

## Informal [!!!!] discussion of the critical planar (= 2D n.n.) Ising model

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### Rough plan:

- Correlations in the critical Z-invariant model on *isoradial graphs*;
- *Criticality*  $\iff$  kernel ("0  $\in$  spec( $D$ )") of the 3-terms propagation equation  
[!] *already here there are questions to investigate*;
- *S-embeddings*
  - ▷ what is understood as of now [ spoiler: RSW+SLE(16/3) under  $\mathcal{Q} = O(\delta)$ ,  $\delta$  - uniform scale + bounded angles ]
  - ▷ precise links with *t-embeddings (dimers)* and the [Ch-Laslier-Russekikh] project;  
( $\mathcal{Q} \rightsquigarrow$  non-flat conformal structures; *regularity assumption* EXP-FAT)
  - ▷ how this should look like eventually (wishful thinking);
- [!] *Random maps: widely open, the ultimate goal is to develop a proper framework.*

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▷ “Mixed correlations” project [CHI, 2016–2020]: among other things, the goal of the current version is to make the proofs free from the direct comparison with harmonic functions on  $\Gamma/\Gamma^*$  (e.g., another strategy for proving convergence statements).

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- **Question:** To understand (beyond the periodic setup) the existence of a complex-valued solution to the propagation equation in the infinite-volume (as a spectral property of the propagator, in the random maps setup, etc)

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- **Main tool:** s-holomorphic functions on s-embeddings  
 $\subset$  t-holomorphic functions on t-embeddings [CLR1, arXiv:2001.11871]
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- **Open questions (as of now), how all this should look like eventually:**  
 RSW under the assumption  $LIP(\kappa, \delta)$  (+ maybe smth like EXP-FAT( $\delta$ ) as in [CLR1])  
 Convergence to a *conformal structure defined by (the graph in  $\mathbb{R}^{2+1}$  of)  $Q$*   
 (as in [CLR1, Section 6.4], [Ch.–Ramassamy, arXiv:2002.07540] and [CLR2])

- **[!] Random maps (weighted by Ising [or bipartite dimers]): a theory to develop**

Good points:

- ▶ proper embeddings based on *infinite-volume solutions to the propagation equation* (+ discrete complex analysis on them allowing to analyze Ising correlations);
- ▶ though this generality still requires a lot of work for Ising, the basic assumptions LIP & EXP-FAT from [CLR1] could be OK for embeddings of random maps.

*Wishful thinking/speculations: how could we observe links with the LCFT?*

- ▶ though the convergence of *interfaces* to SLEs is supposed to hold quenched
  - *the conformal structure comes from a (random!)  $\mathcal{Q}$  in a non-trivial way;*
  - limits of *correlations* must include additional non-trivial factors coming from “local scales” (replacement of  $\delta^{-1/2}$  and  $\delta^{-1/8}C_\sigma$ , not universal anymore).

*A firm conjecture on how random surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^{2+1}$  should be involved into the overall picture is extremely wanted! (Should it come in conjunction with the relevant QLE?)*