

# Hamiltonian Paths, Liouville Quantum Gravity and KPZ

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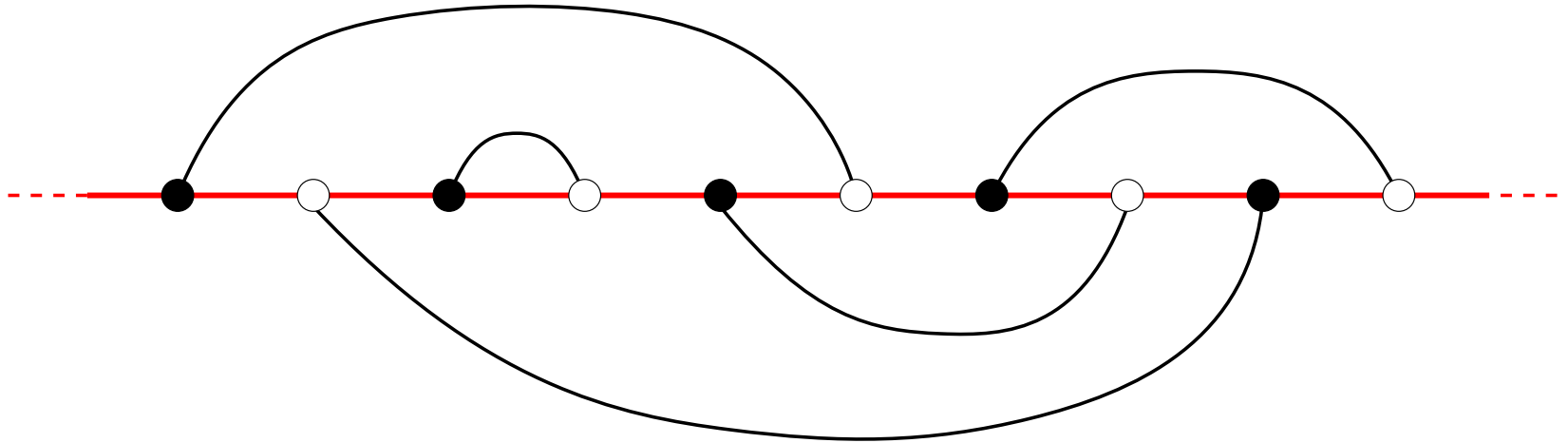
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**New trends of conformal theory from probability to gravity**

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# 1. An enumeration problem that still holds out against combinatorialists (\*)



- take an infinite line in the plane carrying a sequence of  $2N$  alternating black and white points,
- connect all black points to white points by  $N$  non-crossing arches drawn above and/or below the line,
- call  $z_N$  the number of different ways to do so. Formula for  $z_N$  ?

(\*) introduced in E.Guitter, C. Kristjansen, J. Nielsen 1999

0 1  
 1 2  
 2 8  
 3 40  
 4 228  
 5 1424  
 6 9520  
 7 67064  
 8 492292  
 9 3735112  
 10 29114128  
 11 232077344  
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We expect  $z_N \underset{N \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \kappa \frac{\mu^{2N}}{N^{2-\gamma}}$ . Values of  $\mu, \kappa, \gamma$  ?

From the exact enumeration data, we may extract

$$\mu^2 = 10.113 \pm 0.001$$

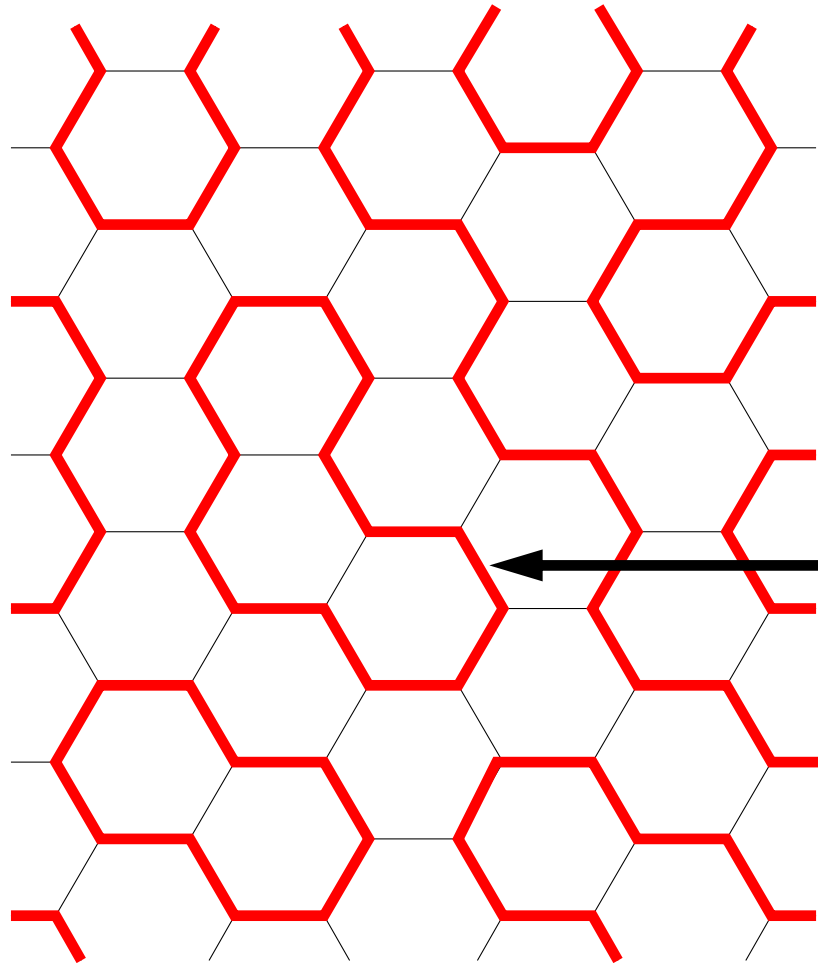
$$\gamma = -0.77 \pm 0.01$$

Conjecture (E. Guitter, C. Kristjansen, J. Nielsen 1999)

$$\gamma = -\frac{1 + \sqrt{13}}{6} = -0.76759 \dots$$

## 2. Where bees come to the rescue

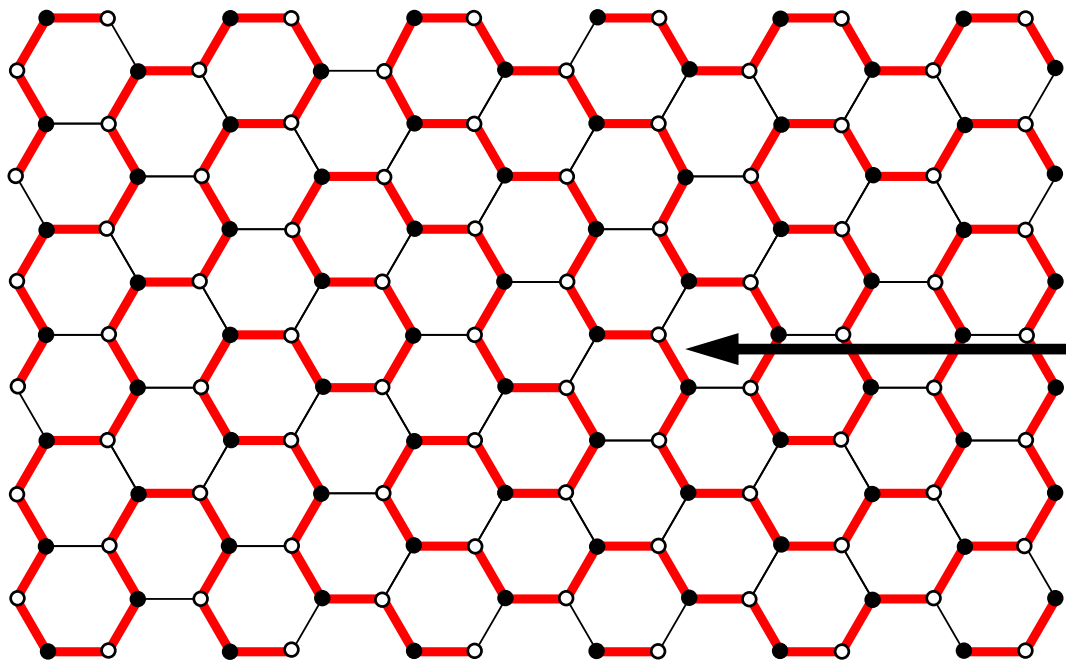
Statistical model on the honeycomb lattice



$FPL(n)$  model on the honeycomb lattice

**Fully Packed Loops** := Loops drawn on the edges of the honeycomb lattice, and which visit all the vertices of the lattice

Assign a weight  $n$  to each loop



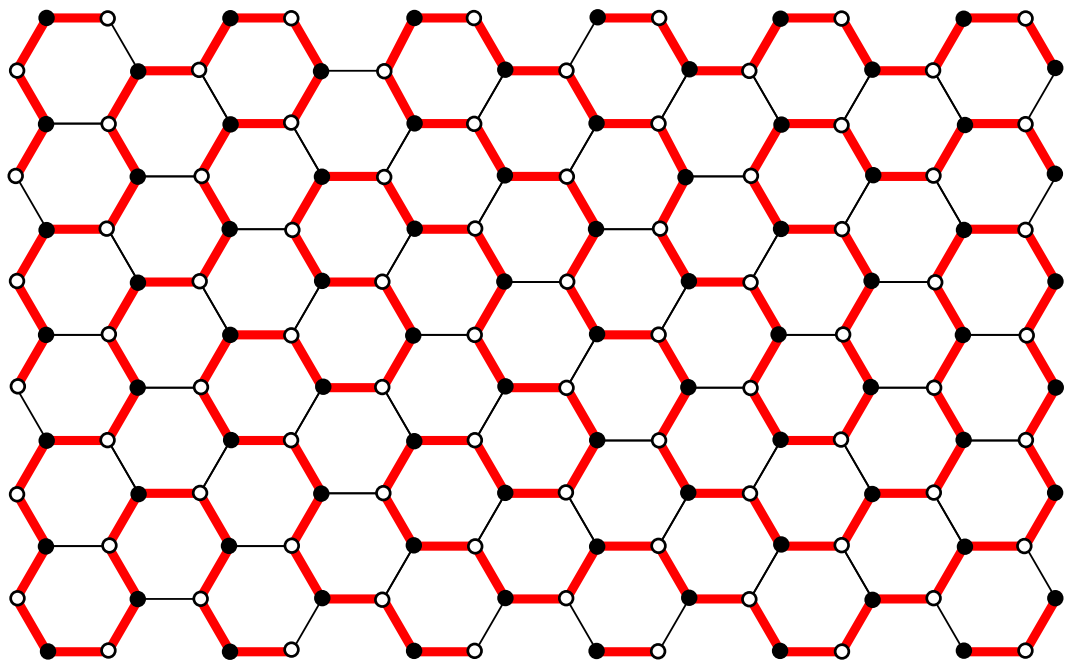
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Honeycomb lattice  
= the regular **bicubic** lattice

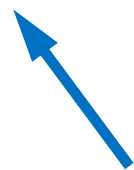
bicolored in black  
and white

all vertices have  
degree 3

Before « wine and cheese »



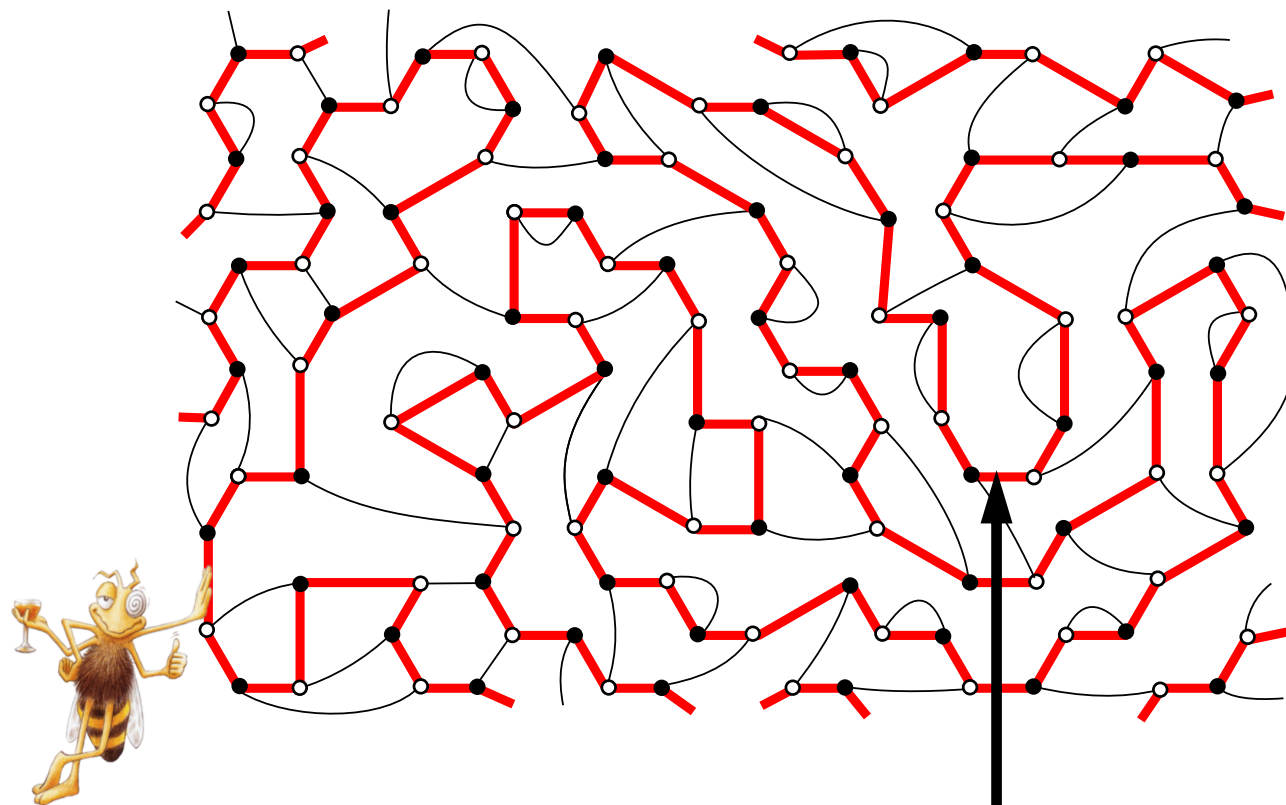
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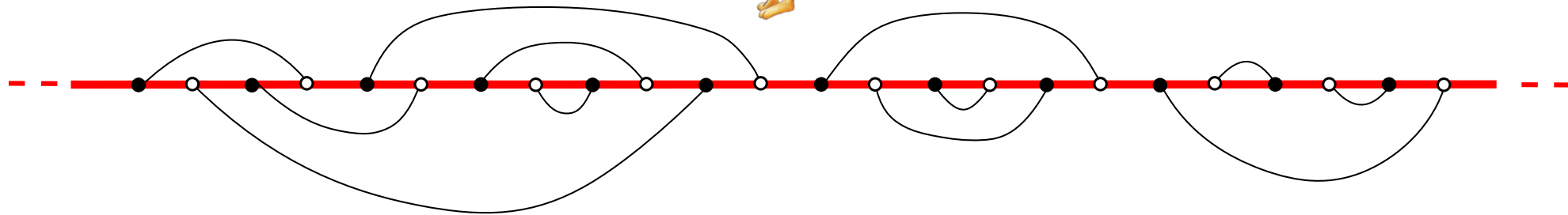
Random version:  
random **bicubic** planar map

'Gravitational version'

=  $FPL(n)$  model on a random **bicubic** planar map

Taking the  $n \rightarrow 0$  limit corresponds to selecting configurations with a **single loop** visiting all the vertices of the map

Cut the loop at some edge and stretch it into a straight line



Our combinatorial problem is nothing but the problem of a Hamiltonian cycle on a random bicubic map

### 3. The KPZ relations

#### Regular lattice

Critical system described by a  
 Conformal Field Theory with  
 central charge  $c$

Correlation function of operators  
 $\Phi_{h_i,c}$  with conformal weight  $h_i$

$$\langle \bar{\Phi}_{h_i,c}(0) \Phi_{h_i,c}(r) \rangle \sim \text{const.} \frac{1}{r^{4h_i}}$$

#### Random planar map of fixed area $A$

Partition function  $\mathcal{Z}_A \sim \text{const.} \mu^A A^{\gamma(c)-3}$

$$\gamma(c) = \frac{1}{12} \left( c - 1 - \sqrt{(1-c)(25-c)} \right)$$

(Unnormalized) correlator

$$\mathcal{Z}_A \langle \prod_i \Phi_{h_i,c} \rangle_A \sim \text{const.} \mu^A A^{\sum_i \{1 - \Delta(h_i,c)\} + \gamma(c) - 3}$$

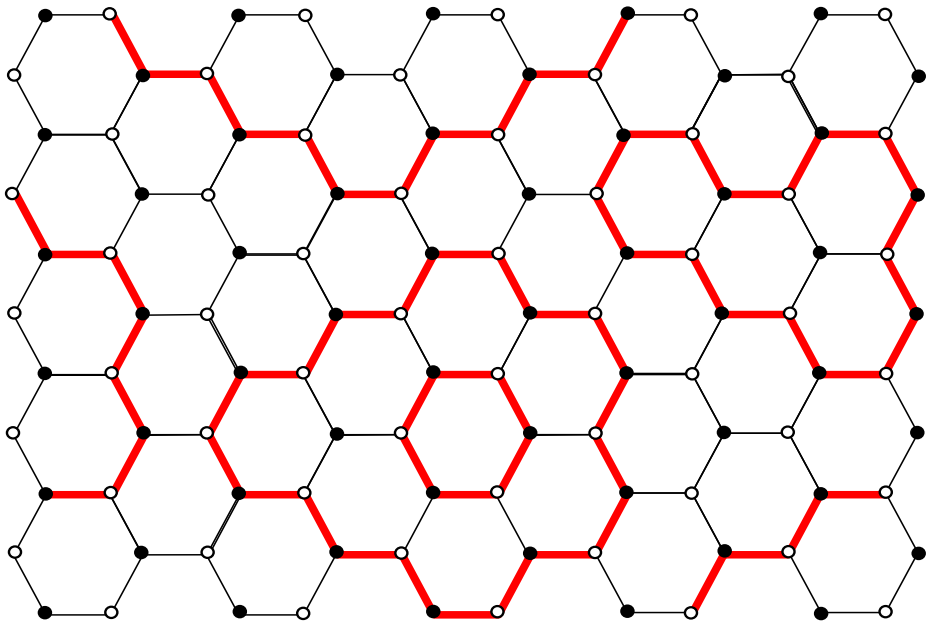
$$\Delta(h, c) = \frac{\sqrt{1-c+24h} - \sqrt{1-c}}{\sqrt{25-c} - \sqrt{1-c}}$$



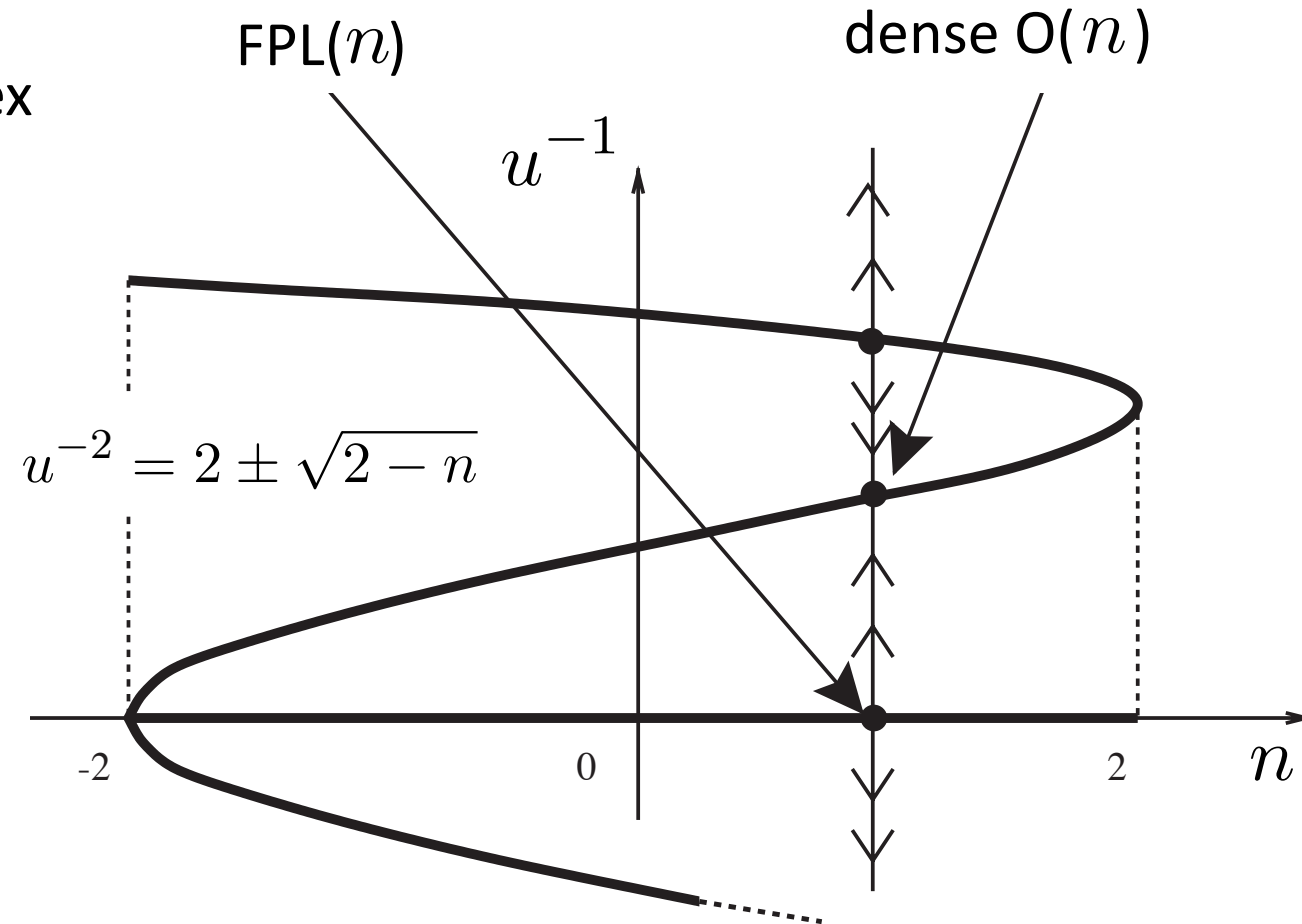
# 4. The FPL model on the honeycomb lattice

N. Reshetikhin 1991 / H. Blöte and B. Nienhuis 1994 / M. Batchelor, J. Suzuki and C. Yung 1994 / J. Kondev, J. de Gier, B. Nienhuis 1996 / J. Jacobsen, J. Kondev 1998 / T. Dupic, B. Estienne and Y. Ikhlef 2016, 2019

$O(n)$  loop model: weight  $u$  per visited vertex



FPL( $n$ ) obtained by taking  $u \rightarrow \infty$

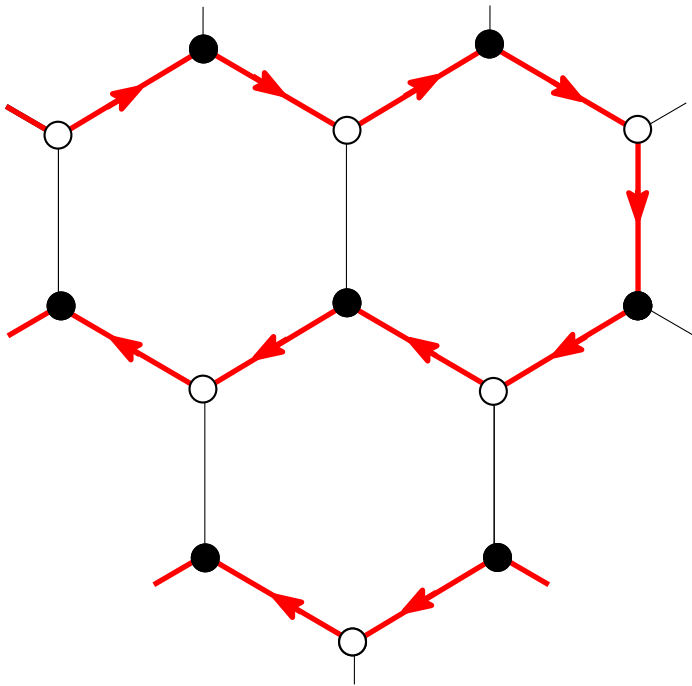


$$c_{\text{FPL}}(n) = c_{\text{dense}}(n) + 1$$

H. Blöte and B. Nienhuis 1994

→ value at  $n = 2$

Why  $c_{\text{FPL}}(2) = 2$  whereas  $c_{\text{dense}}(2) = 1$ ?

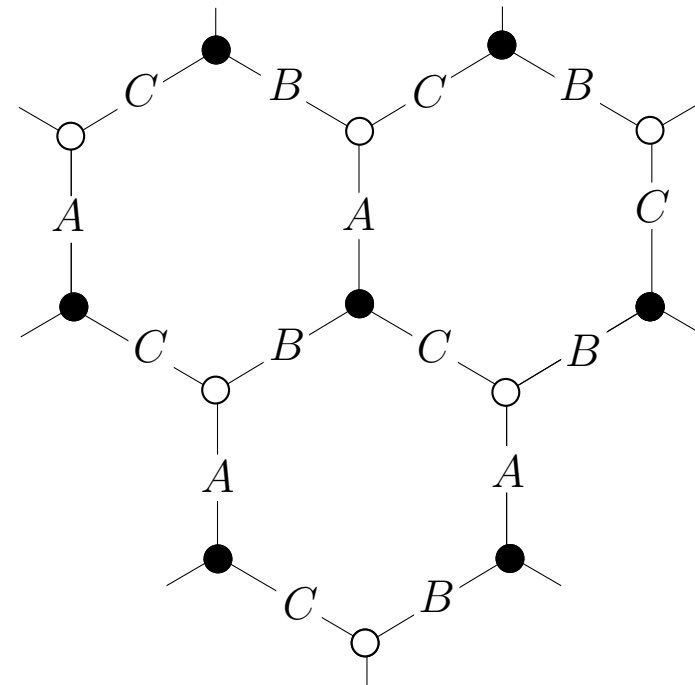
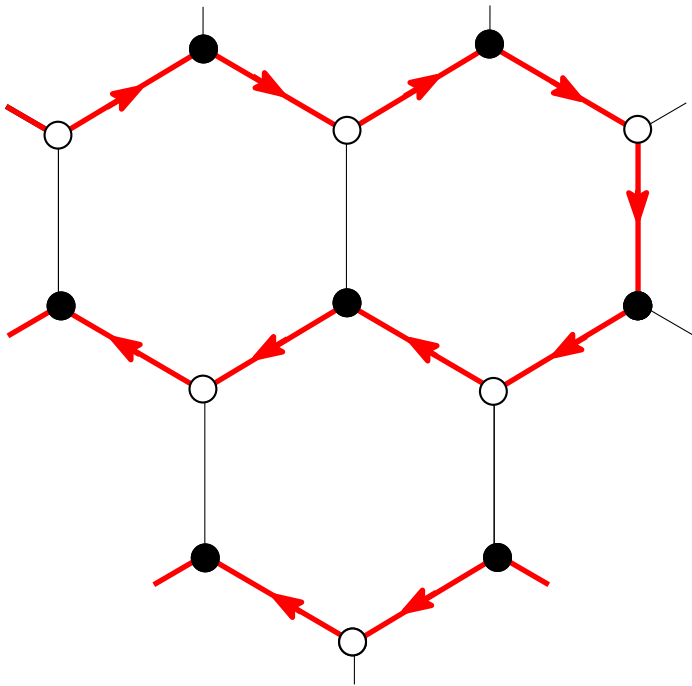


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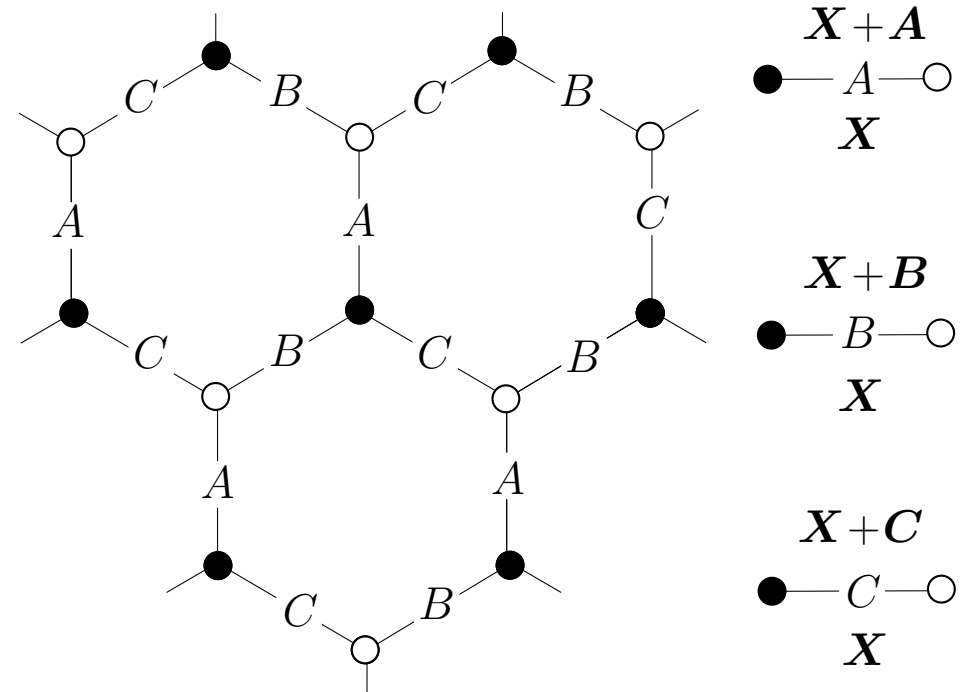
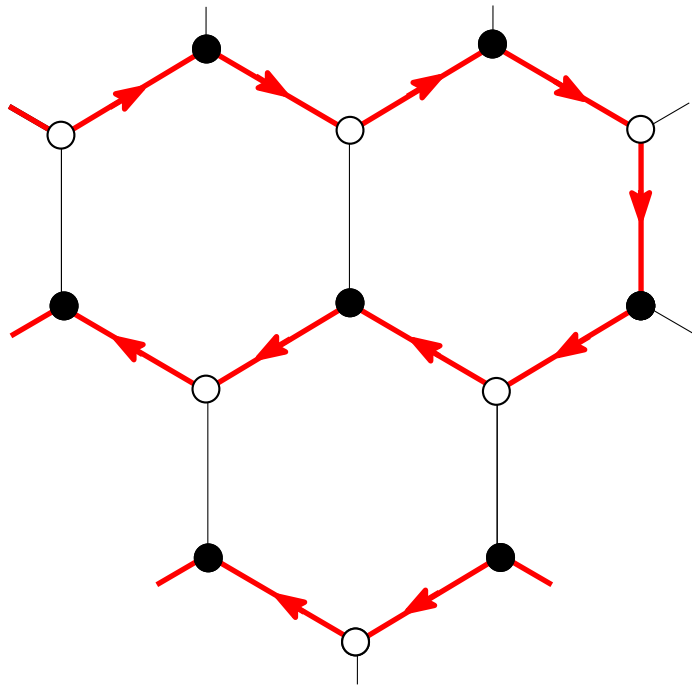


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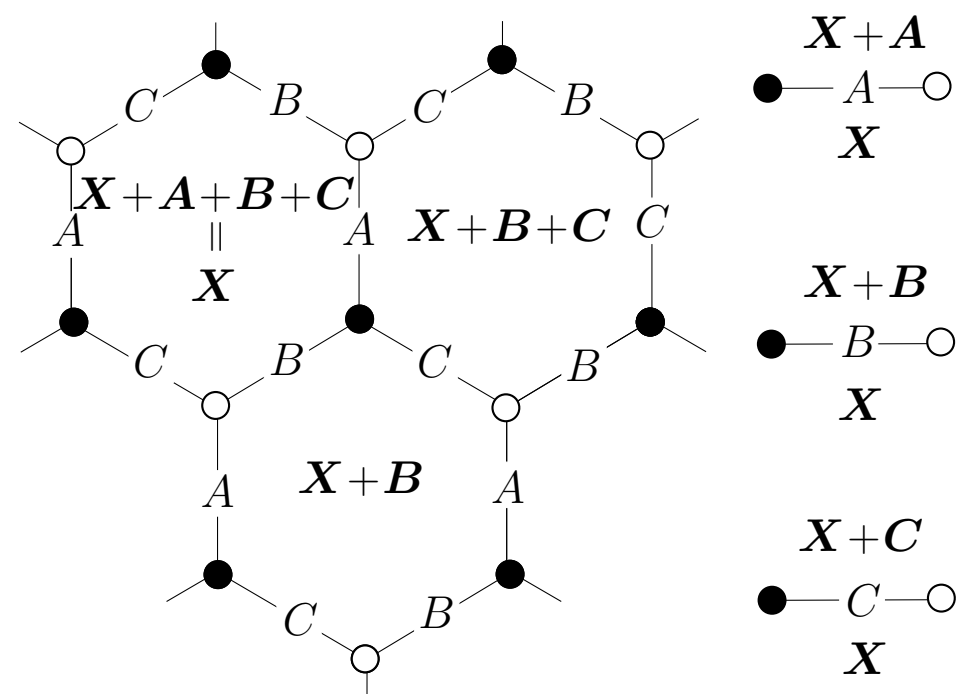
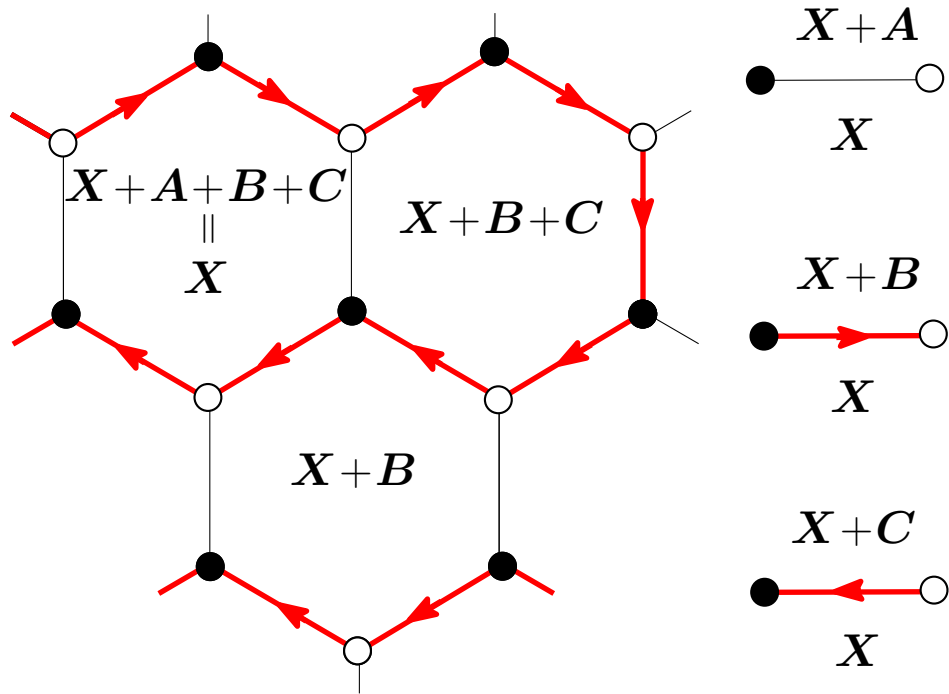


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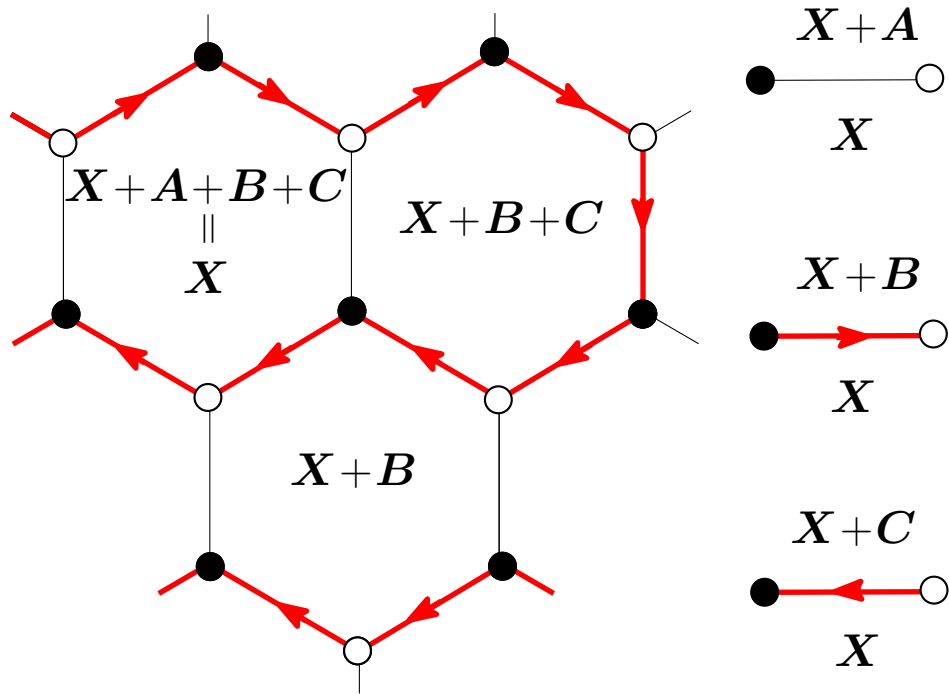


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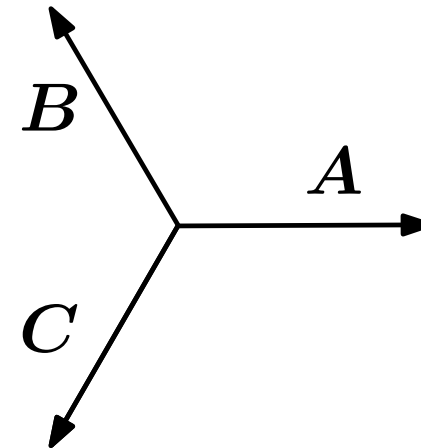
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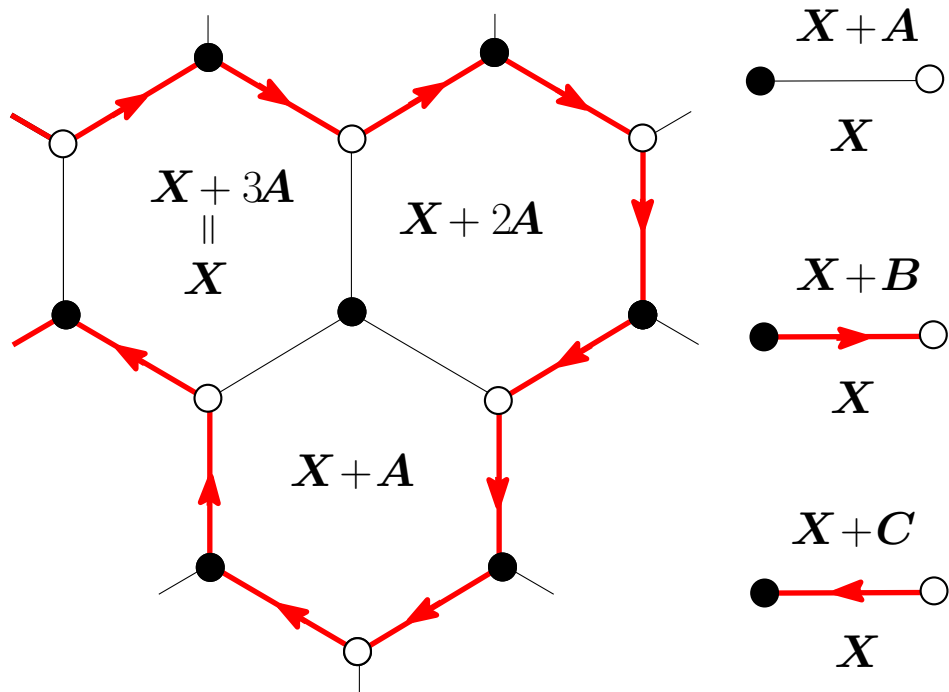
$X$  2-component « height » variable

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$$A + B + C = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad A = 0$$

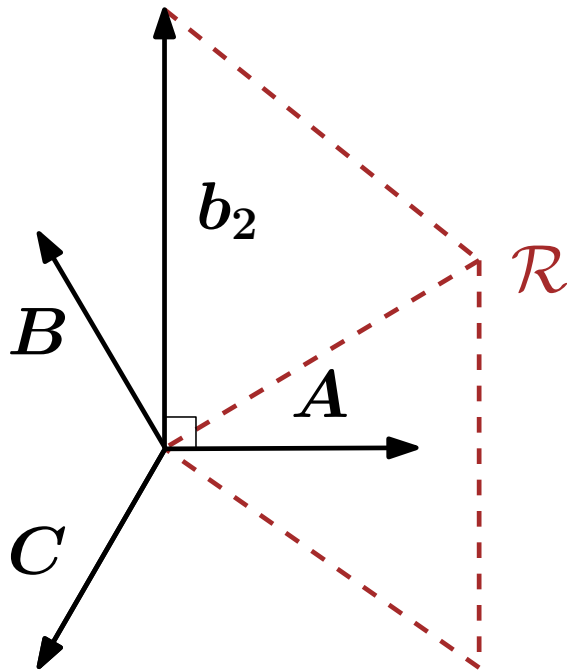
$B$

$C$

$X$  1 component « height » variable

# Effective Coulomb Gas description of FPL on honeycomb

J. Kondev, J. de Gier, B. Nienhuis 1996



$$\mathbf{A} := \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 0 \right), \quad \mathbf{B} := \left( -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{2} \right), \quad \mathbf{C} := \left( -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{b}_2 := \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} = (0, 1)$$

Coarse grained variable  $\Psi(x) = \langle \mathbf{X} \rangle$  at position  $x$

$$\Psi = \psi_1 \mathbf{A} + \psi_2 \mathbf{b}_2$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{CG} = \int d^2x \left\{ \pi g \left( \frac{1}{3} (\nabla \psi_1)^2 + (\nabla \psi_2)^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} i e_0 \psi_2 R \right\}$$

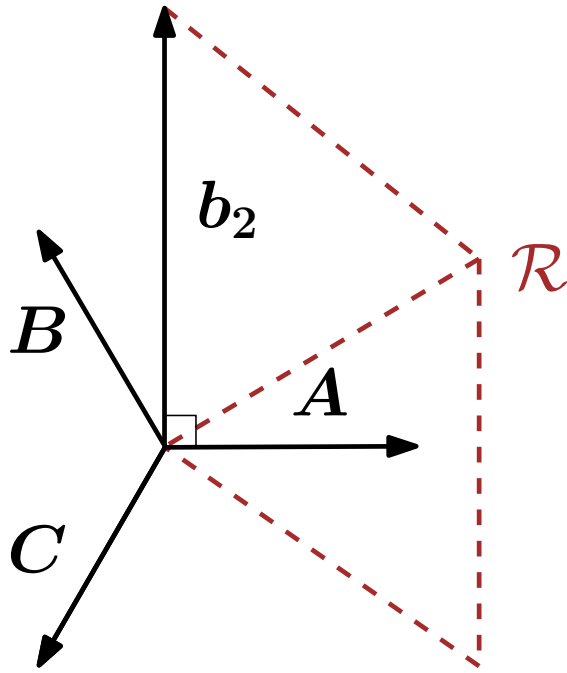
Gaussian free fields  $(\nabla \Psi)^2$

local curvature

with  $\Psi \in \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathcal{R}$  where  $\mathcal{R} := \mathbb{Z}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) + \mathbb{Z}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{C})$  (repeat lattice)



# Effective Coulomb Gas description of FPL on honeycomb



$$g = \frac{1}{\pi} \arccos \left( -\frac{n}{2} \right), \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq g \leq 1 \quad (\text{for } 0 \leq n \leq 2)$$

$$4 \leq \kappa = 4/g \leq 8 \quad e_0 = 1 - g \quad (e^{4i\pi\psi_2} \text{ is marginal})$$

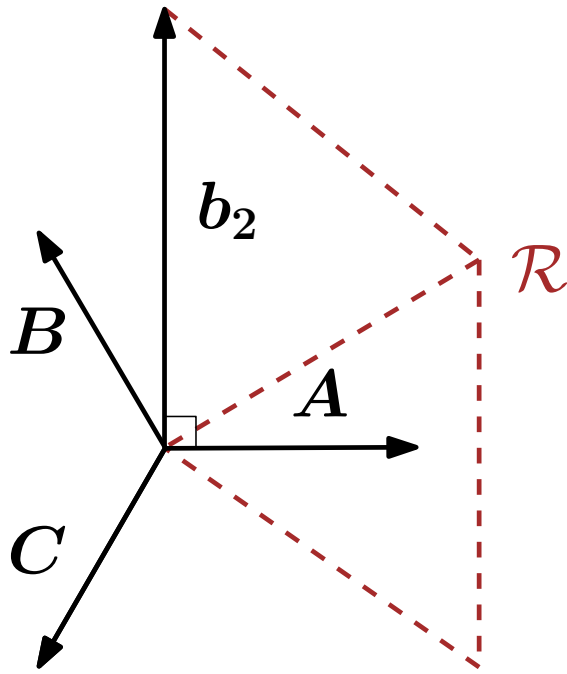
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with  $\Psi \in \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathcal{R}$

$$c_{\text{FPL}}(n) = c_{\text{dense}}(n) + 1 = 2 - 6 \frac{(1-g)^2}{g}$$

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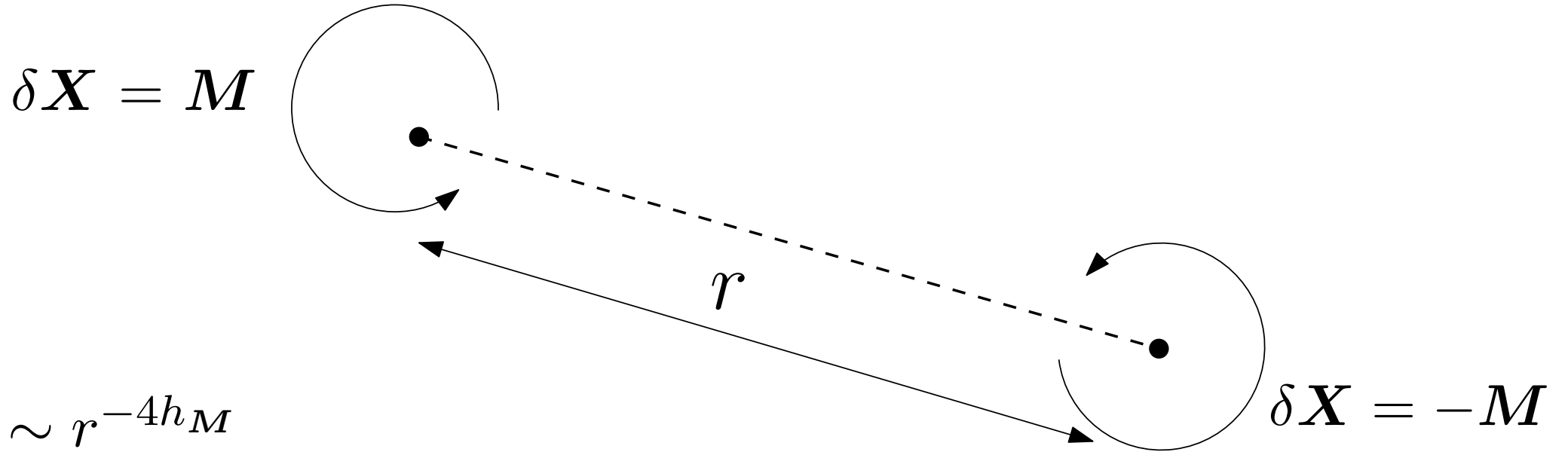
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$$\psi_2 \in \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$$

with  $\Psi \in \mathbb{R}^2/\mathcal{R}$

$$c_{\text{dense}}^{\text{FPL}}(n) = \frac{1}{2} - 6 \frac{(1-g)^2}{g}$$

# Correlation of « magnetic operators » = dislocations

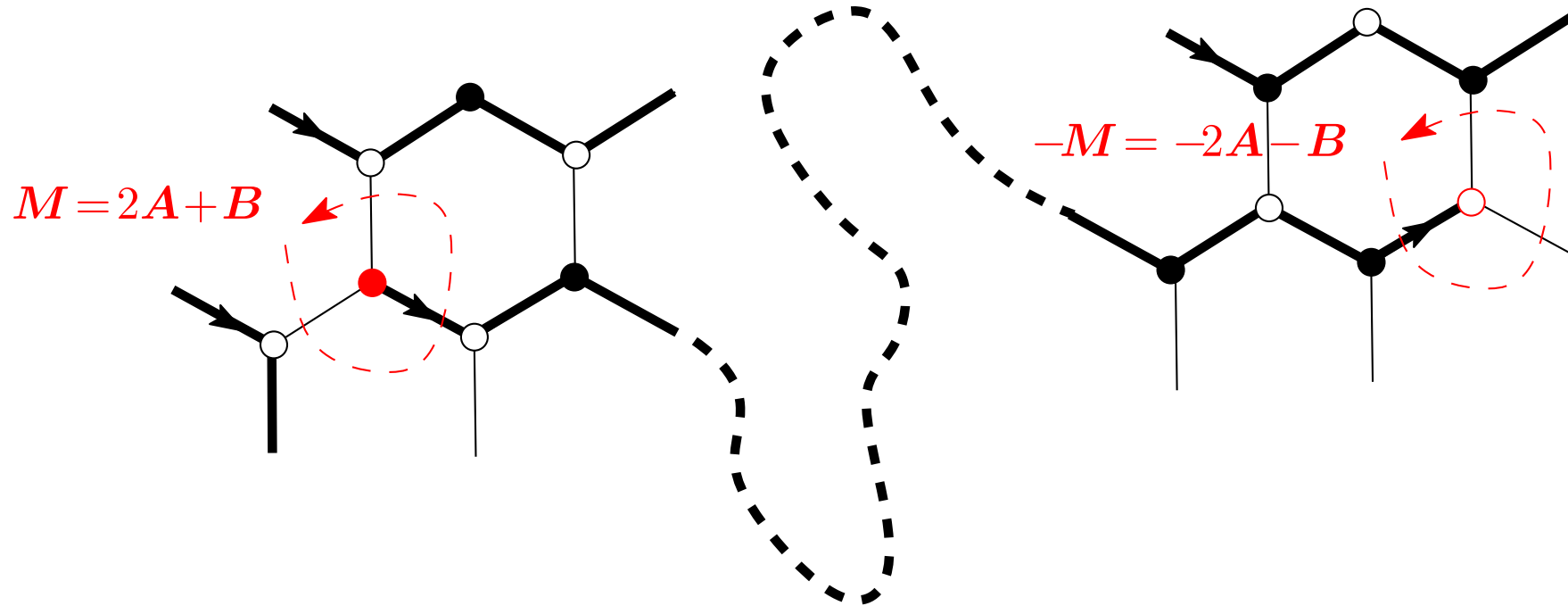


$$h_M = \frac{g}{12} \phi_1^2 + \frac{g}{4} (1 - \delta_{\phi_2,0}) \left( \phi_2^2 - (1 - g^{-1})^2 \right) \quad \text{for } \mathbf{M} = \phi_1 \mathbf{A} + \phi_2 \mathbf{b}_2$$

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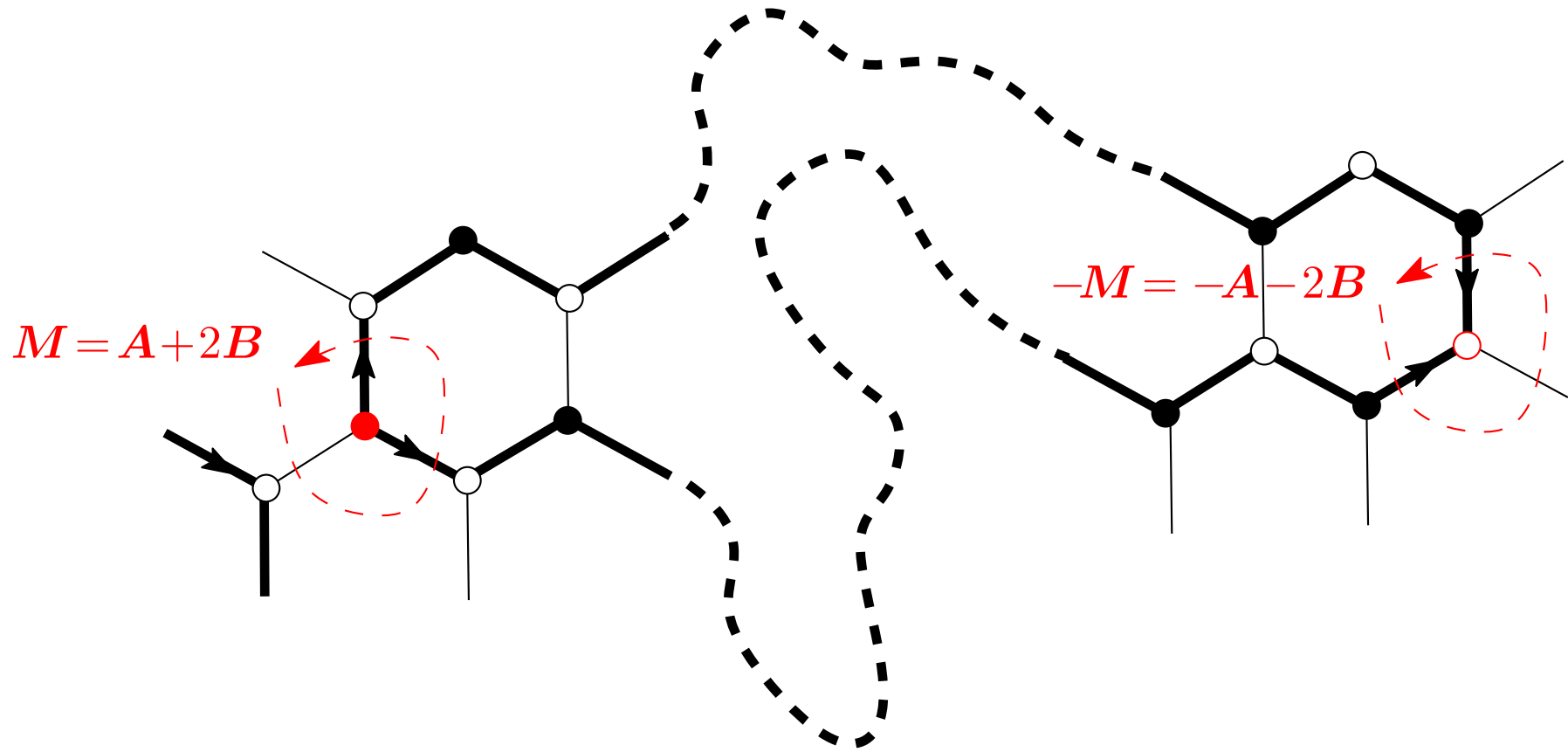
$$n = 0 \text{ (i.e., } g = 1/2 \text{): } h_M(n = 0) = \frac{1}{24} \phi_1^2 + \frac{1}{8} (1 - \delta_{\phi_2,0}) (\phi_2^2 - 1)$$

Examples  $M = B + 2A = \frac{3}{2}A + \frac{1}{2}b_2$



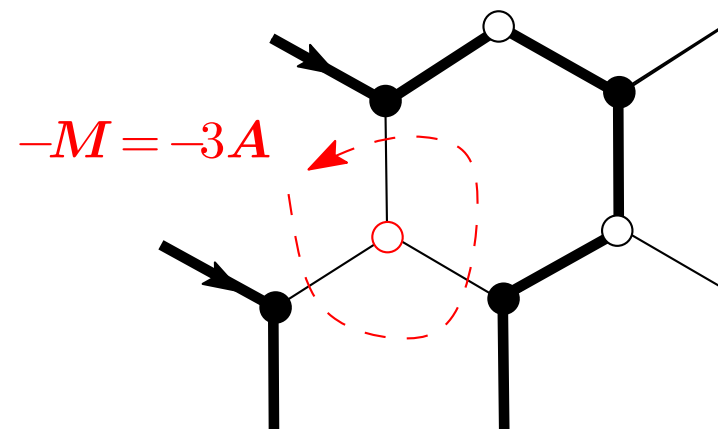
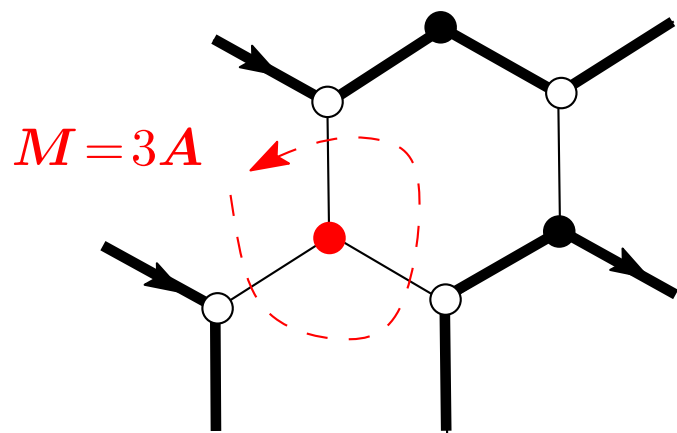
$$h_{B+2A}(n=0) = 0$$

$$M = A + 2B = b_2$$



$$h_{A+2B}(n=0) = 0$$

$$M = 3A$$



$$h_{3A}(n=0) = \frac{3}{8}$$

## 5. KPZ predictions I: partition function

$$\mathcal{Z}_A \sim \text{const.} \mu^A A^{\gamma(c)-3} \quad \gamma(c) = \frac{1}{12} \left( c - 1 - \sqrt{(1-c)(25-c)} \right)$$

$$n = 0 \text{ (i.e., } g = 1/2\text{):} \quad c_{\text{FPL}}(n = 0) = -1$$

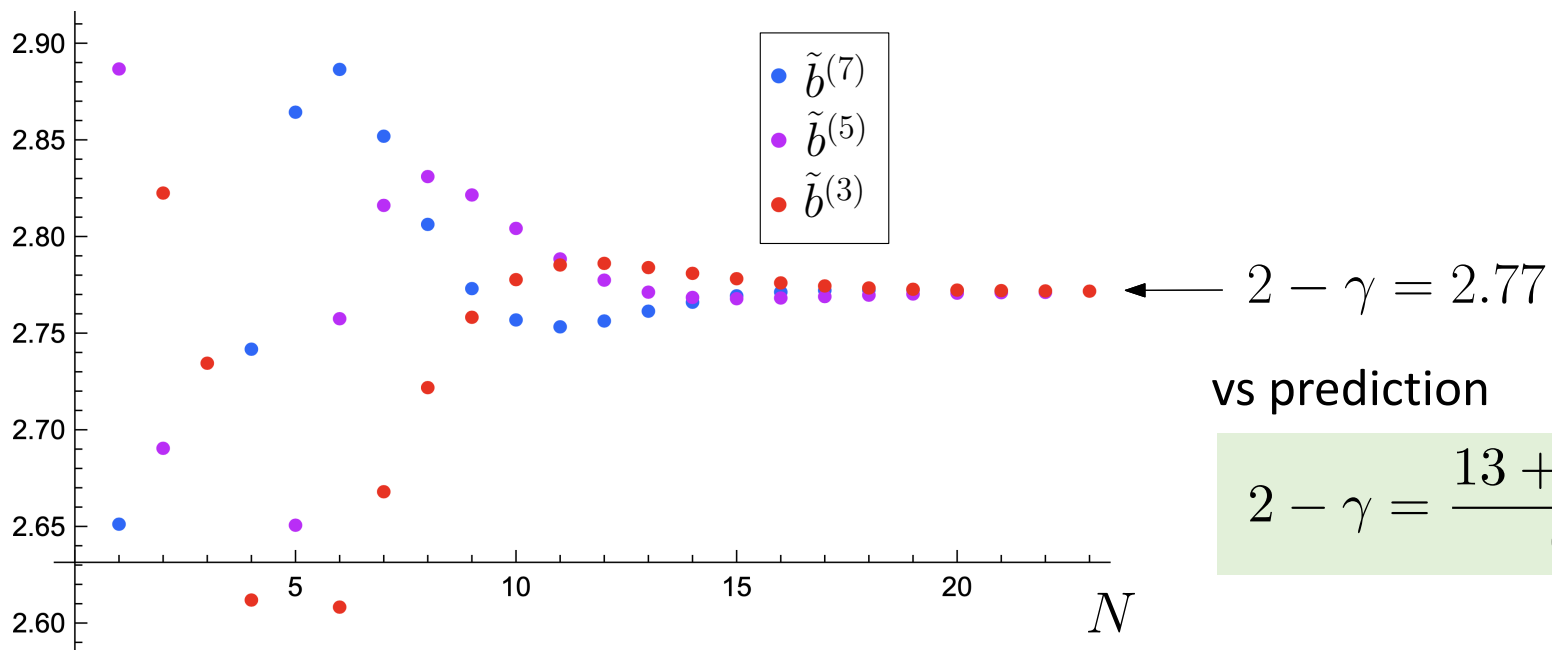
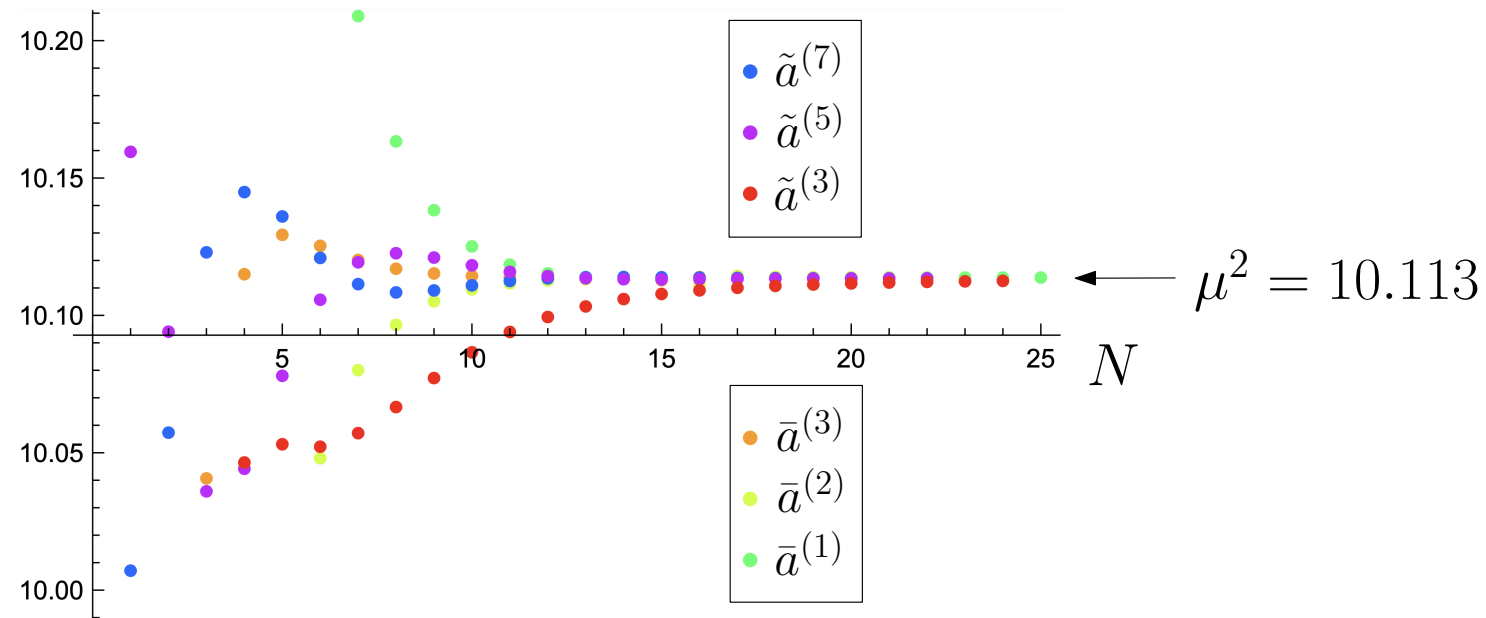
$$A = 2N \quad z_N = 2N \times \mathcal{Z}_{2N} \sim \text{const.} \frac{\mu^{2N}}{N^{2-\gamma}}$$

$$\gamma = \gamma(c = -1) = -\frac{1 + \sqrt{13}}{6}$$

E.Guitter, C. Kristjansen, J. Nielsen 1999

# 6. Numerics

(Transfer matrix)



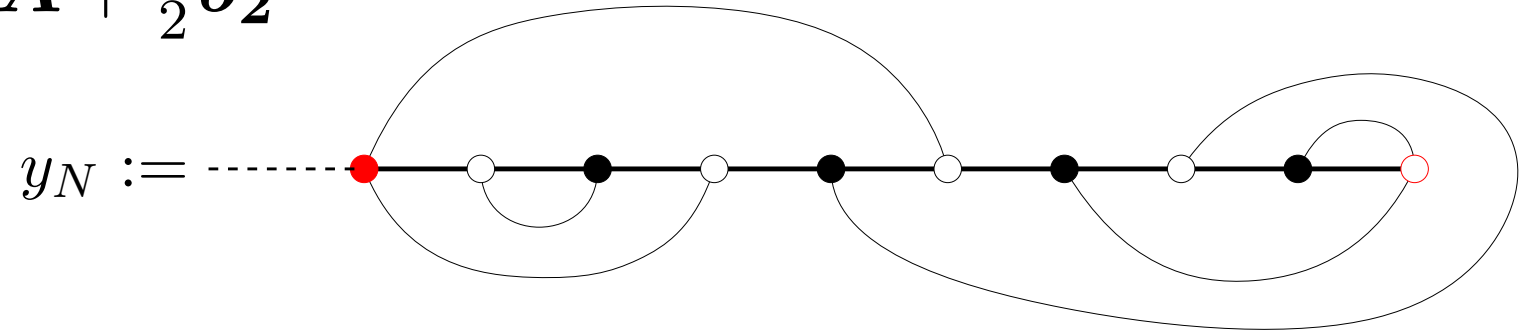
vs prediction

$$2 - \gamma = \frac{13 + \sqrt{13}}{6} = 2.76759\dots$$

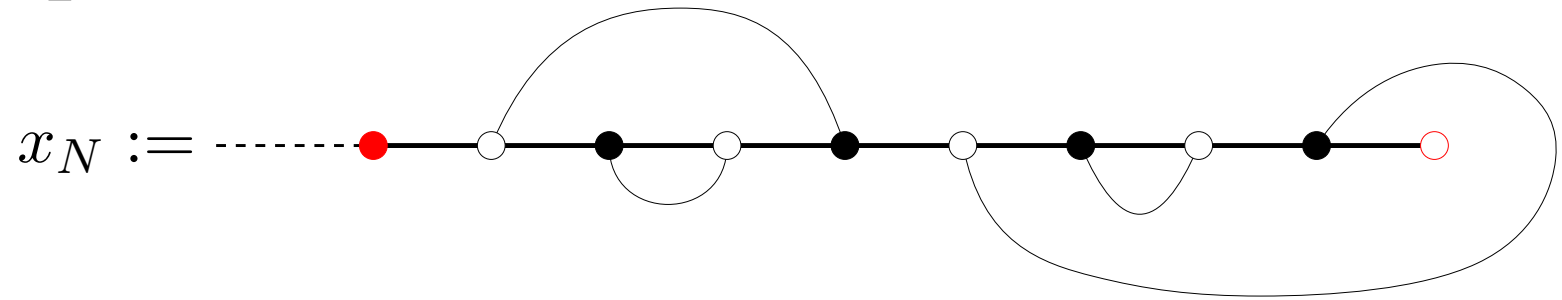


## 7. KPZ predictions II: correlators

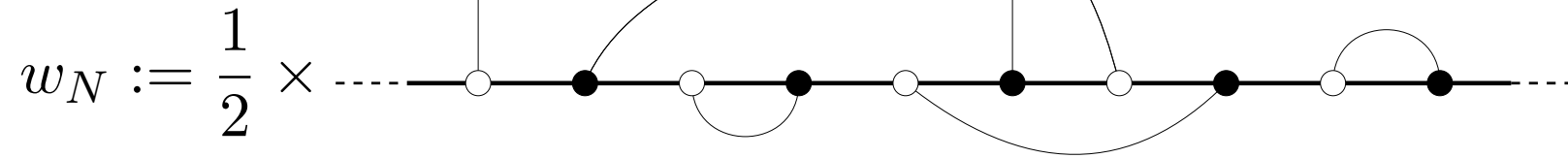
$$M = 2A + B = \frac{3}{2}A + \frac{1}{2}b_2$$



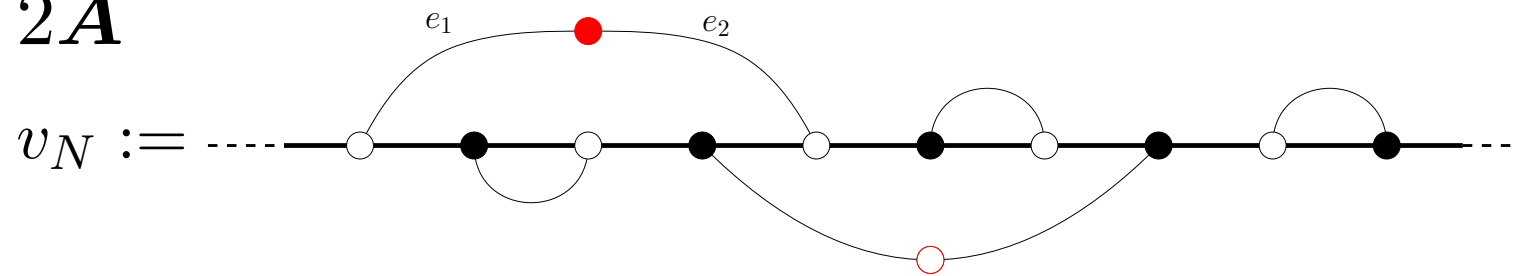
$$M = B = -\frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{2}b_2$$



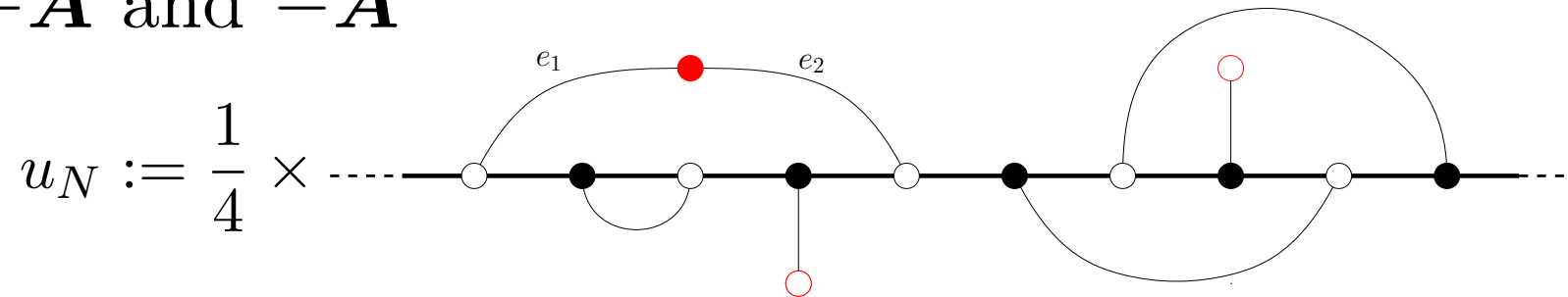
$$M = A$$



$$M = 2A$$



$$2A, -A \text{ and } -A$$



$$\begin{aligned}
\beta_z &= 2 - \gamma, & \beta_y &= 1 + 2\Delta_{\frac{3}{2}\mathbf{A} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}_2} - \gamma, & \beta_x &= 1 + 2\Delta_{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{A} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}_2} - \gamma \\
\beta_w &= 1 + 2\Delta_{\mathbf{A}} - \gamma, & \beta_v &= 1 + 2\Delta_{2\mathbf{A}} - \gamma, & \beta_u &= \Delta_{2\mathbf{A}} + 2\Delta_{\mathbf{A}} - \gamma.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{M}} := \Delta(h_{\mathbf{M}}, -1) = \frac{\sqrt{1 + 12h_{\mathbf{M}}} - 1}{\sqrt{13} - 1}$$

$$h_{\mathbf{M}} = \frac{1}{24}\phi_1^2 + \frac{1}{8}(1 - \delta_{\phi_2,0})(\phi_2^2 - 1) \quad \text{for } \mathbf{M} = \phi_1\mathbf{A} + \phi_2\mathbf{b}_2$$

$$\beta_z = 2 - \gamma, \quad \beta_y = 1 + 2\Delta_{\frac{3}{2}\mathbf{A} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}_2} - \gamma, \quad \beta_x = 1 + 2\Delta_{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{A} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}_2} - \gamma$$

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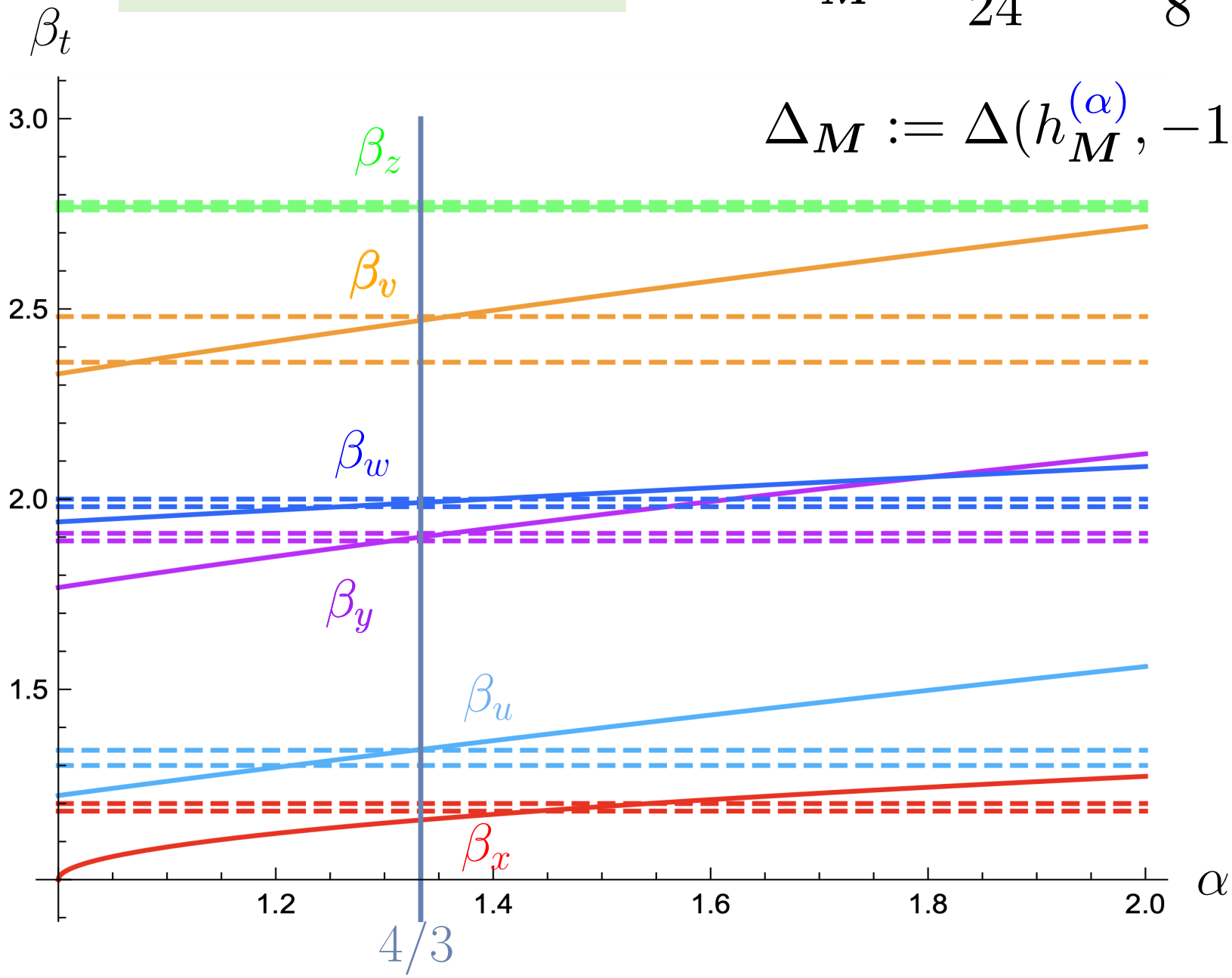
	numerics	KPZ
$\beta_z$	$2.77 \pm 0.01$	$\frac{1}{6}(13 + \sqrt{13}) = 2.76759\dots$ ✓
$\beta_y$	$1.90 \pm 0.01$	$\frac{1}{6}(7 + \sqrt{13}) = 1.76759\dots$
$\beta_x$	$1.19 \pm 0.01$	1
$\beta_w$	$1.99 \pm 0.01$	$1 + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{13}-1} = 1.94010\dots$
$\beta_v$	$2.42 \pm 0.06$	$1 + \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{13}-1} = 2.32951\dots$
$\beta_u$	$1.32 \pm 0.02$	$\frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{6} - 1}{\sqrt{13}-1} = 1.22106\dots$

Discrepancy

# Renormalization

$$h_M^{(\alpha)} = \frac{\alpha}{24} \phi_1^2 + \frac{1}{8} (1 - \delta_{\phi_2,0}) (\phi_2^2 - 1)$$

$$\Delta_M := \Delta(h_M^{(\alpha)}, -1) = \frac{\sqrt{1 + 12h_M^{(\alpha)}} - 1}{\sqrt{13} - 1}$$



$$\alpha \simeq 4/3$$

	numerics	(4/3)-corrected KPZ	
$\beta_z$	$2.77 \pm 0.01$	$\frac{1}{6} (13 + \sqrt{13}) = 2.76759 \dots$	✓
$\beta_y$	$1.90 \pm 0.01$	$1 + \frac{\sqrt{22}}{2(\sqrt{13}-1)} = 1.90008 \dots$	✓
$\beta_x$	$1.19 \pm 0.01$	$1 + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6(\sqrt{13}-1)} = 1.15668 \dots$	≈
$\beta_w$	$1.99 \pm 0.01$	$1 + \frac{2\sqrt{15}}{3(\sqrt{13}-1)} = 1.99096 \dots$	✓
$\beta_v$	$2.42 \pm 0.06$	$1 + \frac{2\sqrt{33}}{3(\sqrt{13}-1)} = 2.46983 \dots$	✓
$\beta_u$	$1.32 \pm 0.02$	$\frac{2\sqrt{15} + \sqrt{33} - 3}{3(\sqrt{13}-1)} = 1.34207 \dots$	✓

We used two GFFs  $\frac{g'}{3} (\nabla\psi_1)^2 + g (\nabla\psi_2)^2$

where  $g' = g = \frac{1}{\pi} \arccos\left(-\frac{n}{2}\right)$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \leq g \leq 1$

•  $g : e^{4i\pi\psi_2}$  marginal

• what fixes  $g'$ ?

$g = 1 \rightarrow g' = g = 1$  (from 3-color symmetry)

$g' = \alpha(g) g$   $g = 1/2 \rightarrow \alpha(1/2) = 4/3 \rightarrow g' = \alpha g = 2/3$

$g = 2/3 \rightarrow \alpha(2/3) = 9/8 \rightarrow g' = \alpha g = 3/4$

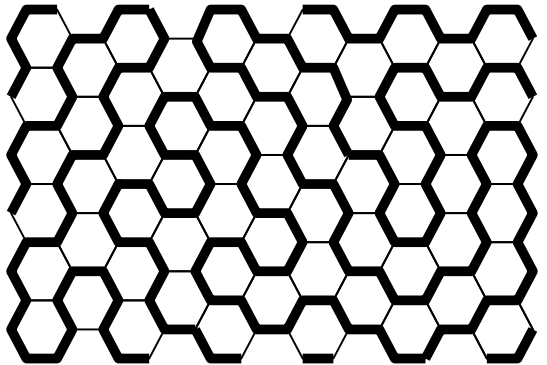
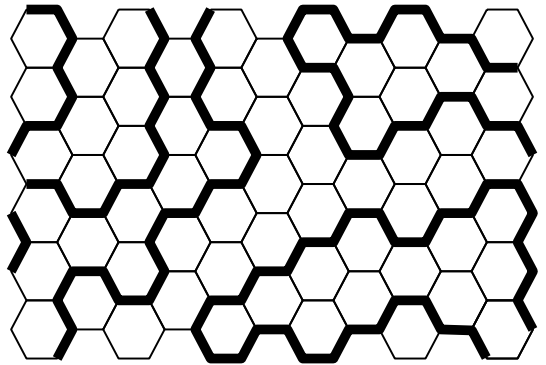
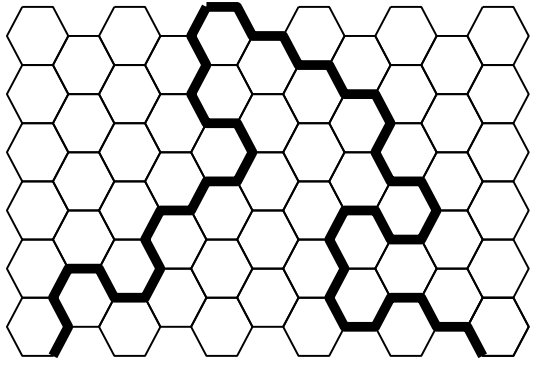
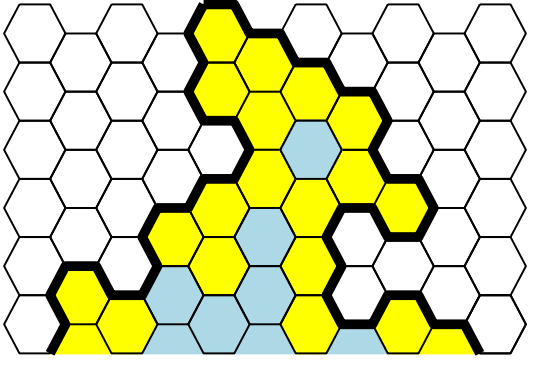
It is tempting to conjecture

$$g' = \frac{1}{2 - g}$$

$$\frac{4}{\kappa} + \frac{\kappa'}{4} = 2$$

(6-vertex model)

I. Kostov 2000

			
$g$		$\tilde{g} = 2 - g$	
$n = -2 \cos(\pi g) = -2 \cos(\pi \tilde{g})$		$g' = 1/\tilde{g} = \frac{1}{2-g}$	
$1 + c(g)$	$c(g) := 1 - 6 \frac{(1-g)^2}{g}$	$c(\tilde{g}) = c(g')$	
fully packed	dense	dilute	dense
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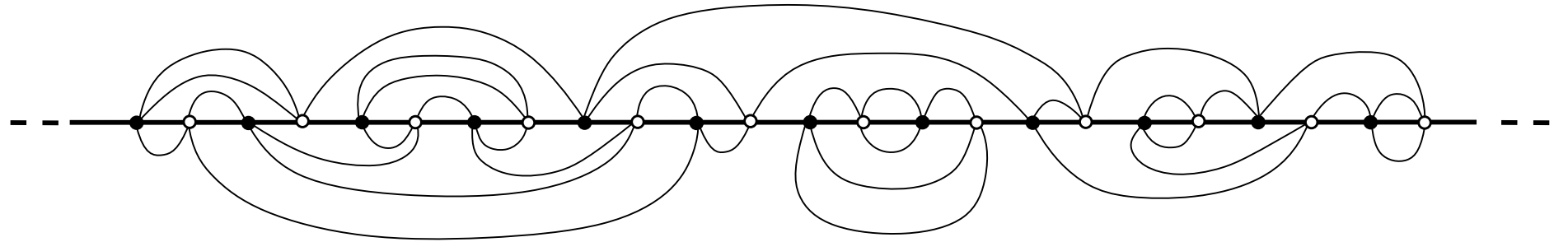
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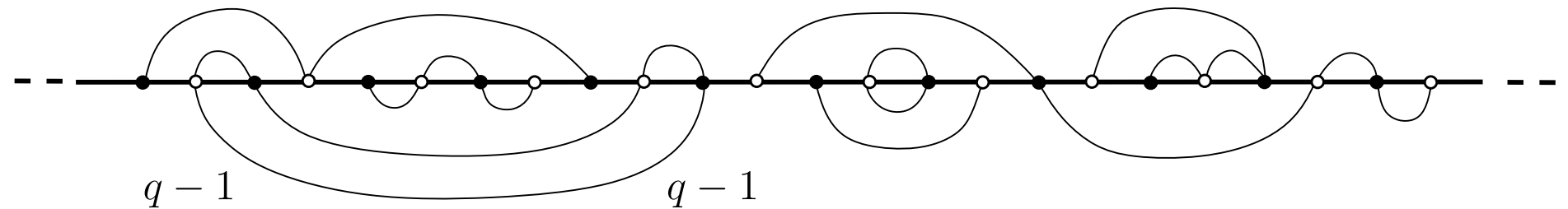


# 8. General bicolored maps

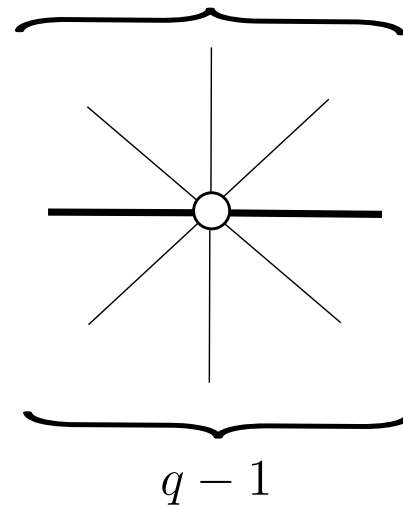
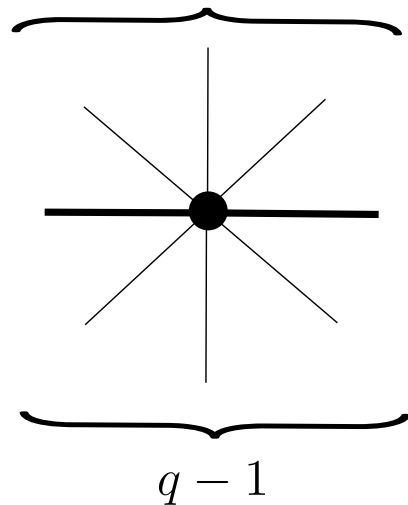
5-regular



{3,4}-mixed



$q = 4$  rigid



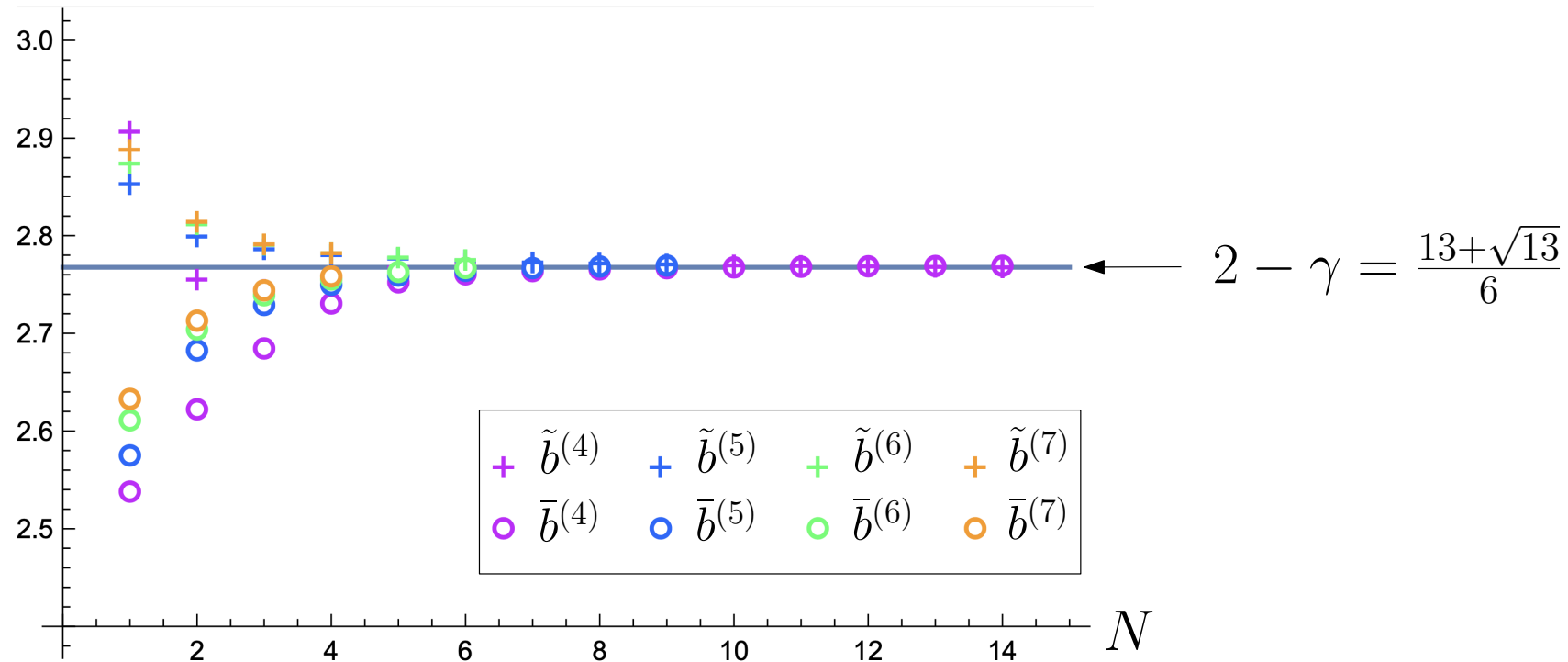
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$q = 2$

4-,5-,6-,7-regular

$$\gamma = \gamma(-1) = -\frac{1 + \sqrt{13}}{6}$$

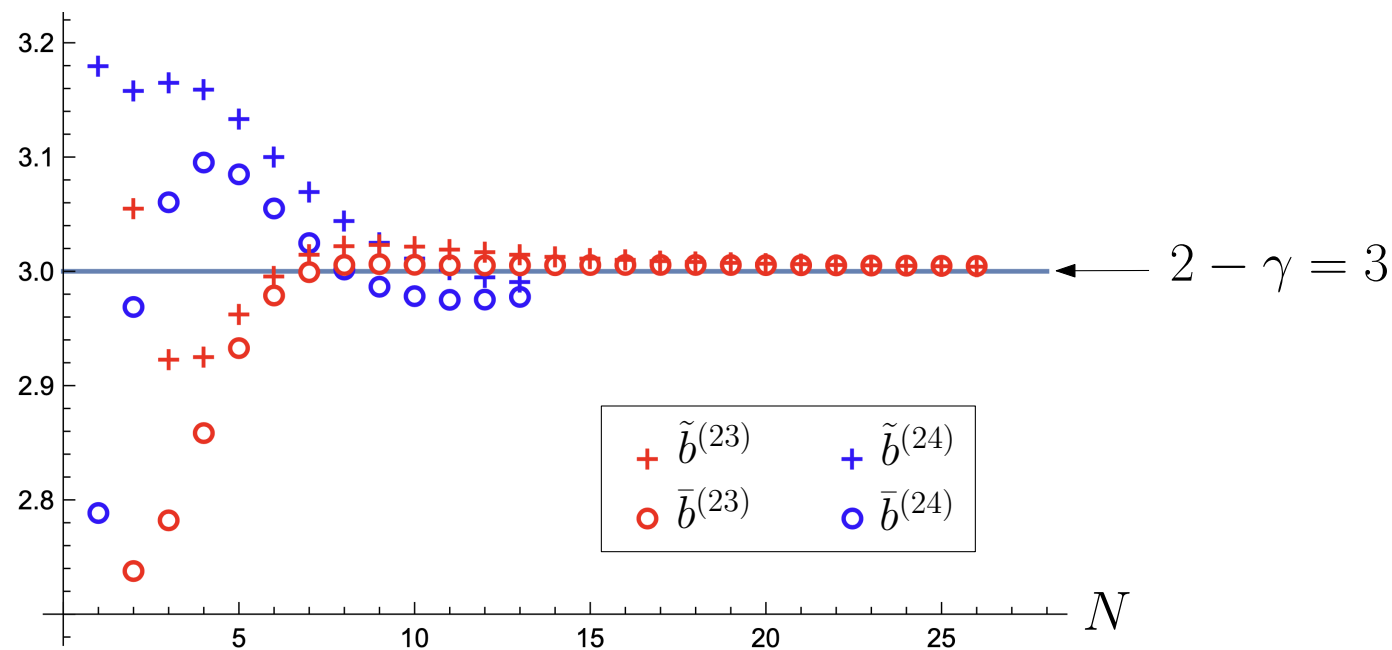
$$c = -1$$



{2,3}-, {2,4}-mixed  
& rigid (exact)

$$\gamma = \gamma(-2) = -1$$

$$c = -2$$



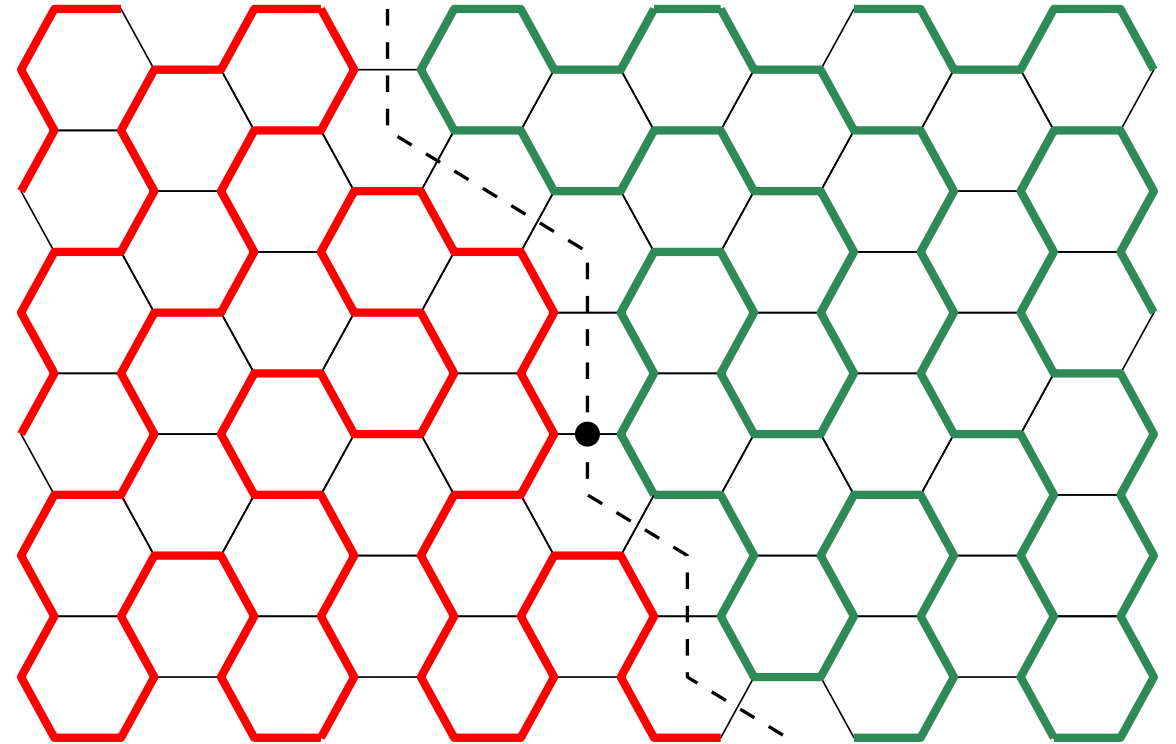
## 9. Long-distance contacts

$$\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2 \quad \text{SLE}_8$$

Hausdorff dimension  $D = 2$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}} = \mathcal{C}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_2 \quad \text{SLE}_2$$

Hausdorff dimension  $\tilde{D} = 5/4$



$$\mathbb{E} |\mathcal{C}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_2| \asymp A^{\tilde{D}/2} = A^{1-h_{1\cap 2}}, \quad h_{1\cap 2} = 3/8, \quad A \rightarrow \infty$$

# Liouville Quantum Gravity

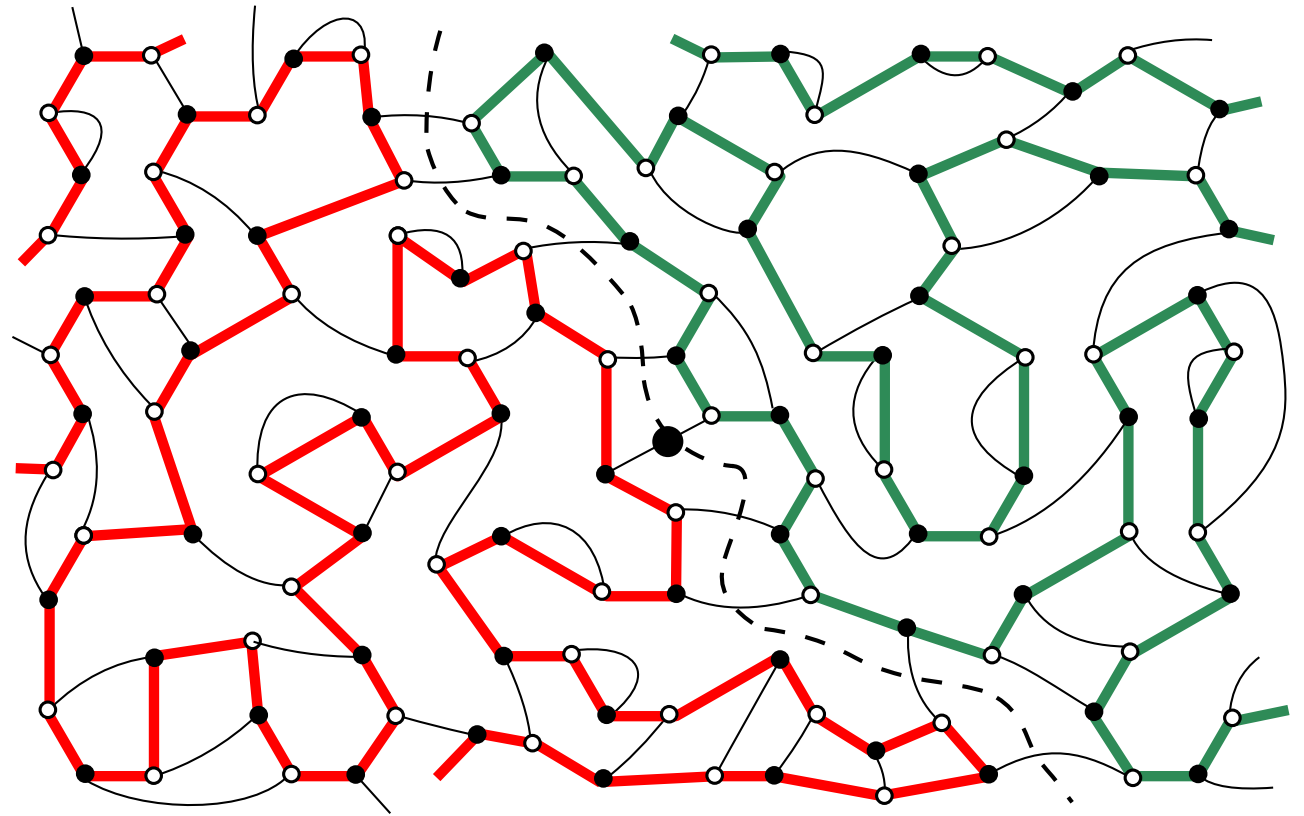
$$\gamma_L = \sqrt{2}, \quad c = -2$$

$$\gamma_L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \sqrt{13} - 1 \right), \quad c = -1$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{\text{LQG}} |\mathcal{C}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_2| \asymp \mathcal{A}^\nu := \mathcal{A}^{1-\Delta_{1n2}}$$

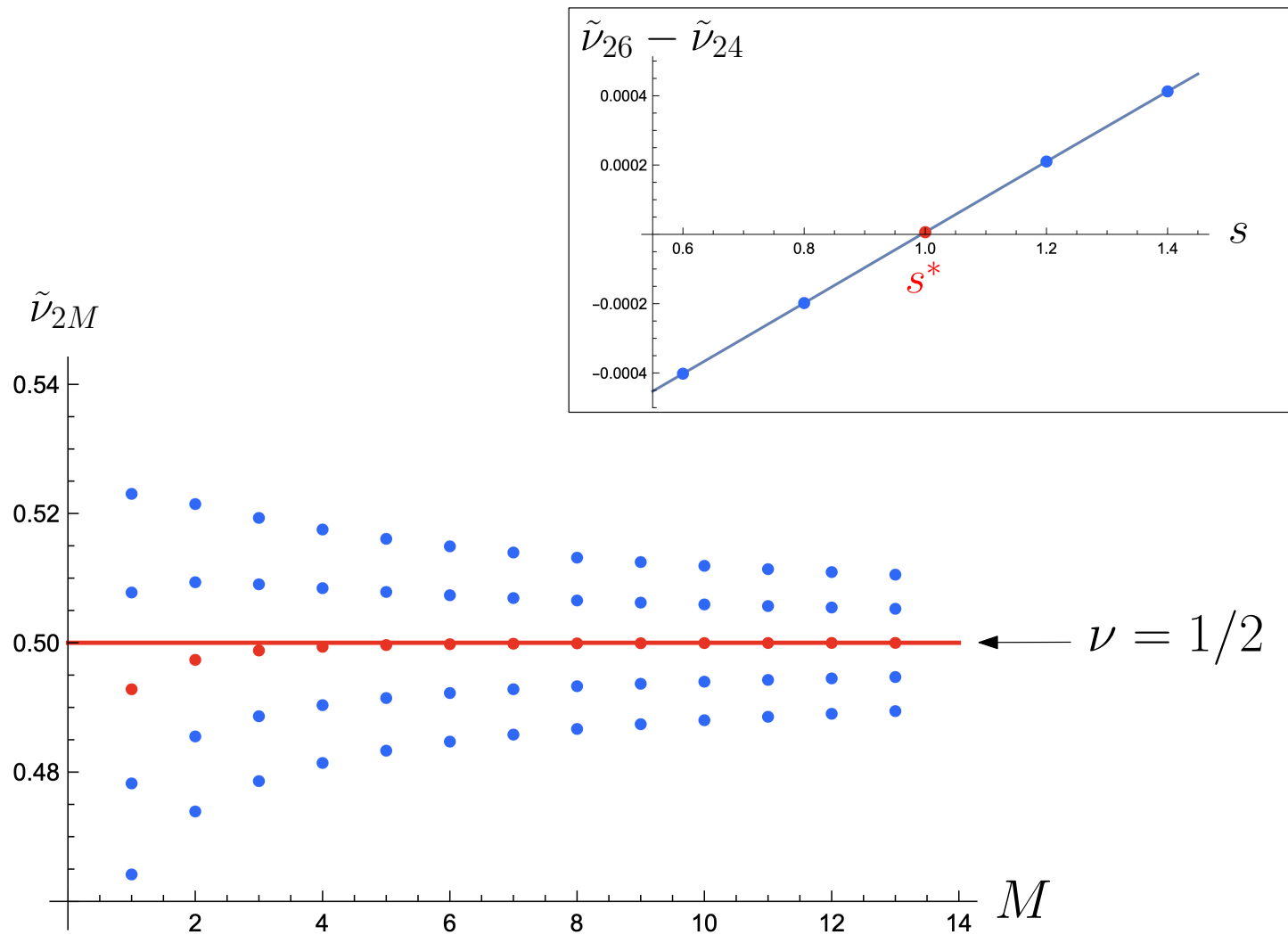
$$\Delta_{1n2} = \Delta(3/8, c = -2) = 1/2,$$

$$\nu = 1 - \Delta_{1n2} = 1/2;$$

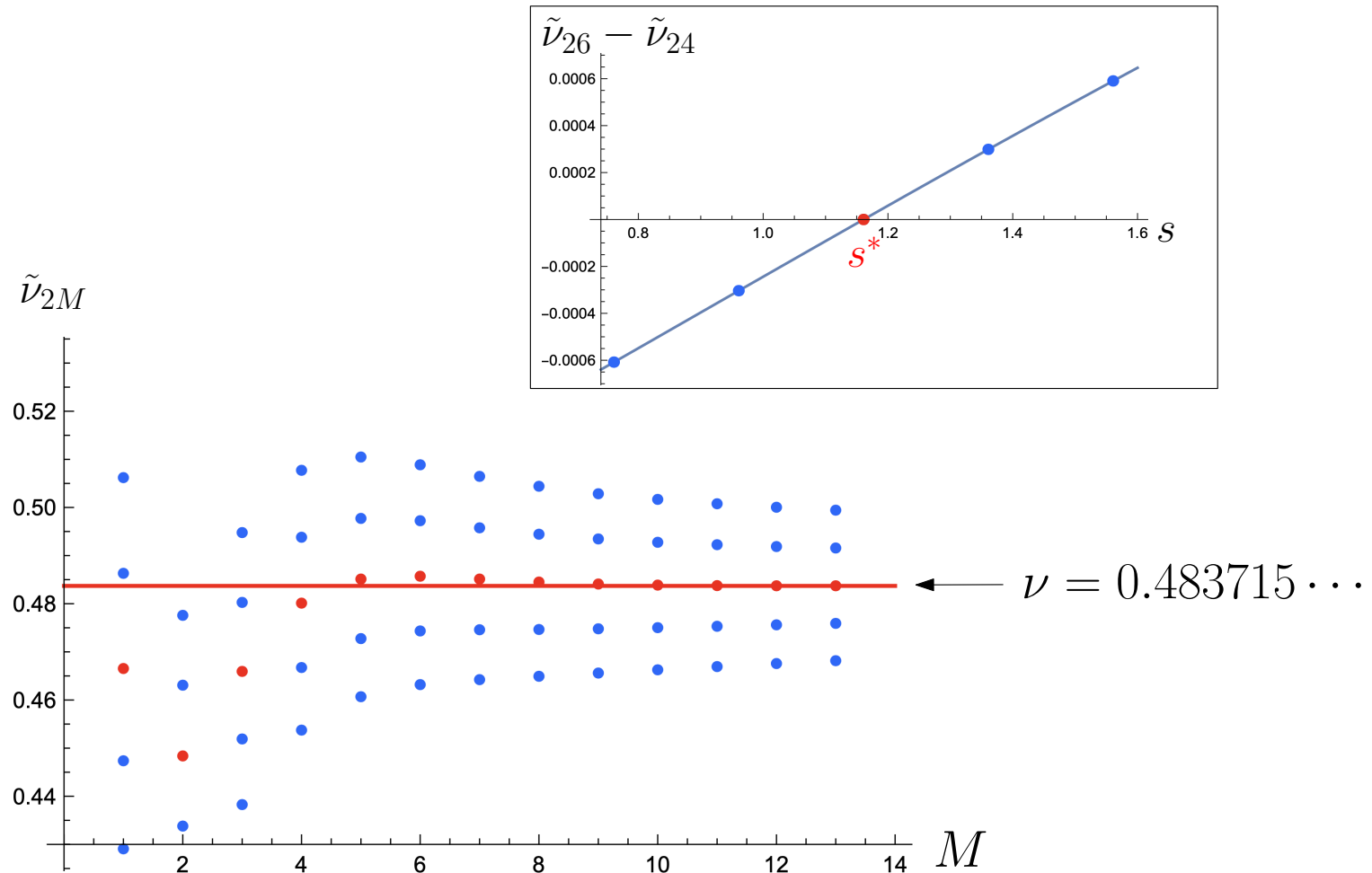


$$\Delta_{1n2} = \Delta(3/8, c = -1) = \frac{\sqrt{11} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{26} - \sqrt{2}},$$

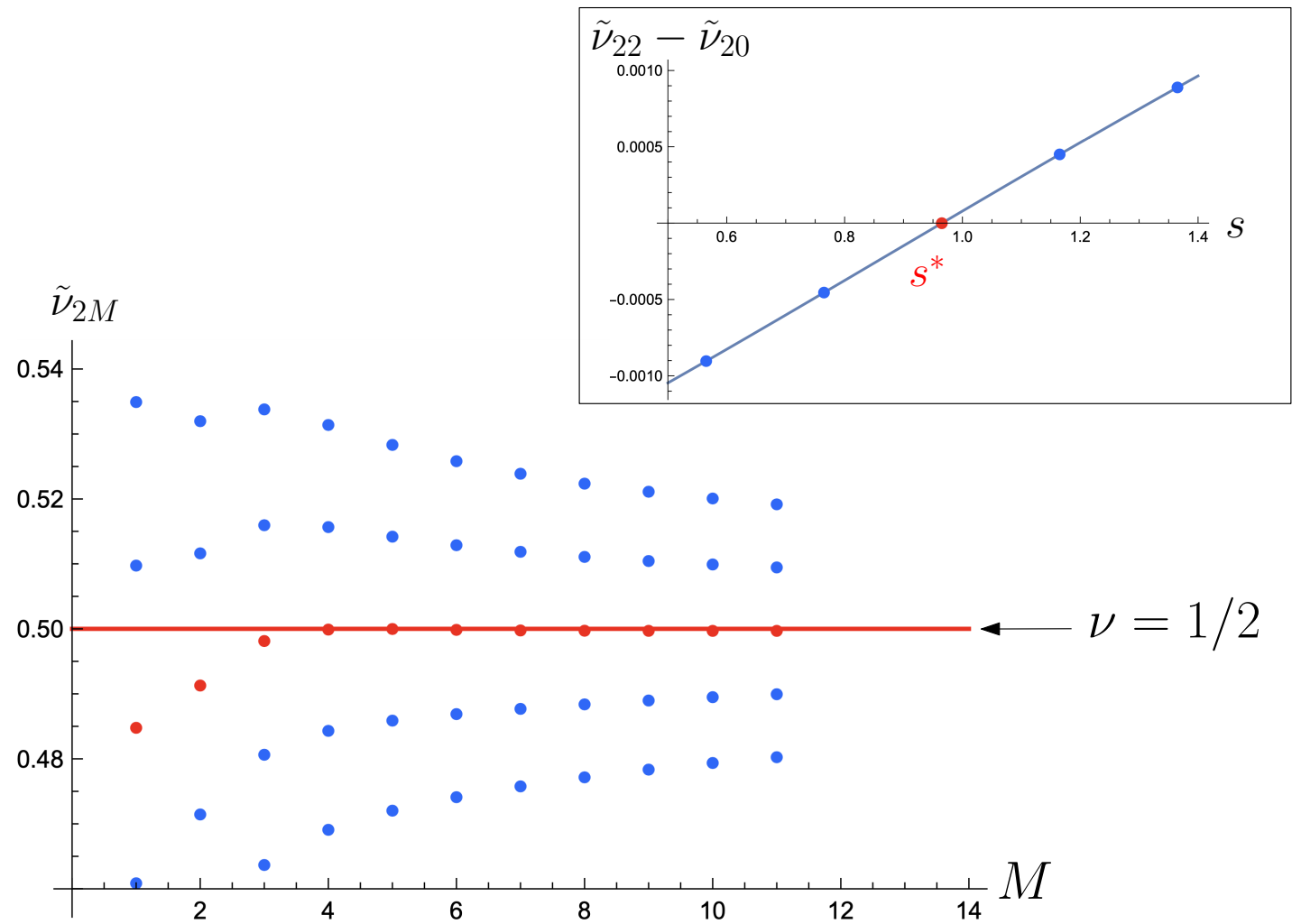
$$\nu = 1 - \Delta_{1n2} = \frac{\sqrt{26} - \sqrt{11}}{\sqrt{26} - \sqrt{2}} = 0.483715$$



exponent  $\nu$  for rigid Hamiltonian cycles on 4-regular bicolored maps



exponent  $\nu$  for Hamiltonian cycles on 3-regular bicolored maps



Hamiltonian cycles on bicolored maps with **mixed** valencies 2 and 3

# SLE vs fully packed exponents

$$\kappa = \frac{4\pi}{\arccos(-n/2)} \in (4, 8] \quad \text{for } n \in [0, 2)$$

$$h_\ell^{(\kappa)} = \frac{1}{16\kappa} [4\ell^2 - (4 - \kappa)^2], \quad \ell \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

(multiple SLEs,  
arm exponents)

$$h_{2k}^{\text{fpl}(n)} = h_{2k}^{(\kappa)},$$

$$h_{2k-1}^{\text{fpl}(n)} = h_{2k-1}^{(\kappa)} + \frac{3}{4\kappa} \quad (\hexagon),$$

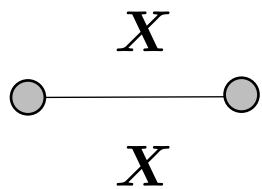
$$h_{2k-1}^{\text{fpl}(n)} = h_{2k-1}^{(\kappa)} + \frac{1}{6 + \kappa} \quad (\square), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

$$h_{1 \cap 2} := h_{\ell=4}^{\text{fpl}(0)} = h_{\ell=4}^{(\kappa=8)} = h_{\ell=2}^{(\tilde{\kappa}=2)} = \frac{3}{8}$$



Thank you!

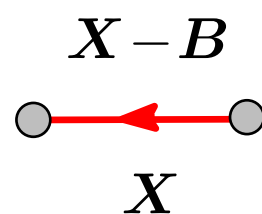
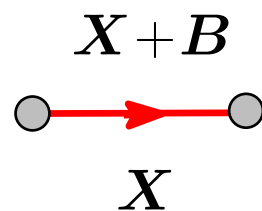
On the importance of being **bicolored** FPL(0) model on **cubic** planar maps?



$$A = 0 \quad C = -B$$

$$c_{\text{dense}}(n = 0) = -2 \quad \text{B.D., I. Kostov 1988}$$

$$z_N^\circ \sim \text{const.} \frac{(\mu^\circ)^{2N}}{N^{2-\gamma^\circ}} \quad \gamma^\circ = \gamma(c = -2) = -1$$



$$z_N^\circ = \sum_{k=0}^N \binom{2N}{2k} \text{Cat}_k \text{Cat}_{N-k} = \text{Cat}_N \text{Cat}_{N+1} \sim \text{const.} \frac{4^{2N}}{N^3}$$

$$\text{where } \text{Cat}_N = \binom{2N}{N} / (N+1)$$

