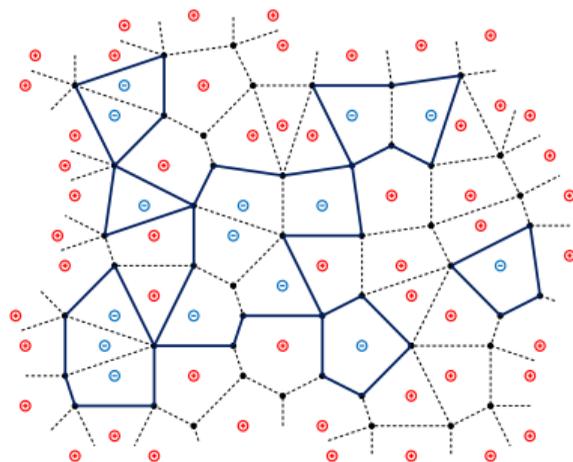


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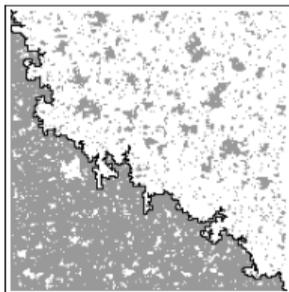
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- correlation functions (CFT);
- loop ensembles (SLE/CLE).

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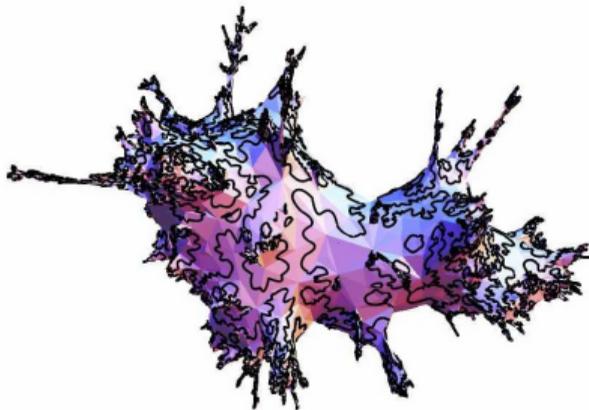
- *Critical Ising model:* [Smirnov'06  $\rightsquigarrow$  ...]
  - *correlations* (fermions, spins, ...) converge to the Ising CFT ( $c = \frac{1}{2}$ );
  - *interfaces/loop ensembles* converge to SLE/CLE( $\kappa$ ),  $\kappa = 3, \frac{16}{3}$ .



[Interfaces on the square lattice. (c) Smirnov'06]

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  - *fluctuations of the height function* converge to the Gaussian Free Field *[to be discussed on the next slides]*
  - *double-dimers loop ensembles*

converge [??]

Kenyon'10,  
Dubédat'14,  
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... [still not quite] ...

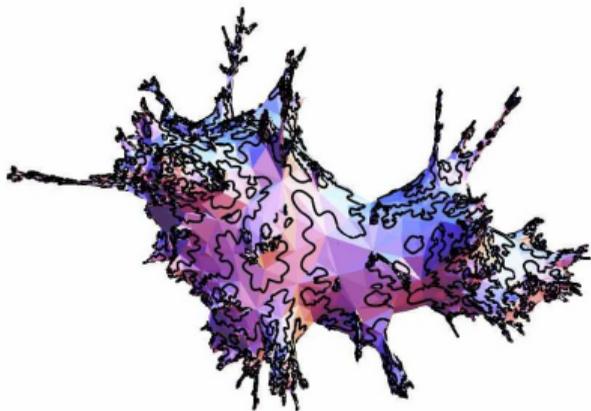
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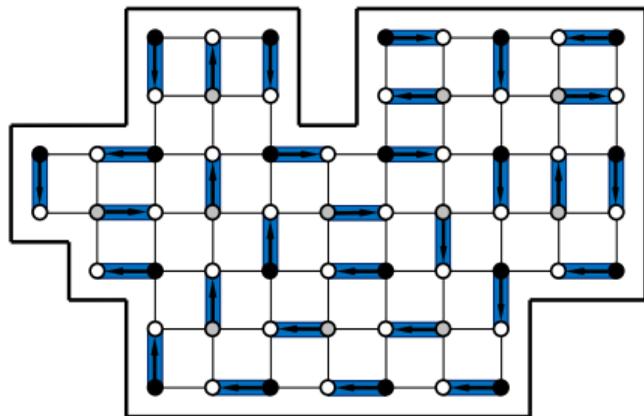
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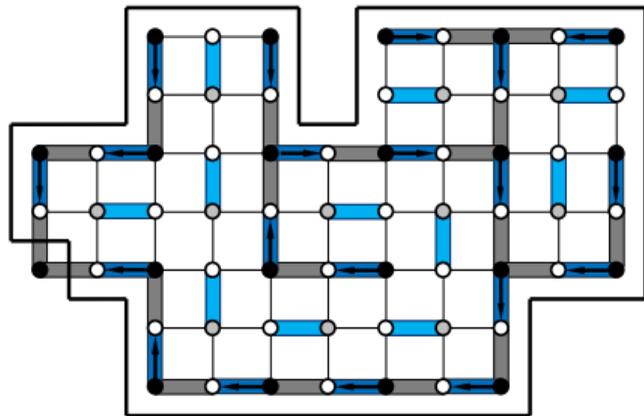
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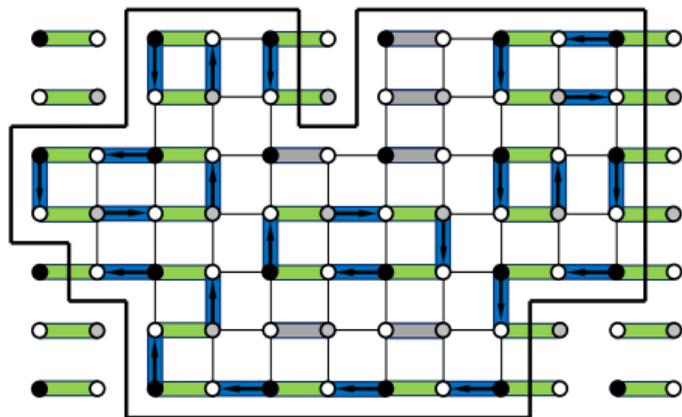
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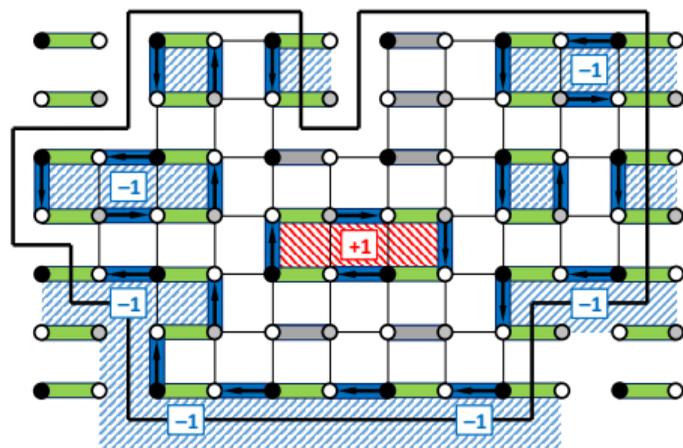
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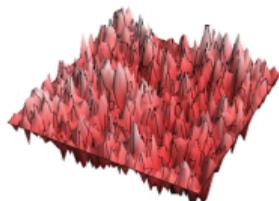
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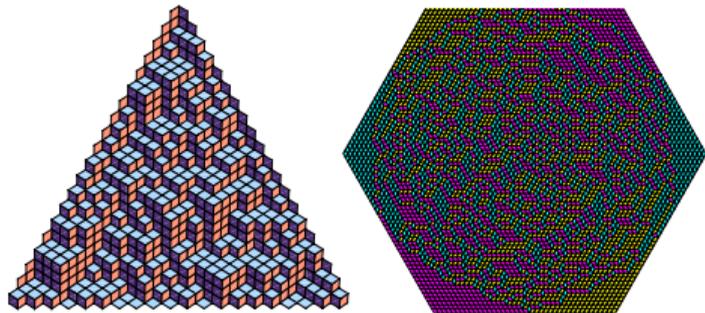
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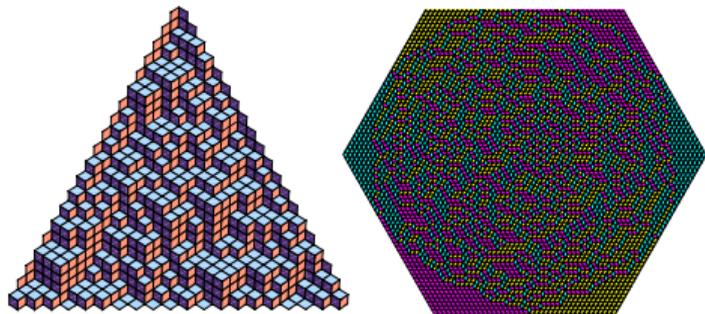
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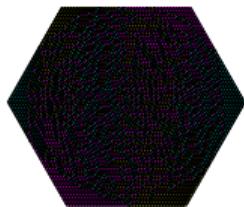
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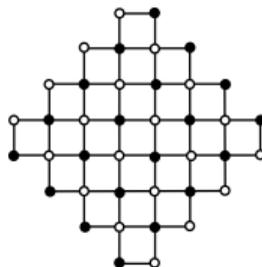
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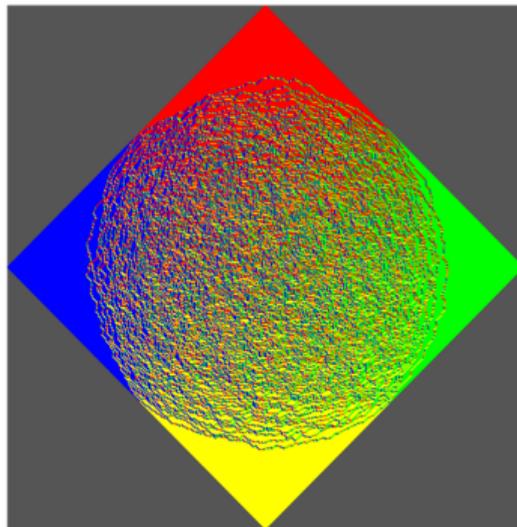
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$$A_n \subset n^{-1}\mathbb{Z}^2:$$

[Elkies – Kuperberg –  
Larsen – Propp '92, ...]



[(c) A. & M. Borodin, S. Chhita]



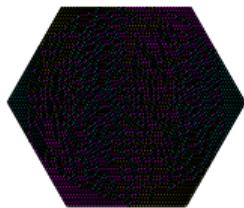
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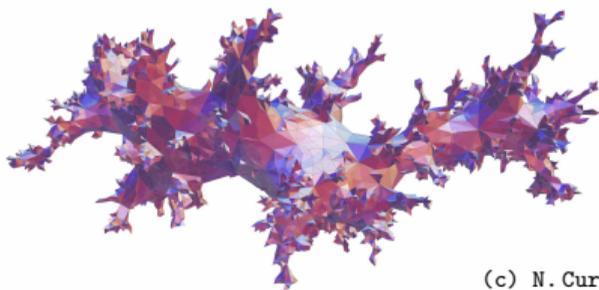
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- **Known tools:** problematic to apply  $\updownarrow$  [?] to generic graphs  $(\mathcal{G}, \nu)$
- **Long[!]-term goal:**

attack *random maps* carrying the bipartite dimer [or the critical Ising] model.



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- **Wanted:** *special embeddings* of abstract weighted bipartite planar graphs + '*discrete complex analysis*' techniques on such embeddings  $\rightsquigarrow$  *complex structure in the limit.*

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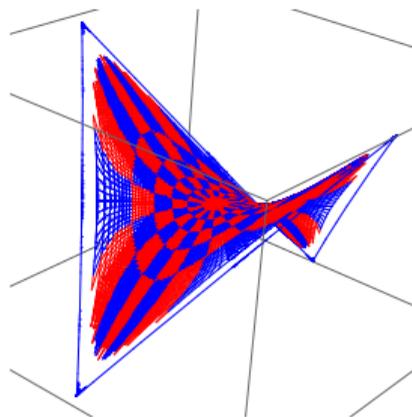
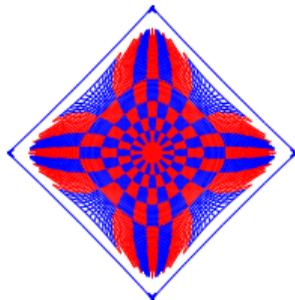
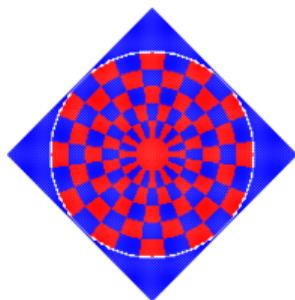
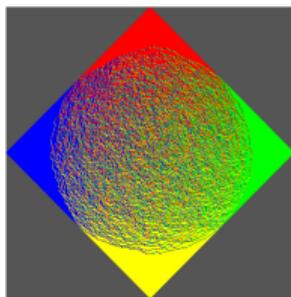
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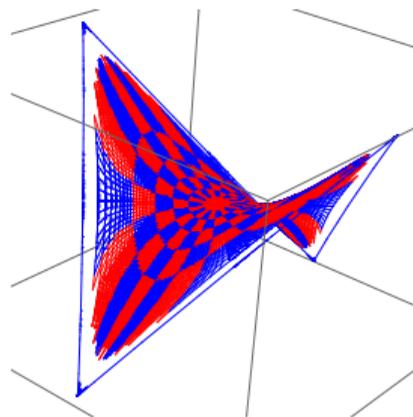
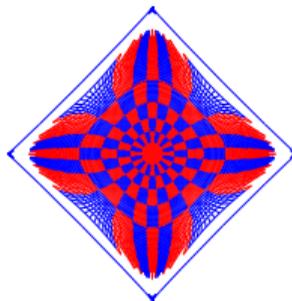
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- $D_\xi$ : inside of  $z(\phi) = e^{i\phi}/\cos(\xi(\phi))$ ;
- $S_\xi$  spans  $L_\xi := (z(\phi), \tan(\xi(\phi)))_{\phi \in \mathbb{T}}$   
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**Aztec case**  
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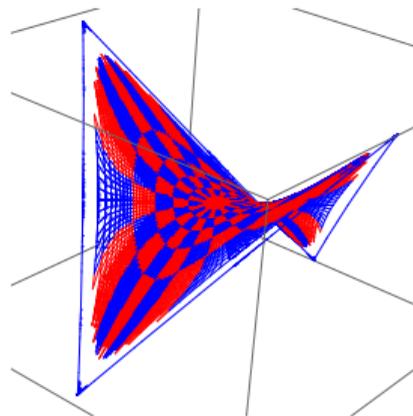
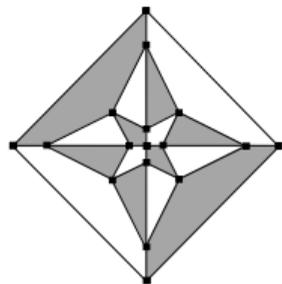
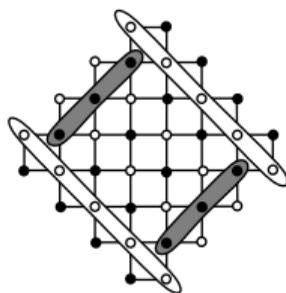
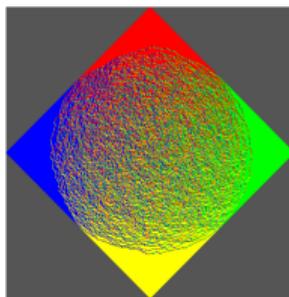
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*Particular cases:* harmonic/ *Tutte's embeddings* [via the Temperley bijection]

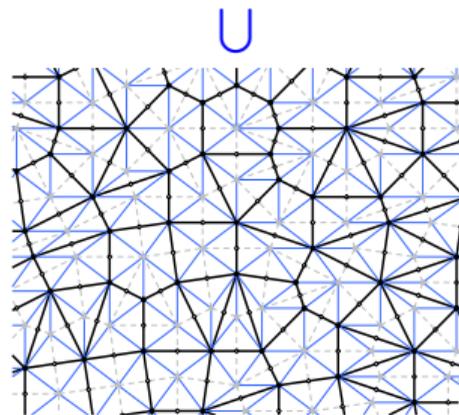
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*Extremely particular case:*

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[Ch. – Smirnov, arXiv:0910.2045

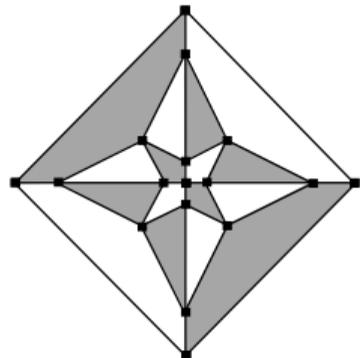
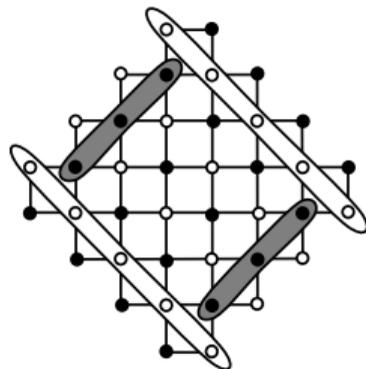
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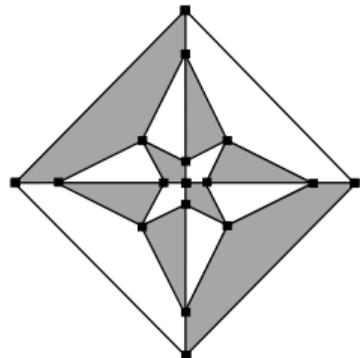
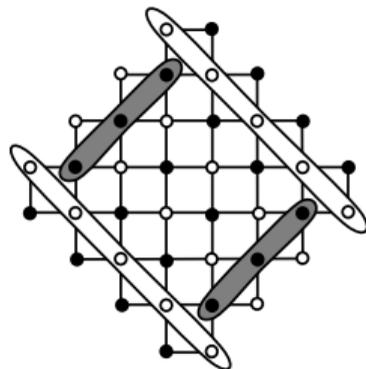
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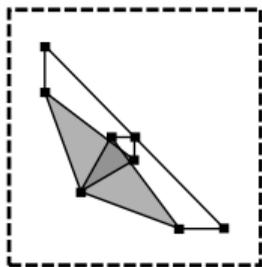
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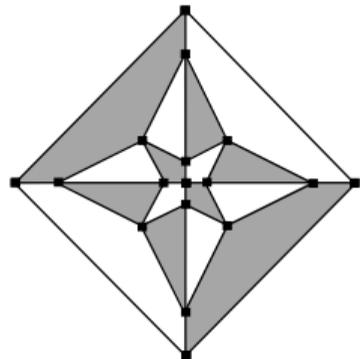
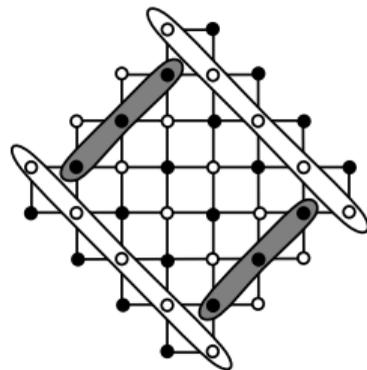
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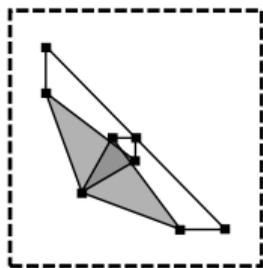
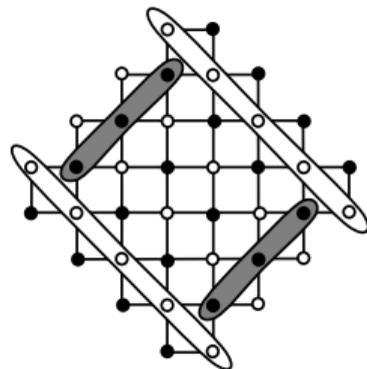
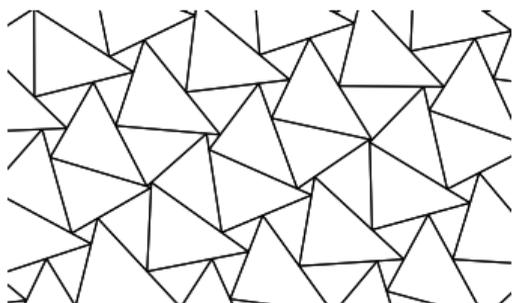
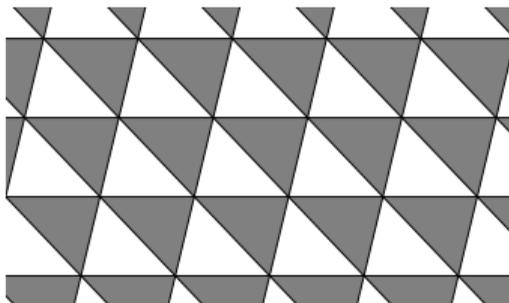
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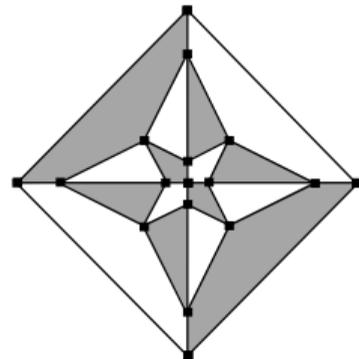
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- “Regular” case: triangular grids [Kenyon'04 + Laslier'13]



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- $t$ -holomorphic functions  $F^\circ : W \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$   
 $\bar{\alpha} \cdot \{ \text{gradients of harmonic on } \mathcal{T} + \alpha^2 \mathcal{O} \}$   
 [this notion does not depend on  $\alpha$ ]



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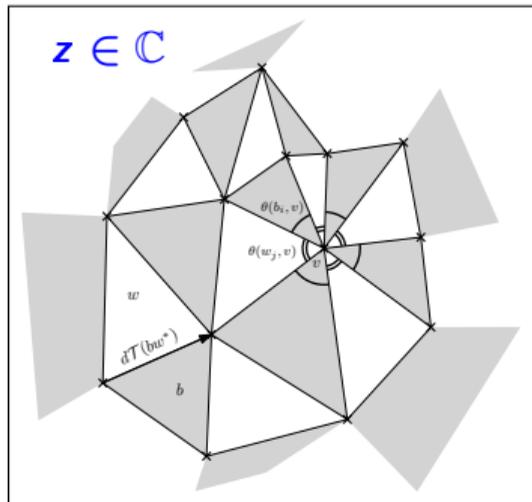
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- (triangulations)  $\mathcal{T}^\delta$  satisfy  $\text{EXP-FAT}(\delta)$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  if for each  $\beta > 0$ , if one removes all ' $\exp(-\beta\delta^{-1})$ -fat' triangles from  $\mathcal{T}^\delta$ , then the size of remaining vertex-connected components tends to zero as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ .

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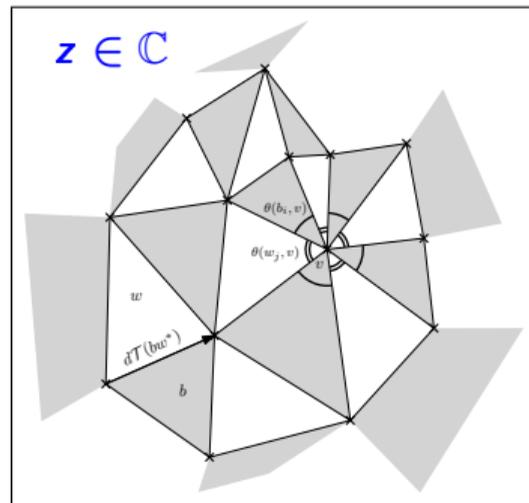
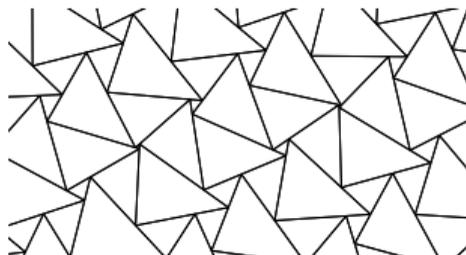
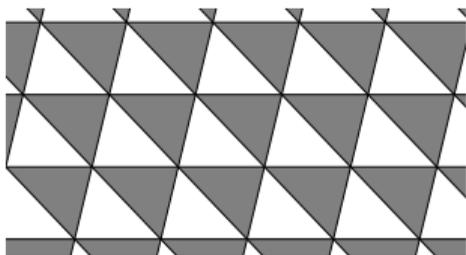
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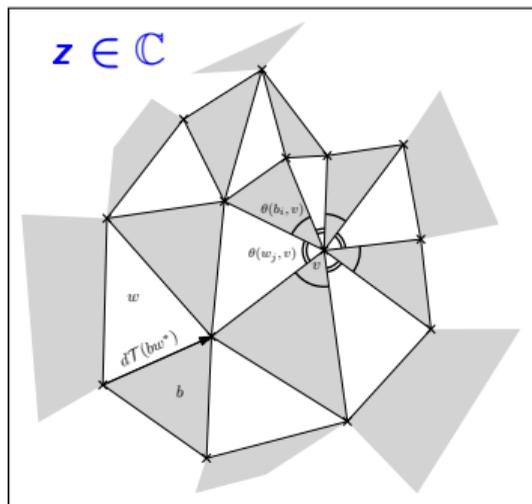
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- Assume that  $\mathcal{O}^\delta(z) \rightarrow \vartheta(z)$ ,  $z \in D$ ,  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  and that

- $\{(z, \vartheta(z))\}_{z \in D} \subset \mathbb{R}^{2+2}$  is a Lorentz-minimal surface.

- Let a *parametrization*  $\zeta$  be *conformal*  $z_\zeta \bar{z}_\zeta = \vartheta_\zeta \bar{\vartheta}_\zeta$  and *harmonic*  $z_\zeta \bar{\zeta} = \vartheta_\zeta \bar{\zeta} = 0$ .

- Then, subsequential limits of harmonic functions on all T-graphs  $\mathcal{T}^\delta + \alpha^2 \mathcal{O}^\delta$ ,  $|\alpha| = 1$ , and, moreover, all limits of dimer height functions *correlations are harmonic in  $\zeta$* .



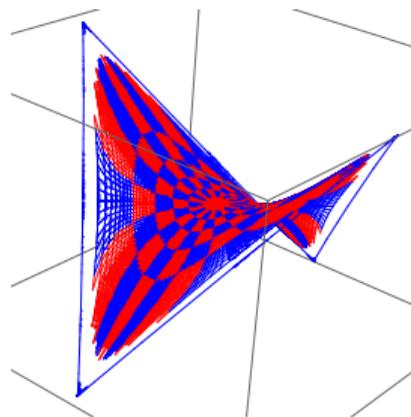
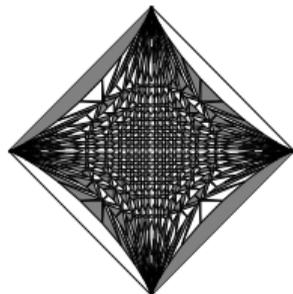
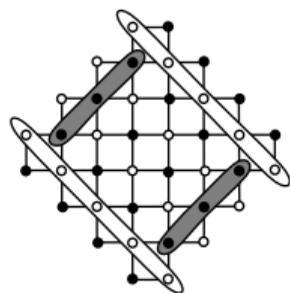
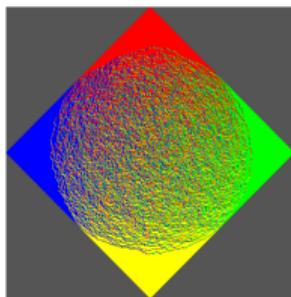
**Theorem:** [ Ch. – Laslier – Russkikh ]  
[ arXiv:2001.11871 + 20\*\*.\*\* ]

Let  $\mathcal{G}^\delta$ ,  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ , be finite weighted bipartite planar graphs. Assume that

- $\mathcal{T}^\delta$  are *perfect  $t$ -embeddings* of  $(\mathcal{G}^\delta)^*$  [satisfying **assumption EXP-FAT**( $\delta$ )];
- as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ , the images of  $\mathcal{T}^\delta$  converge to a domain  $D_\xi$  [ $\xi \in \text{Lip}_1(\mathbb{T})$ ,  $|\xi| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ];
- *origami maps*  $(\mathcal{T}^\delta, \mathcal{O}^\delta)$  converge to a **Lorentz-minimal surface**  $S_\xi \subset D_\xi \times \mathbb{R}$ .

Then, *height functions fluctuations* in the dimer models on  $\mathcal{T}^\delta$  converge to the **standard Gaussian Free Field** in the **intrinsic metric** of  $S_\xi \subset \mathbb{R}^{2+1} \subset \mathbb{R}^{2+2}$ .

**Illustration:**  
**Aztec diamonds**  
[ Ch. – Ramassamy ]  
[ arXiv:2002.07540 ]

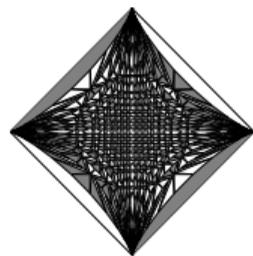


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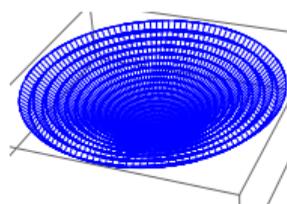
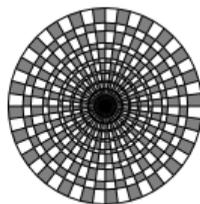
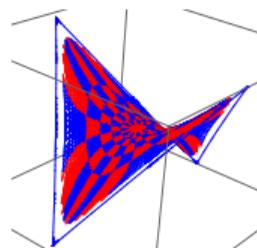
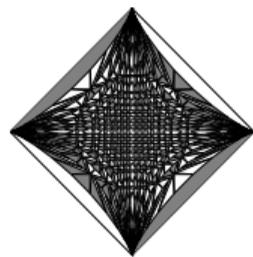
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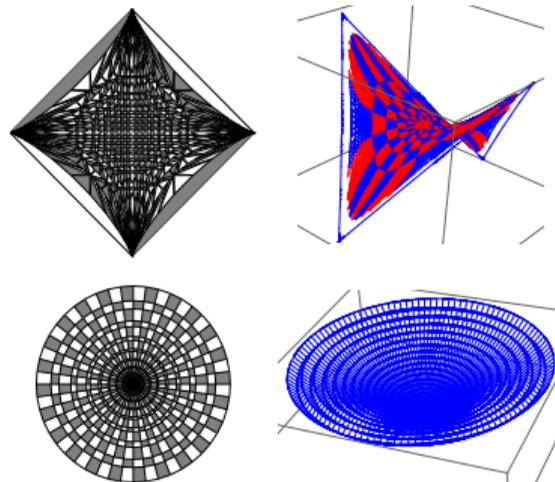
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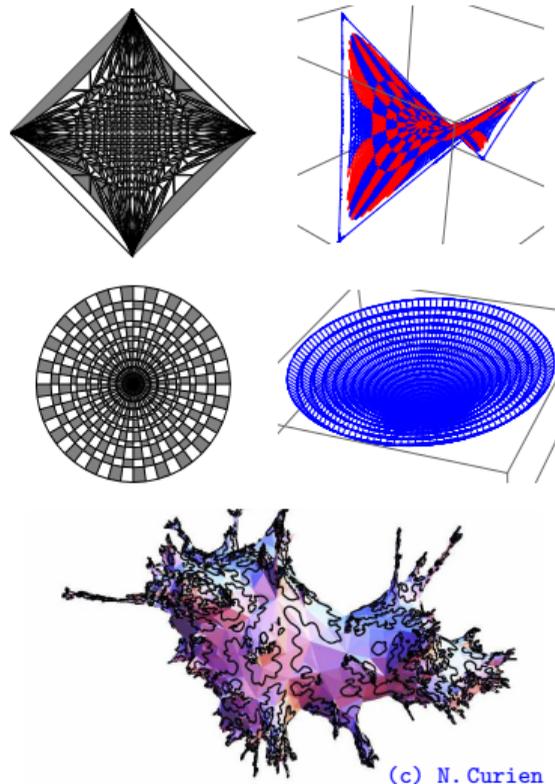
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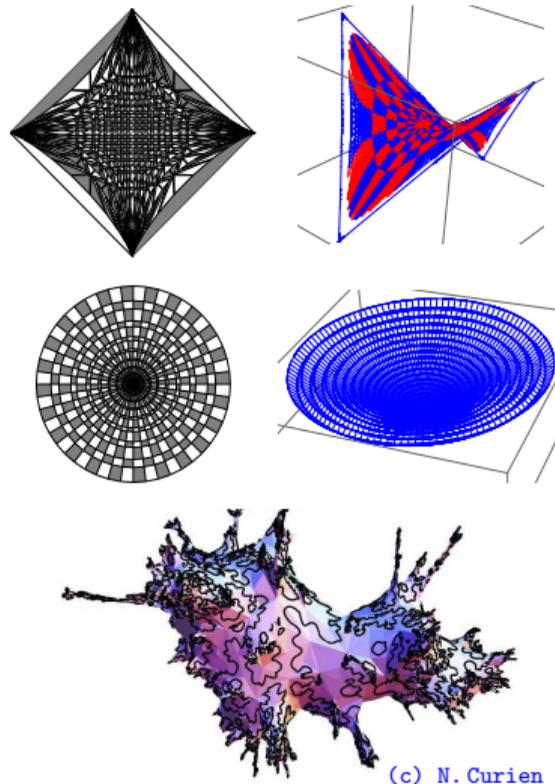
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