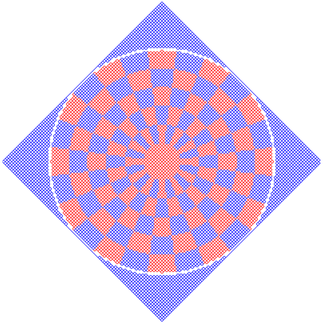
Bipartite Dimer Model:

Gaussian Free Field

on Lorentz-minimal surfaces



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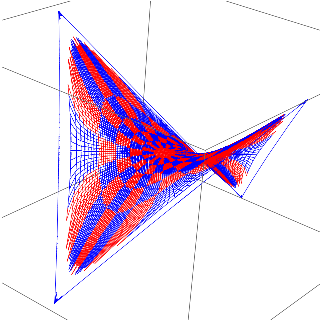
[recent/in progress joint works w/ Benoît Laslier, Sanjay Ramassamy, Marianna Russkikh]



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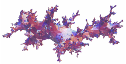
Outline of the talk:

▷ *Running illustration:* Aztec diamonds (w/ Ramassamy, `arXiv:2002.07540`).

▷ Intro: Thurston's height functions, conv. to GFF in a *non-trivial metric.*

▷ Long[!]-term motivation: 

▷ *T-embeddings:* basic concepts and *a priori regularity estimates* (w/ Laslier and Russkikh, `arXiv:2001.11871`).

▷ *Perfect t-embeddings* and Lorentz-minimal surfaces. *Main theorem* (w/ Laslier and Russkikh, `arXiv:20**.**`).

▷ (Some) open questions/perspectives.

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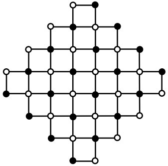

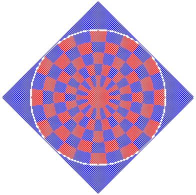

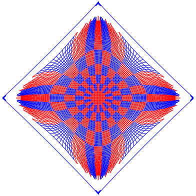

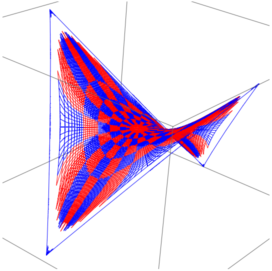

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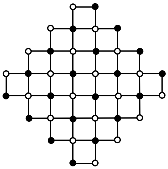

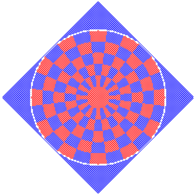

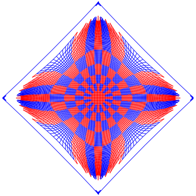

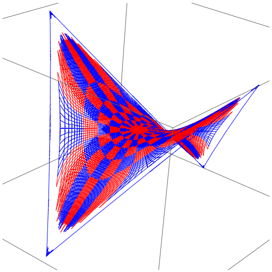

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- 1-Lipschitz function $|\xi(\phi)| < \frac{\pi}{2}$ on $\mathbb{T}$;
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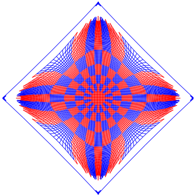
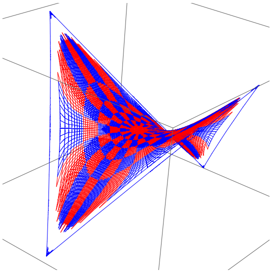
- S_ξ spans $\mathrm{L}_\xi := (z(\phi), \tan(\xi(\phi)))_{\phi \in \mathbb{T}}$

$\mathrm{L}_\xi \subset \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{2+1} : \|x\|^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - x_3^2 = 1\}$.

Aztec case $(\mathbf{D}_\xi, \mathbf{S}_\xi)$:





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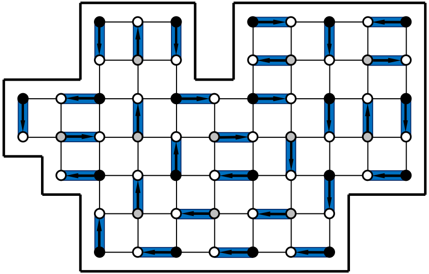

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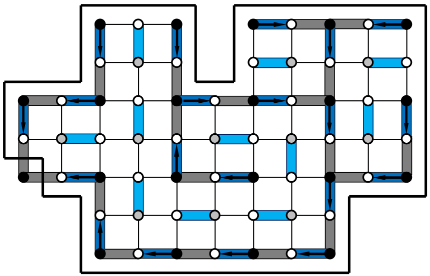

Temperley bijection: dimers on $\mathcal{G}_{\mathrm{T}}$ $\leftrightarrow$ *spanning trees* on another graph. This procedure is highly sensitive to the *microscopic structure* of the boundary.

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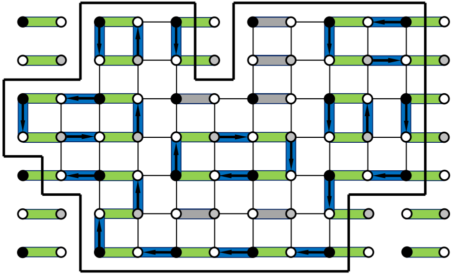

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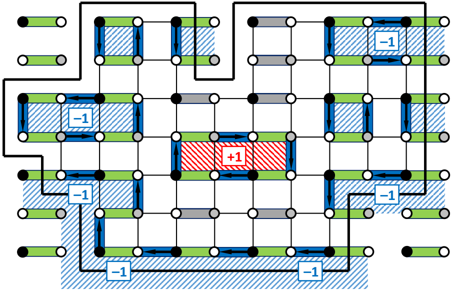

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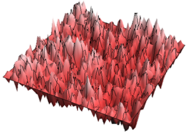

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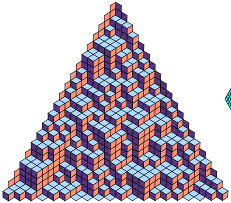

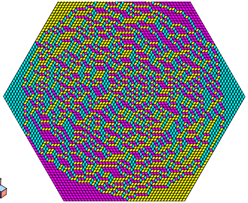

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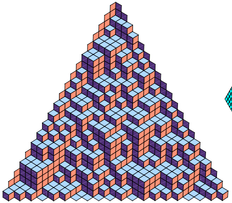

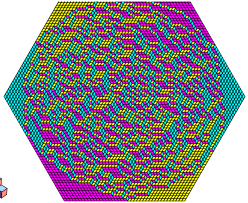

- [Cohn–Kenyon–Propp'00] the random profile δh^δ concentrates near a surface maximizing certain *entropy functional.*
- [Kenyon–Okounkov–Sheffield'06] gen. periodic lattices; **prediction on $\hbar^\delta$:** *GFF in the profile-dependent metric.*
- **Problematic beyond periodic case.**

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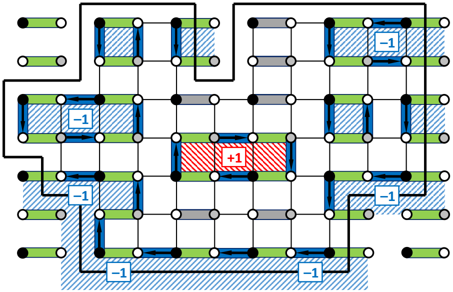

Remark: If G_{T}^δ are Temperleyan, *then* the boundary profiles of δh^δ are ‘flat’.

The *converse* is (by far) *false:* e.g., domains composed of 2×2 blocks are ‘flat’.

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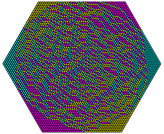

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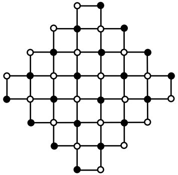

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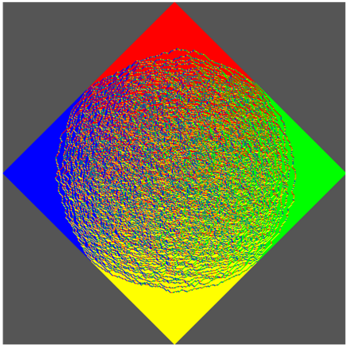

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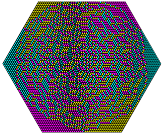

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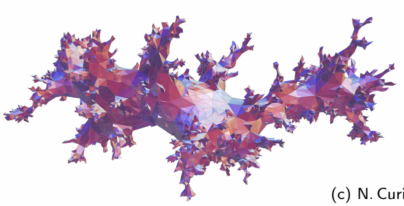

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"Bosonization": [Dubédat'11, ...]:

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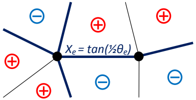

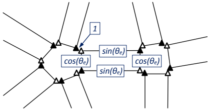

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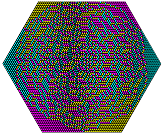

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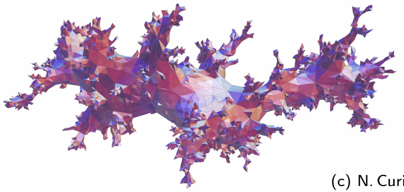

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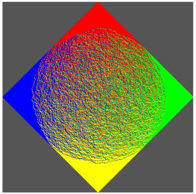

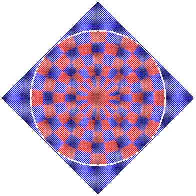

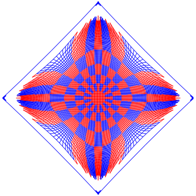

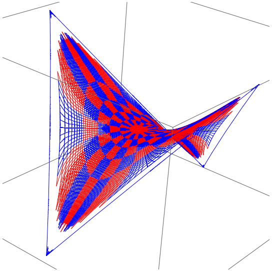

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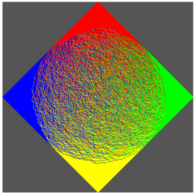

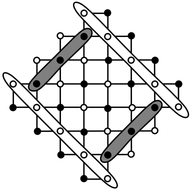

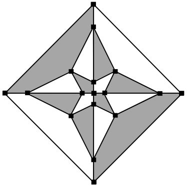

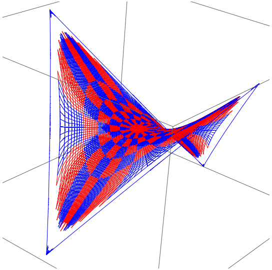

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Particular cases: harmonic/ *Tutte's embeddings* [via the Temperley bijection]

Ising model *s-embeddings* [arXiv:1712.04192, via the bosonization]

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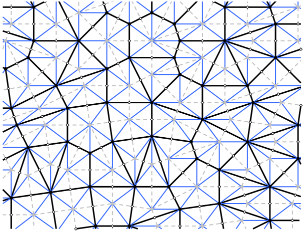
Extremely particular case:

Baxter's critical Z-invariant Ising model on *rhombic lattices/isoradial graphs*

[Ch. – Smirnov, arXiv:0910.2045 "*Universality in the 2D Ising model and conformal invariance of fermionic observables*"]



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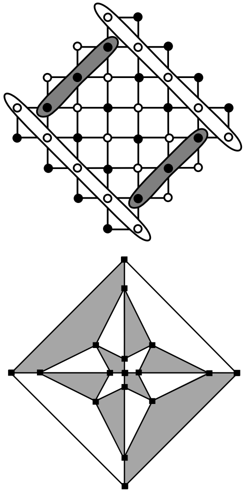

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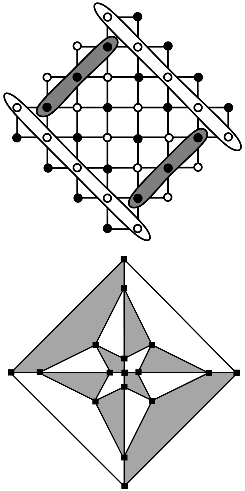

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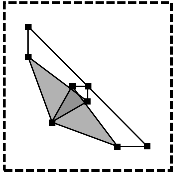

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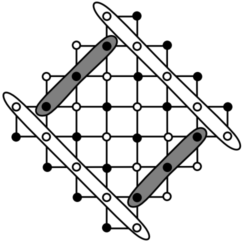

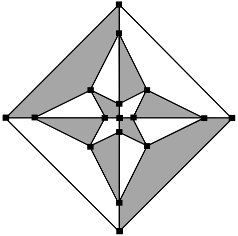

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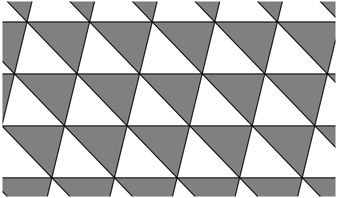

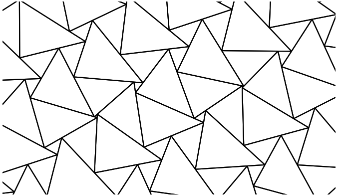

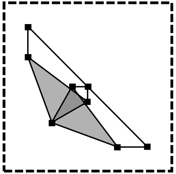

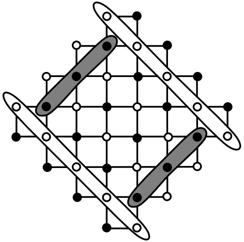

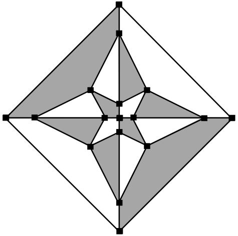

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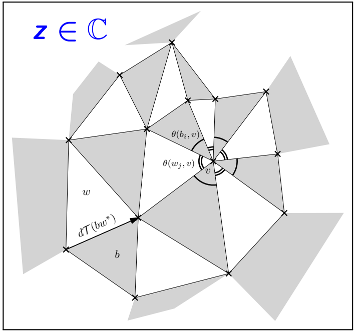

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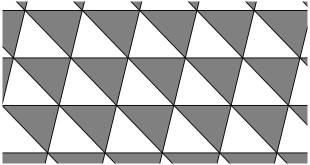

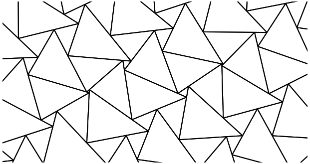

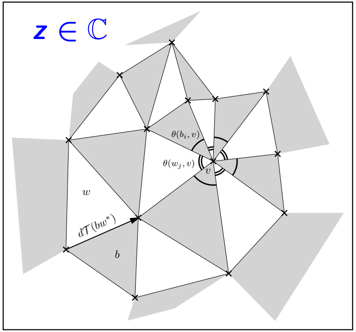

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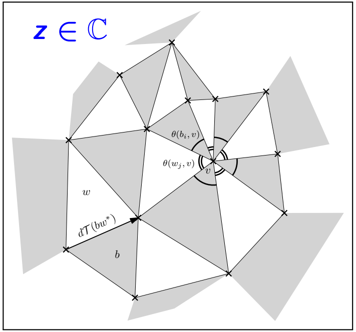

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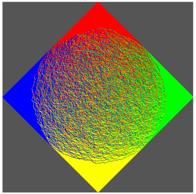

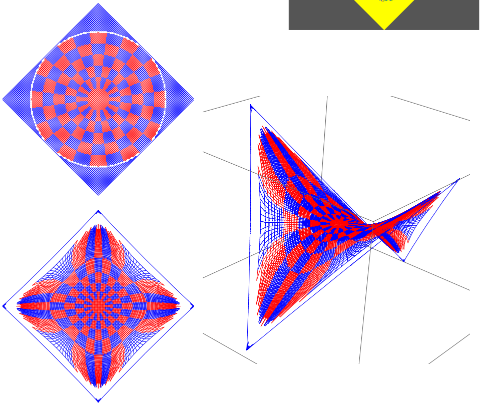

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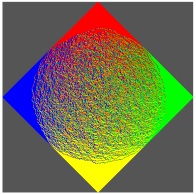

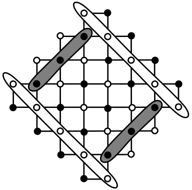

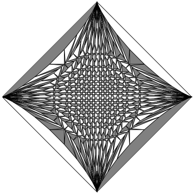

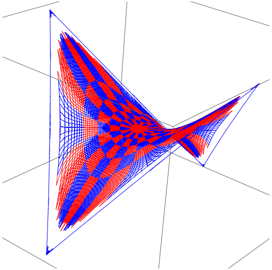

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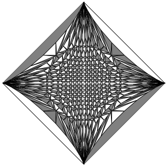

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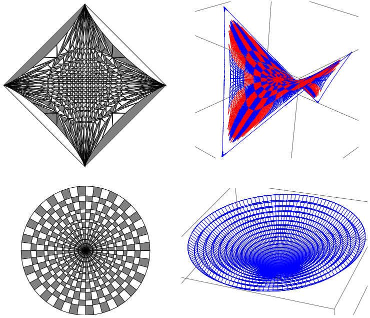

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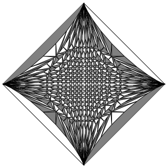

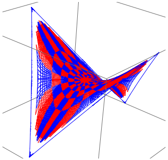

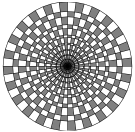

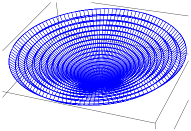

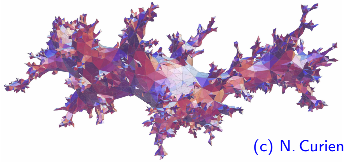

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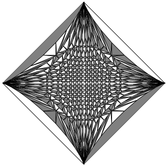

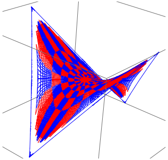

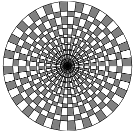

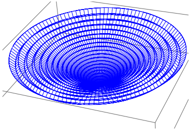

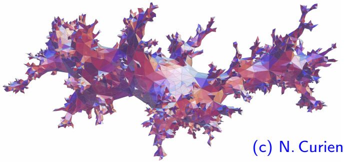

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