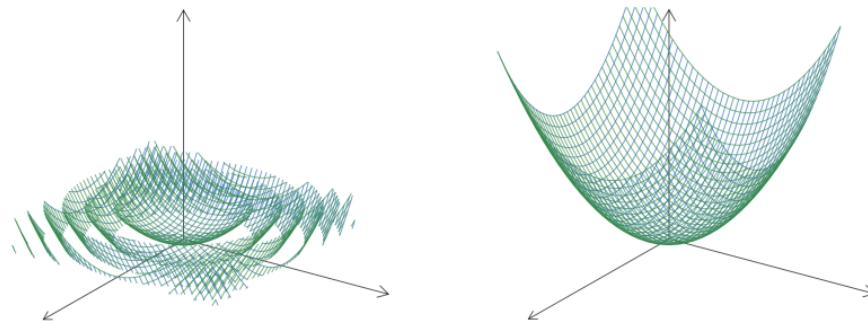


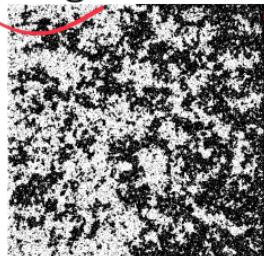
# *Statistical reconstruction of the Gaussian free field and Kosterlitz-Thouless transition*

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# Spin systems on $\mathbb{Z}^2$

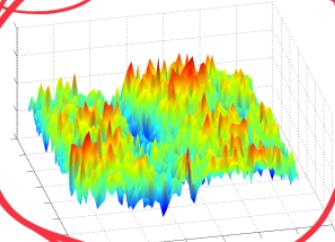
Ising model



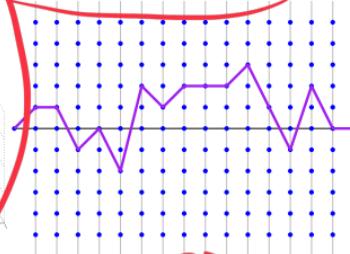
XY model



GFF



Int-valued GFF



$$\sigma \in \{-1, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}^2}$$

$$\sigma : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$$

$$\sigma (= \phi) : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\phi : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

Gibbs measure

$$\mathbb{P}_\beta(\sigma) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{i \sim j} \|\sigma_i - \sigma_j\|^2\right) \left( = \frac{1}{Z_\beta} \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{i \sim j} \|\sigma_i - \sigma_j\|^2\right) \right)$$

$$\beta \gg 1$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{T} \quad T \ll 1$$

$$\beta \ll 1$$

$$\beta$$

$$T \cancel{\ll} 1$$



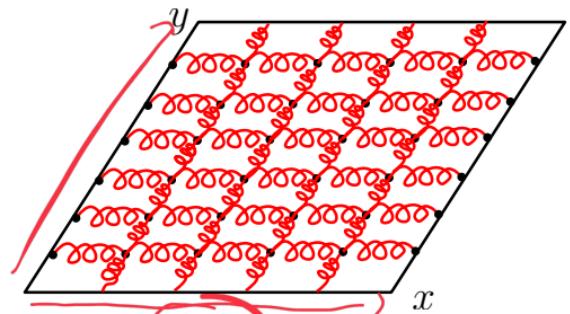
# Gaussian Free Field (GFF)

## Definition

On  $\Lambda_n := \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{Z}^2 \cap [-1, 1]^2$

Quadratic Form  
⇒ Gaussian Vector  
 $\in \mathbb{R}^n$

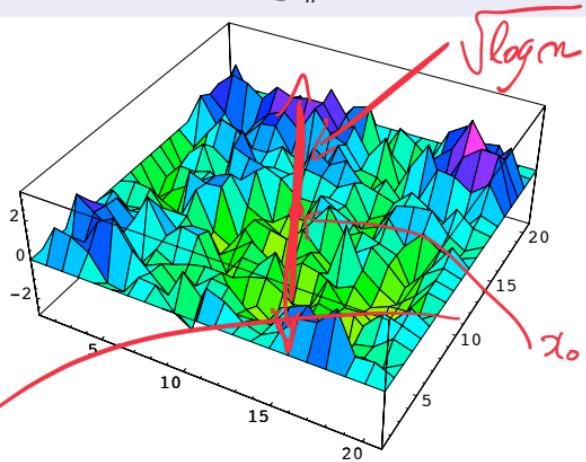
$$d\mathbb{P}_\beta^{\text{GFF}}[\phi] \propto \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{x \sim y} (\phi(x) - \phi(y))^2\right) \prod_{x \in \Lambda_n} d\phi(x)$$



$$\Lambda_n \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$$

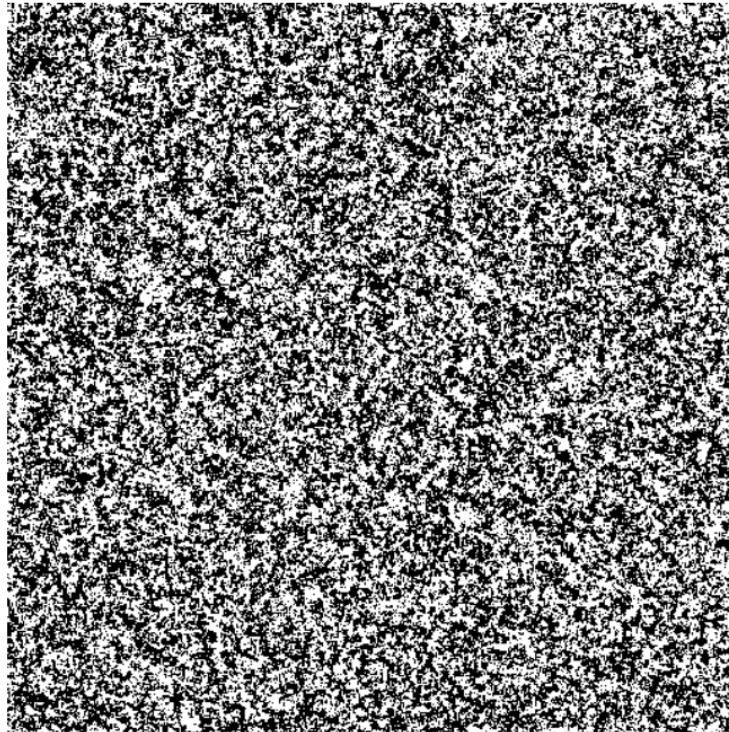
$$\frac{1}{\beta} = T$$

$$\text{Var}[\phi((0, 0))] \sim \frac{1}{2\pi} \log n$$



Ising model,  $\sigma \in \{-1, 1\}^{\Lambda}$ ,  $T \gg 1$

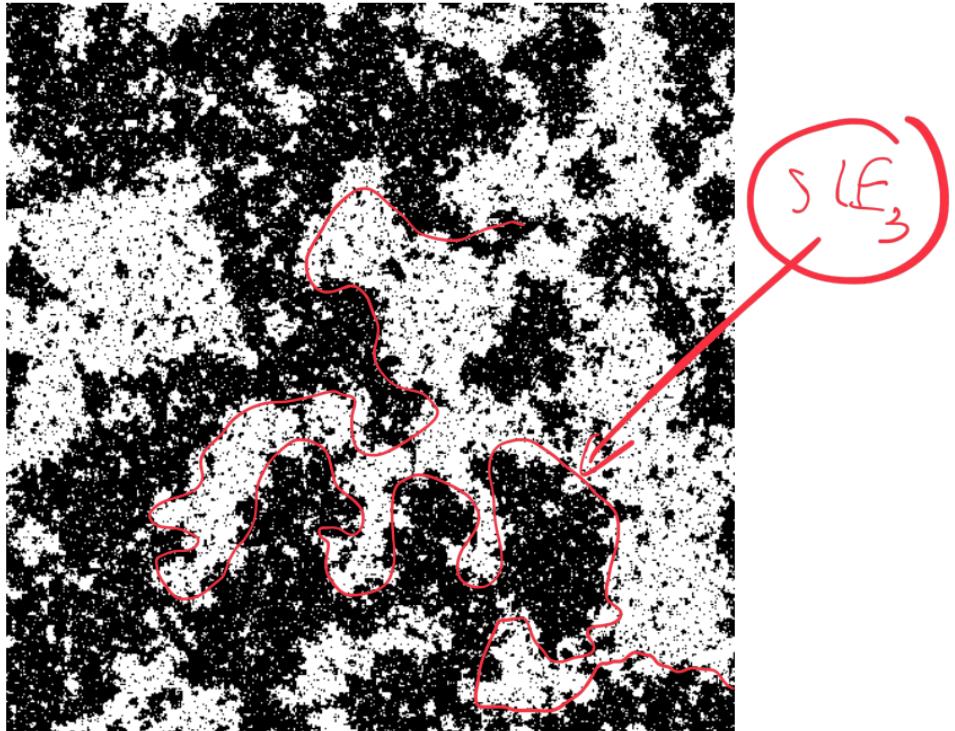
$\beta < 1$



$$\begin{array}{l} \{ -1, 1 \}^{\Lambda_m} \\ \{ 1, -1 \}^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \end{array}$$

$$\exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{2} \sum |p_i - \sigma_j|^2\right)$$

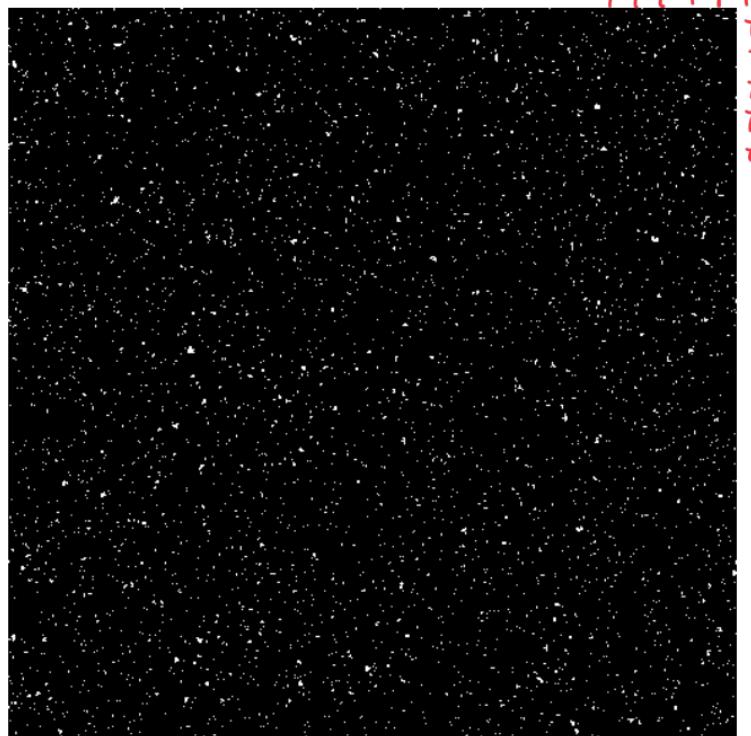
Ising model,  $\sigma \in \{-1, 1\}^{\Lambda}$ ,  $T \approx T_c$



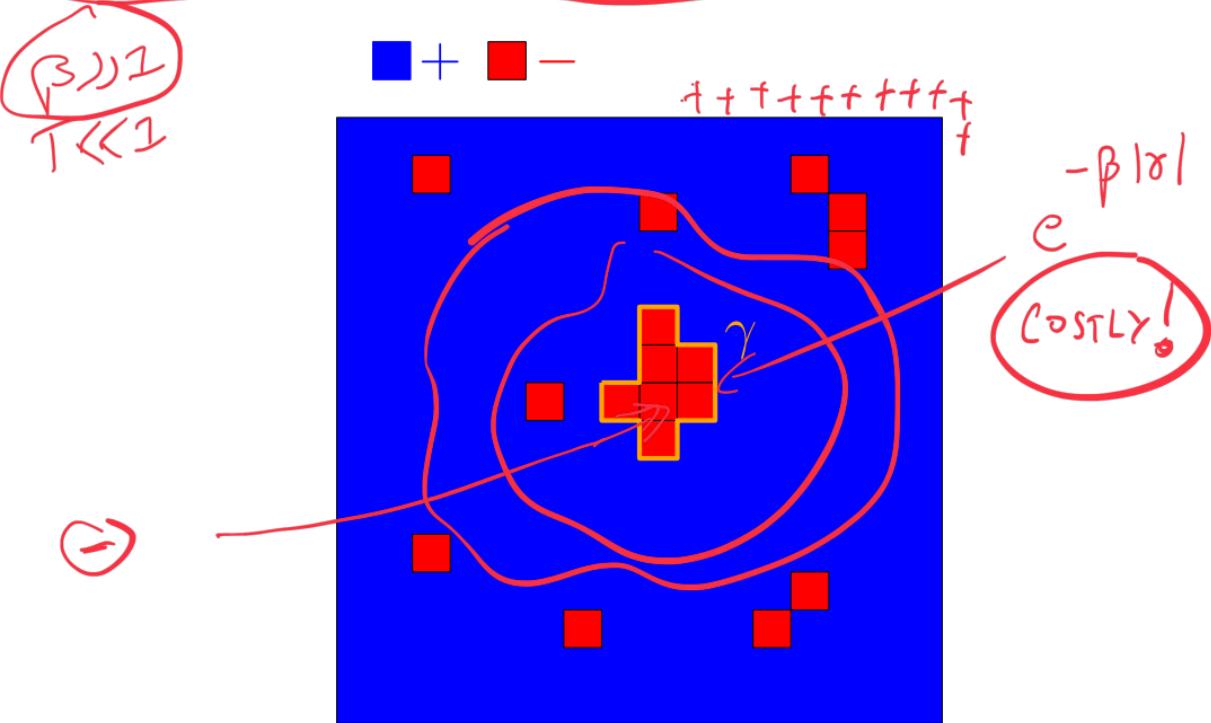
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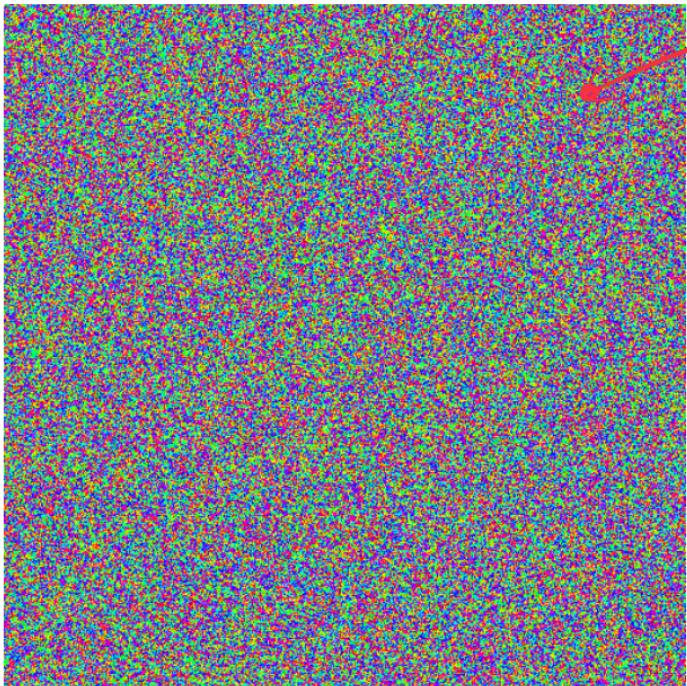
Long-range  
order



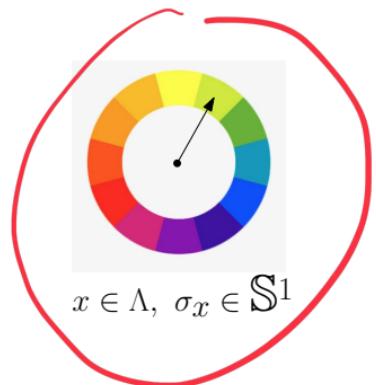
# Long-Range-Order $\equiv$ Peierls argument



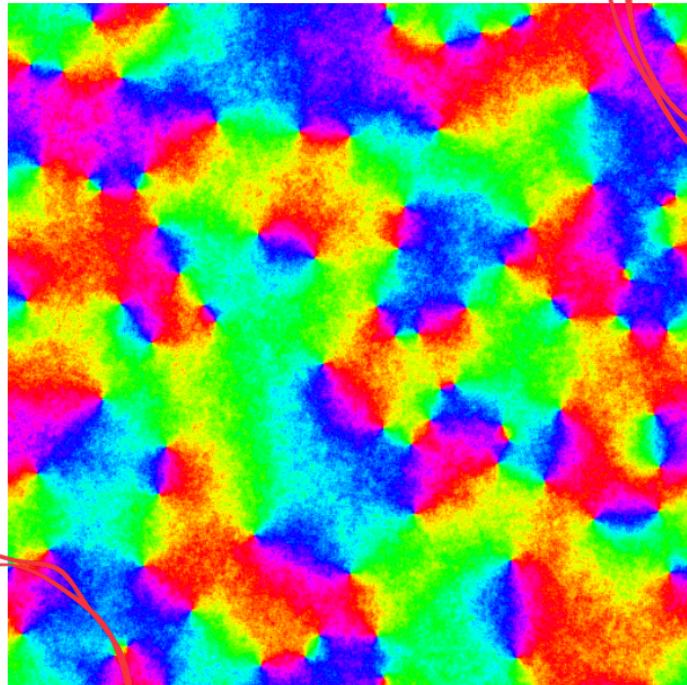
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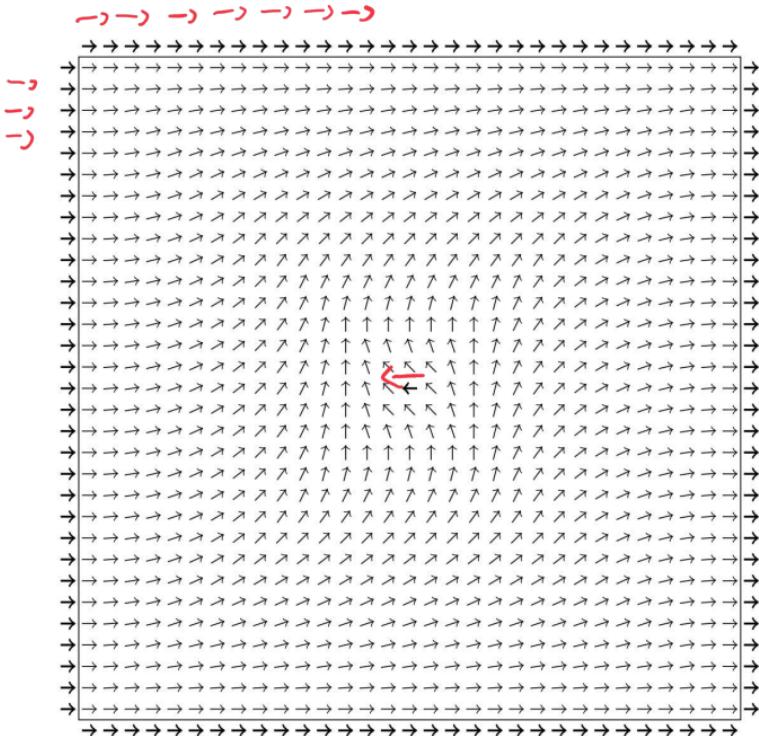
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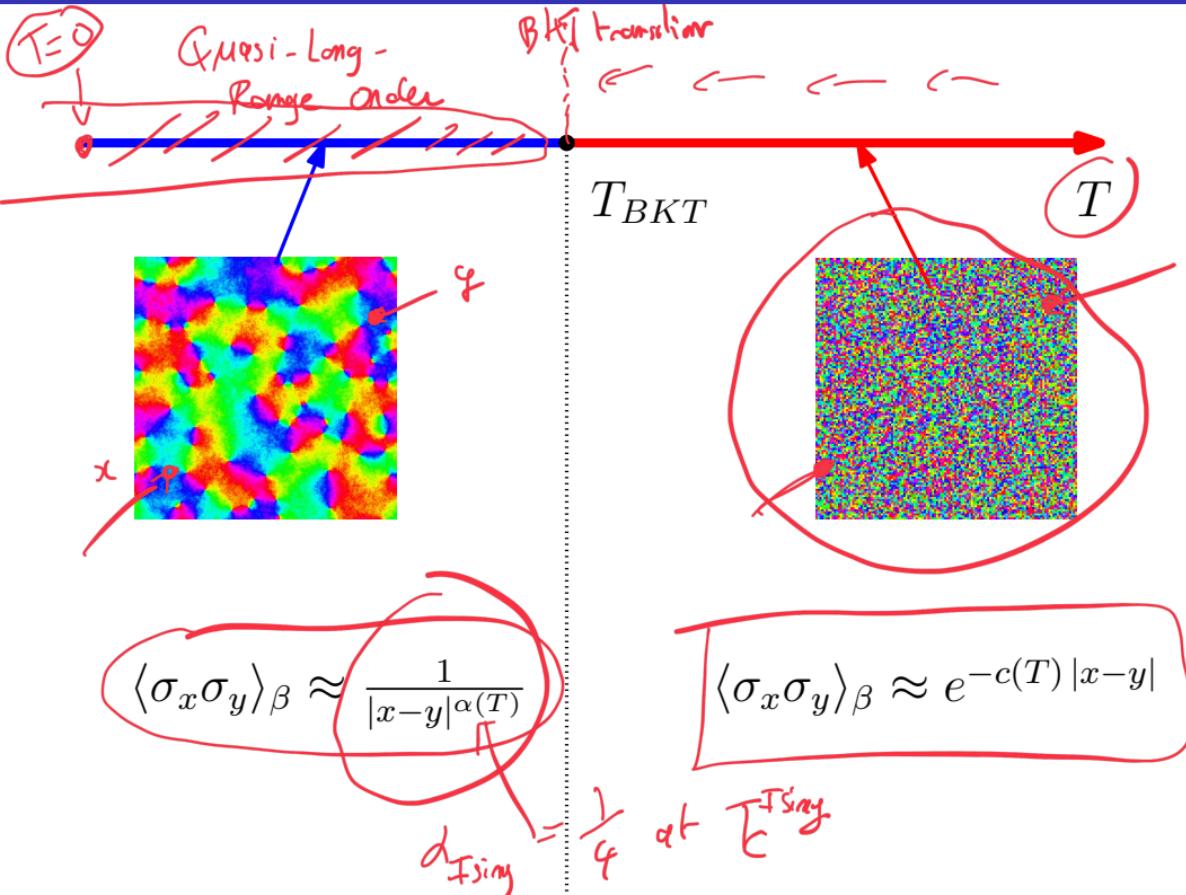
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# No Long-Range-Order ? Spin-waves!

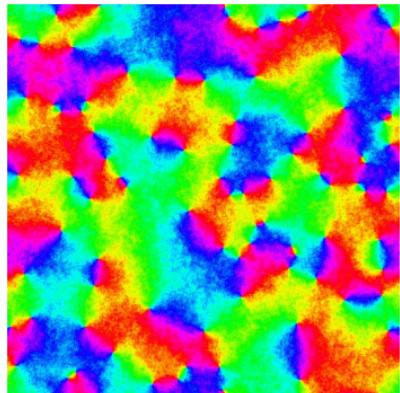
(c) Velenik



# BKT transition



# The physics way ( $\rightarrow$ “topological phase transitions”)



$$P_\beta(\sigma) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{i \sim j} \|\sigma_i - \sigma_j\|^2\right)$$

$\beta \rightarrow 1$   $T \ll 1$

$$\propto \exp(\beta \sum_{i \sim j} \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j))$$

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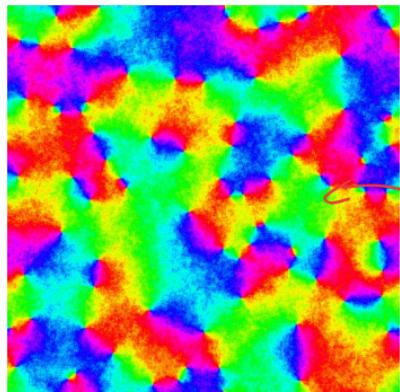
$$\approx \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{i \sim j} (\theta_i - \theta_j)^2\right)$$

GFF !!

$i$   $j$

$\beta \cancel{=} -\frac{1}{2}(\theta_i - \theta_j)^2 + \dots$

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1 form  
 $\mathbb{R}^2$   
 $d\theta$

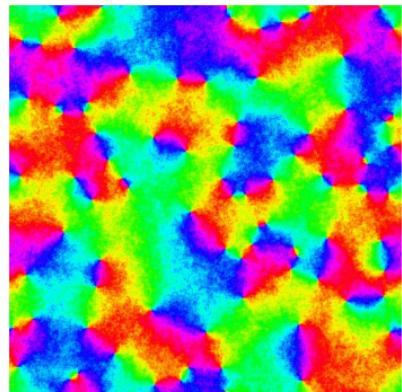
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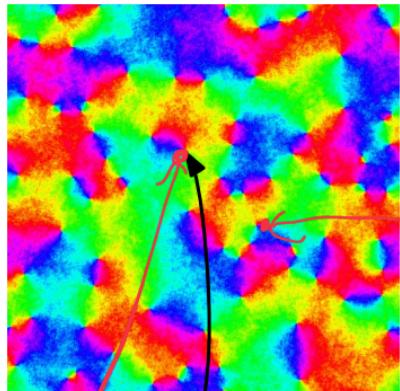
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$d$

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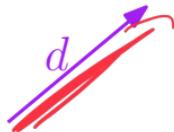
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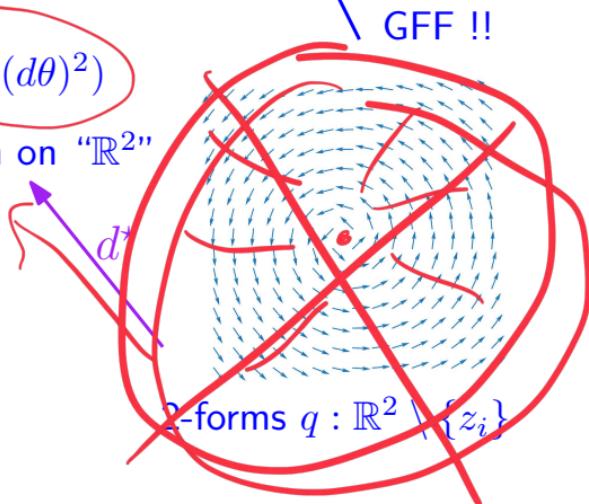
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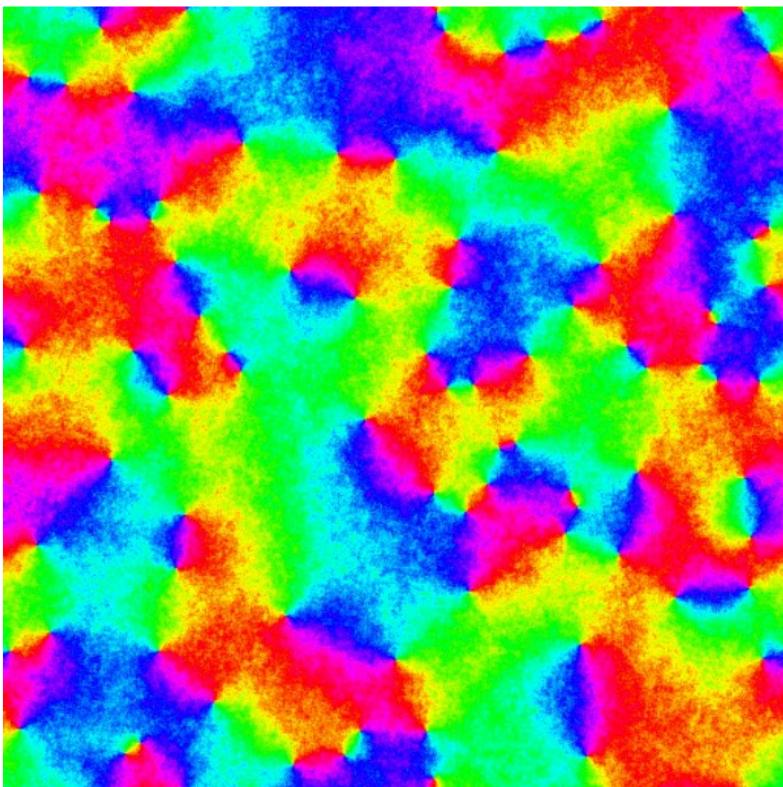


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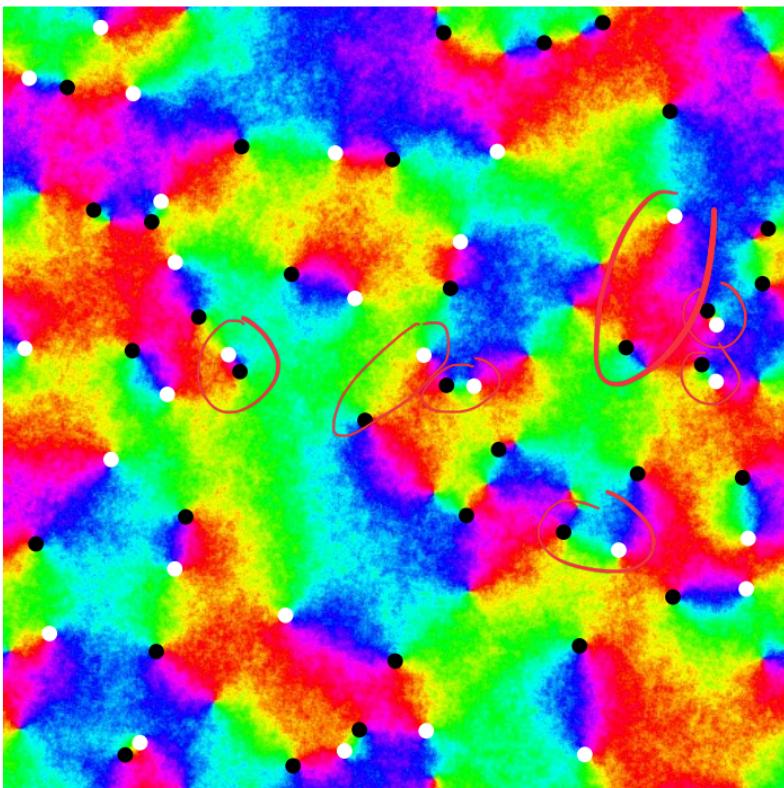


2-forms  $q : \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{z_i\}$

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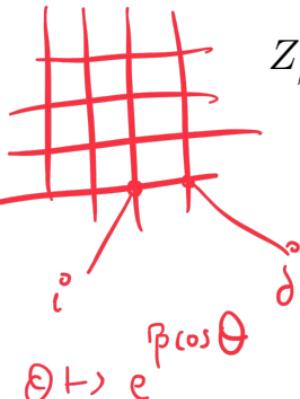


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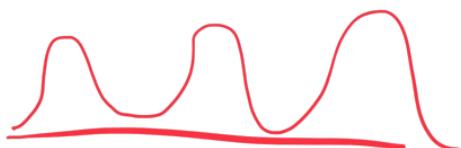


Mathwise : **duality** with integer-valued fields

### XY model



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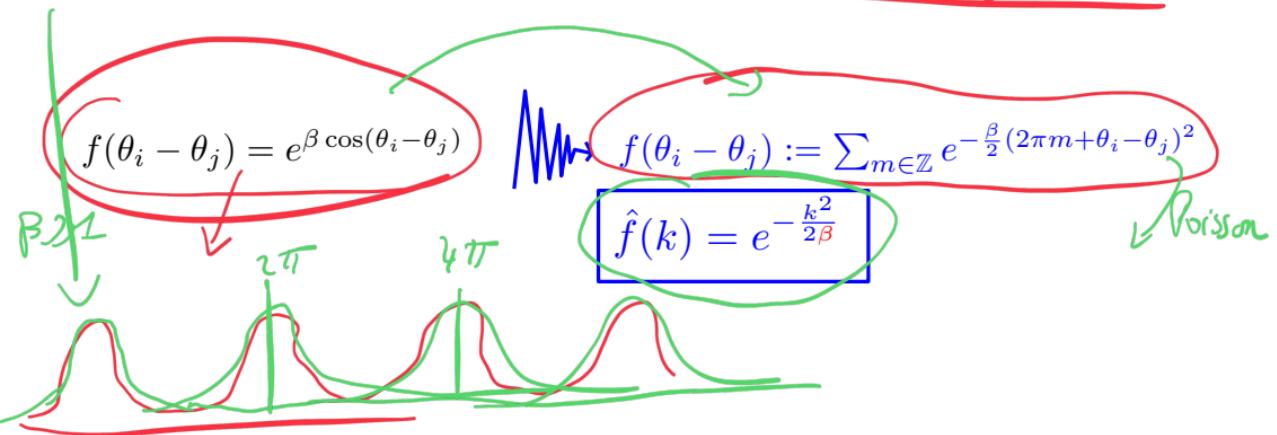
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$C^{-\frac{\beta}{2} \theta^2}$

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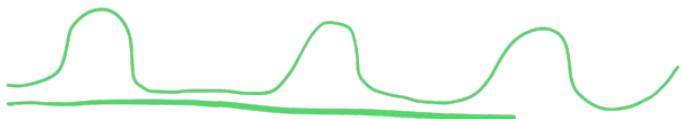
$k^{\text{th}}$  modified Bessel functions



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### Villain model

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# Mathwise : duality with integer-valued fields

## Villain model

Duality

①  $\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda^*$



② ~~Inversion of lengthscale~~  
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Villain  $\mapsto \frac{1}{\beta}$

$$Z_\beta^{\text{Villain}} = \int_{[0,2\pi)^\Lambda} \prod_{i \sim j} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}(2\pi m + \phi_i - \theta_j)^2} \prod d\theta_i$$

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$$= \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^{E_\Lambda}} \prod_{i \sim j} e^{-\frac{\mathbf{k}_{ij}^2}{2\beta}} \prod_{x \in \Lambda} \int_{[0,2\pi)} e^{i(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{k})_x \theta} d\theta$$

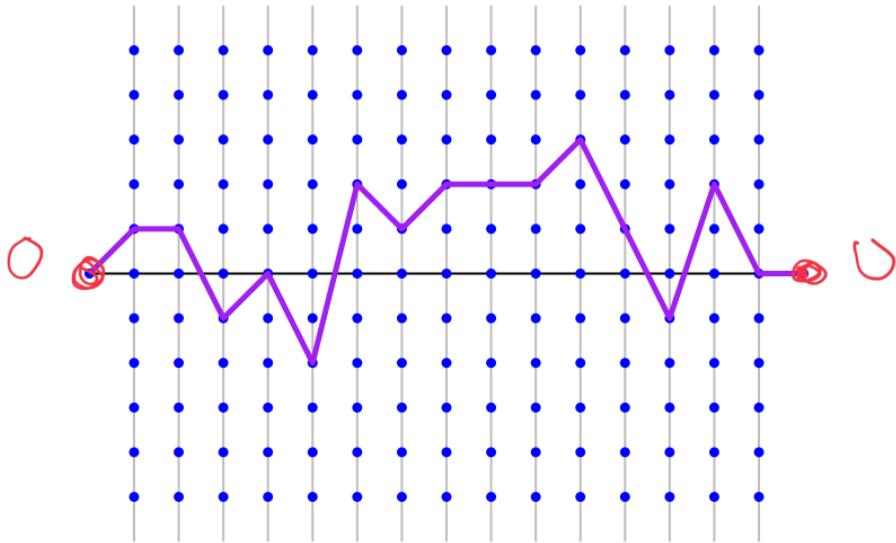
## Integer-Valued Gaussian Free Field (IV-GFF):

$(\psi, \Lambda^*) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

$$\mathbb{P}[\psi] \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\beta} \sum_{f \sim g} (\psi_f - \psi_g)^2\right)$$

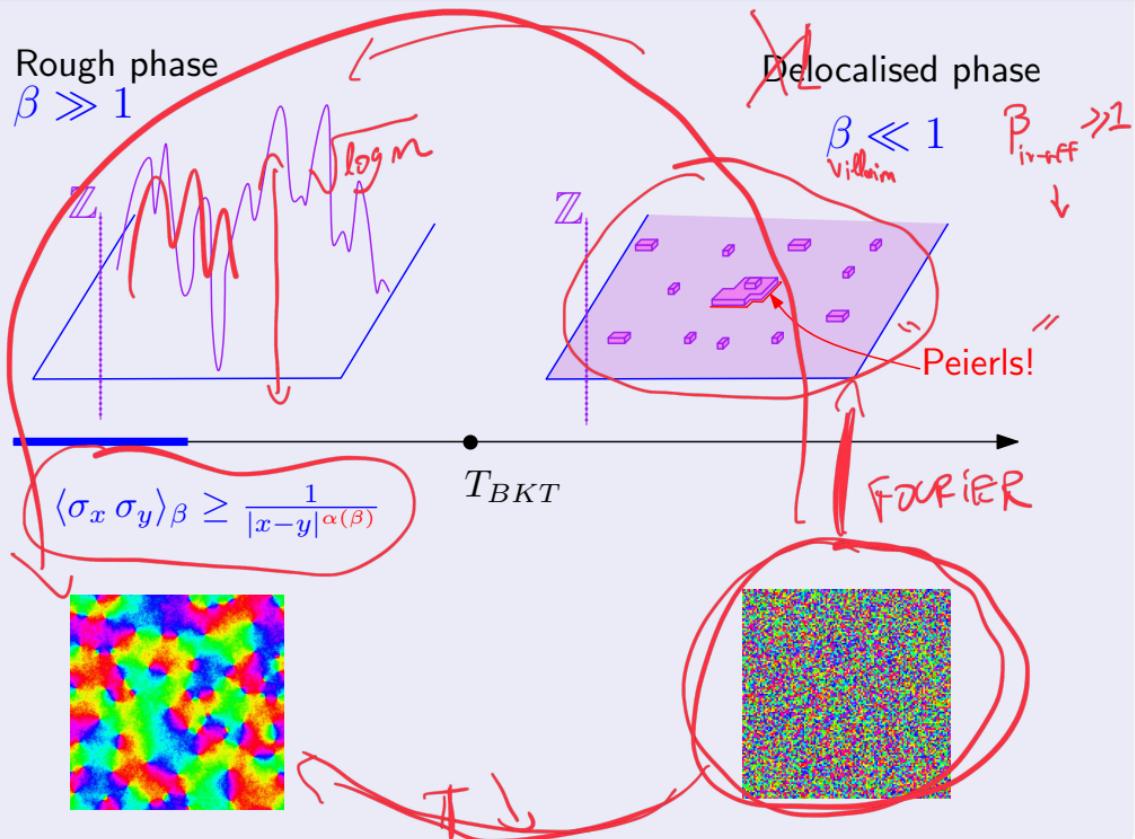


# Integer-valued GFF in $d = 1$



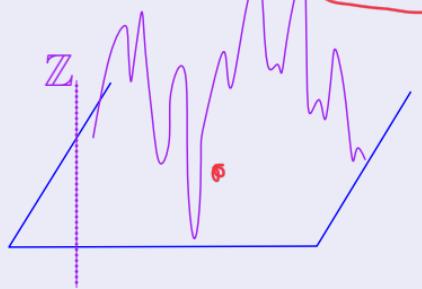
$$Z_{1/\beta}^{\text{IV}} = \sum_{\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{Z}^\Lambda, \mathbf{m}|_{\partial\Lambda} \equiv 0} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2\beta} \sum_{i \sim j} (\mathbf{m}_i - \mathbf{m}_j)^2 \right)$$

# Theorem (Fröhlich-Spencer, 1981)



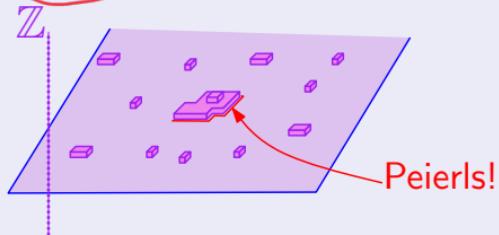
# Theorem (Fröhlich-Spencer, 1981)

Rough phase  
 $\beta \gg 1$



$$\text{Var}[\psi(0)] \geq \frac{1-\epsilon}{2\pi\beta} \log n$$

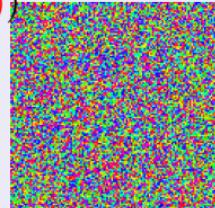
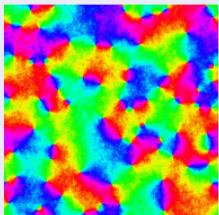
Delocalised phase  
 $\beta \ll 1$



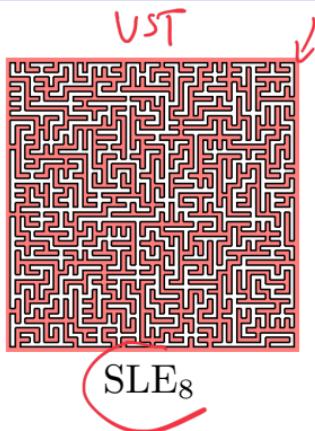
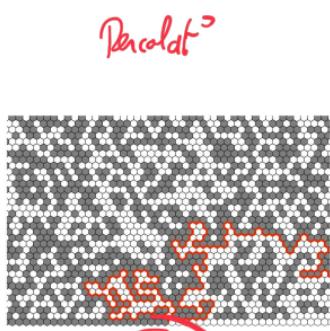
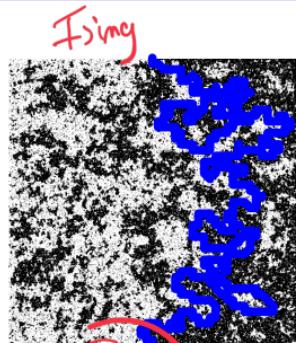
$$\langle \sigma_x \sigma_y \rangle_\beta \geq \frac{1}{|x-y|^\alpha(\beta)}$$

$T_{BKT}$

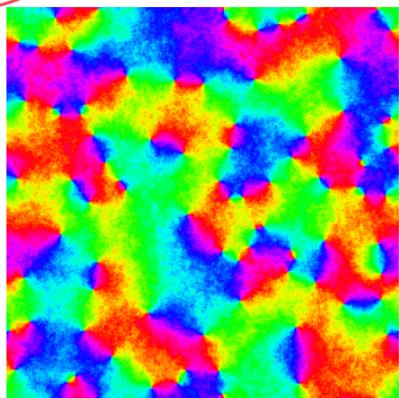
$$\frac{1}{2\pi\beta} \leq \alpha(\beta) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi\beta} (1 + \epsilon(\beta))$$



# Large scale structures for $\mathbb{S}^1$ spin systems ??



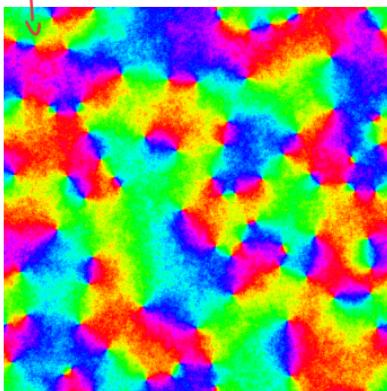
continuous  
symmetry  
 $\alpha_2$ )



Macroscopic structures ?  
Curves ?

# Spin-waves and vortices

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \sigma_x \in \mathbb{S}^1$$



Conjecture (Fröhlich-Spencer 1983)

$$\beta^* = \beta_{\text{effelite}}$$

$$\{\mathbf{e}^{i\theta_x}\}_x \sim \mathbb{P}_{\beta}^{\text{Villain}}$$

$$\approx \left\{ \mathbf{e}^{i \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta^*}} \phi_x} \right\}_x, \quad \phi \sim \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}^2}^{\text{GFF}}$$

Complex Gaussian Multiplication Chaos

Theorem (G., Sepúlveda, 2020)

Vortices contribute to the log-fluctuations.

$$\beta^* \leq \beta - e^{-4\beta}$$

$$\langle \sigma_x \sigma_y \rangle_{\beta}^{\text{Villain}} \leq \left( \frac{1}{|x-y|} \right)^{\frac{1}{2\pi\beta}} + e^{-4\beta}$$

Equivalently

$$\varepsilon(\beta) \geq e^{-4\beta}$$

# Maximum of the integer-valued GFF

Theorem (Wirth, 2019)

$$\mathbb{P}_{\beta, \Lambda, 0}^{\text{IV}} \left[ \max_{x \in \Lambda_n} \psi(x) \geq \frac{c_1}{\sqrt{\beta}} \log n \right] \geq 1 - \varepsilon$$



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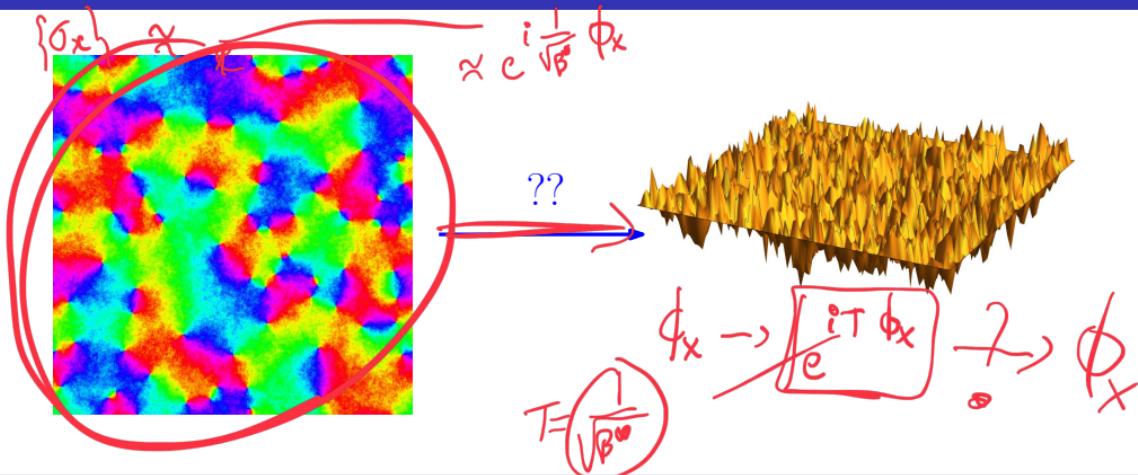
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$$\mathbb{P}_{\beta, \Lambda, 0}^{\text{IV}} \left[ \max_{x \in \Lambda_n} \psi(x) \leq \frac{1 + e^{-4\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\beta}} 2 \log n \right] \rightarrow 1$$

↗  ~~$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\beta}}$~~   $\sqrt{\log n} \times \cancel{\log \log n}$

Statist. reconstr. of the macroscopic field  $\phi$  given  $e^{\frac{i}{\sqrt{\beta^*}}\phi}$  ?



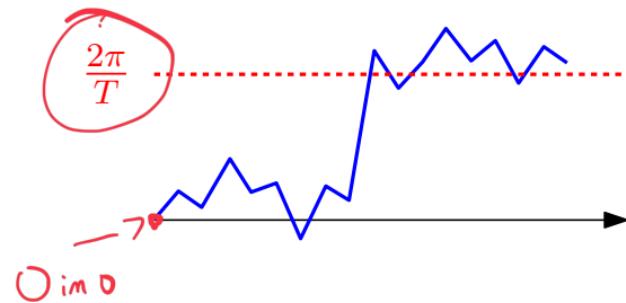
### Question we address:

- Sample  $\{\phi_x\}_{x \in \Lambda} \sim \mathbb{P}_\Lambda^{\text{GFF}}$  i.e.  $\propto \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\langle \nabla \phi, \nabla \phi \rangle)$
  - Let  $T > 0$  ( $T \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta^*}}$ )
- ??  $\text{Law} \left( \{\phi_x\}_x \mid \{e^{iT\phi_x}\}_x \right) = \text{Law} \left( \{\phi_x\}_x \mid \phi \left( \text{mod} \frac{2\pi}{T} \right) \right)$  ??

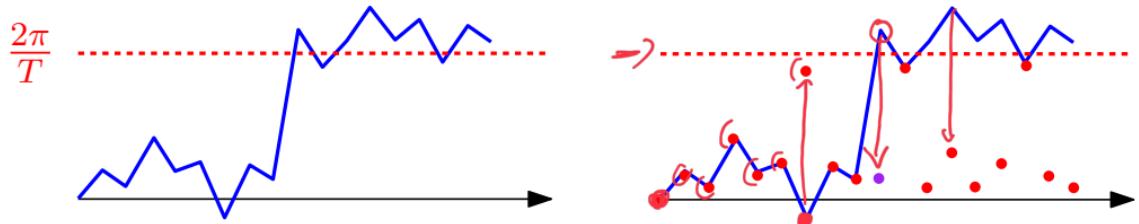
$$\mathcal{L}(\phi \mid \phi\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right))$$

$$\phi \left( \text{mod } \frac{2\pi}{T} \right) \sim \phi \text{ in } d = 1 ?$$

GFF im  $d=1$   
→ SRW on  $\mathbb{Z}$   
 $\begin{cases} \text{starts at } 0 \\ \text{iid } \mathcal{N}(0,1) \end{cases}$

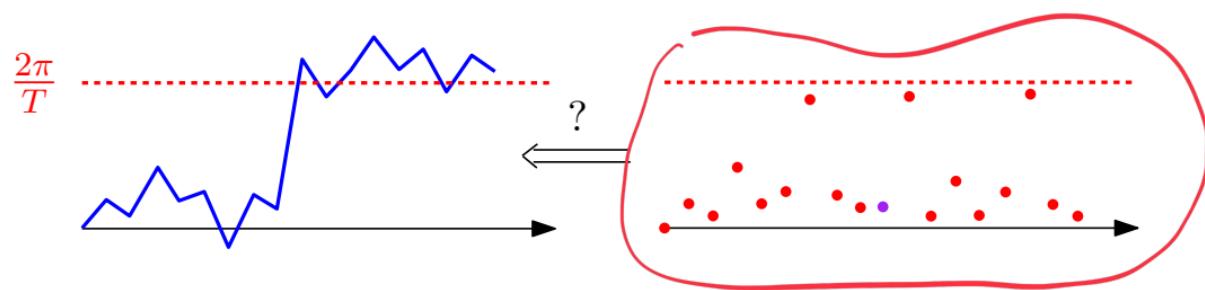


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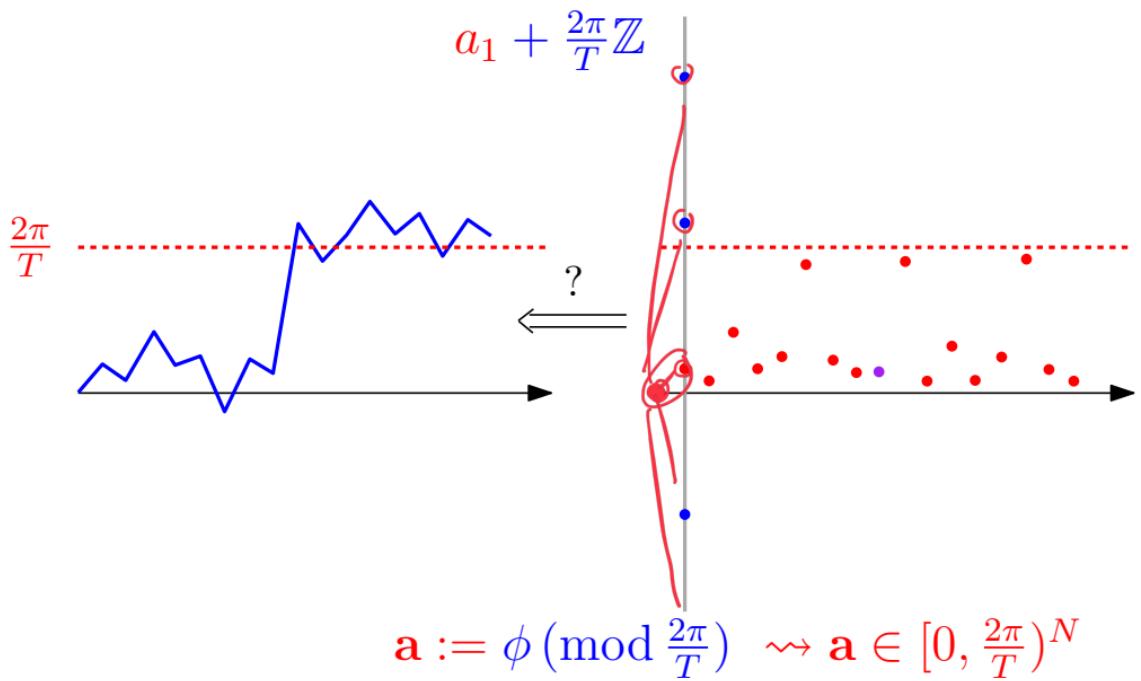
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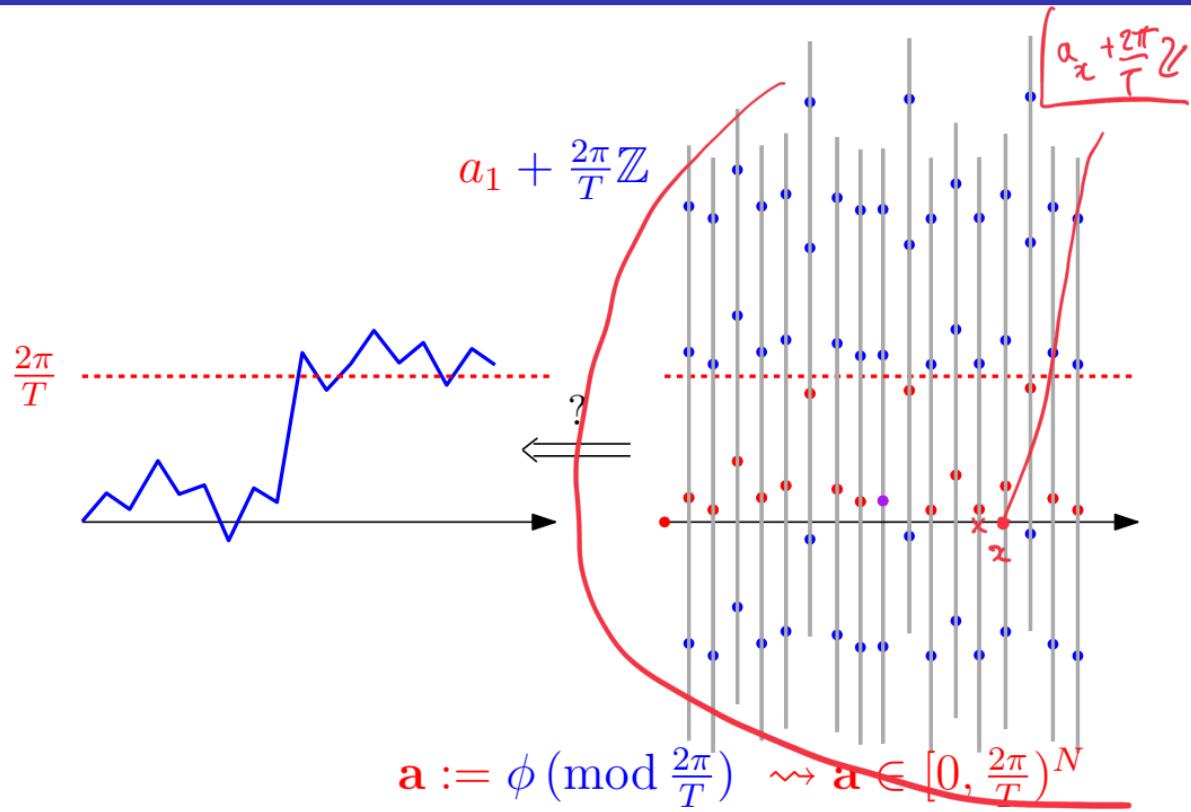


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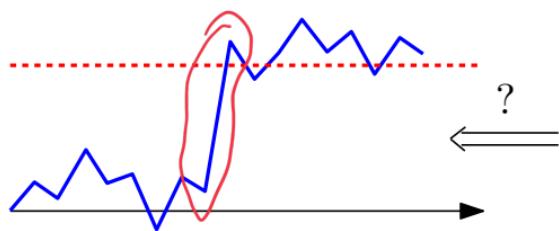
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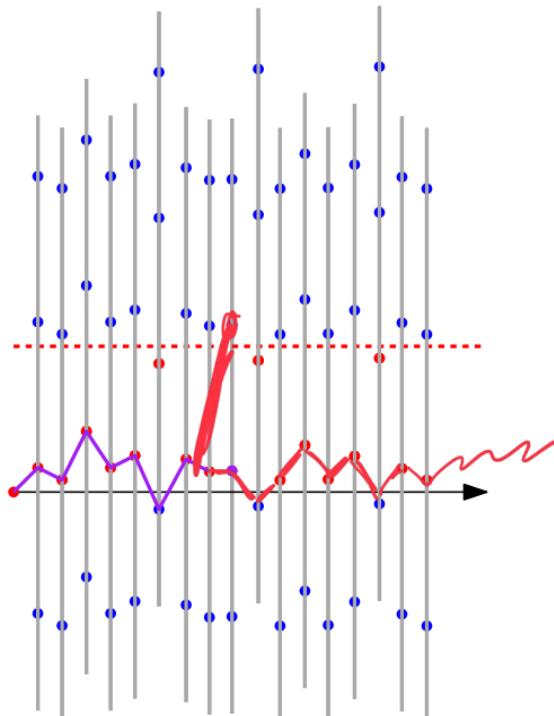
$$\frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$a_1 + \frac{2\pi}{T} \mathbb{Z}$$

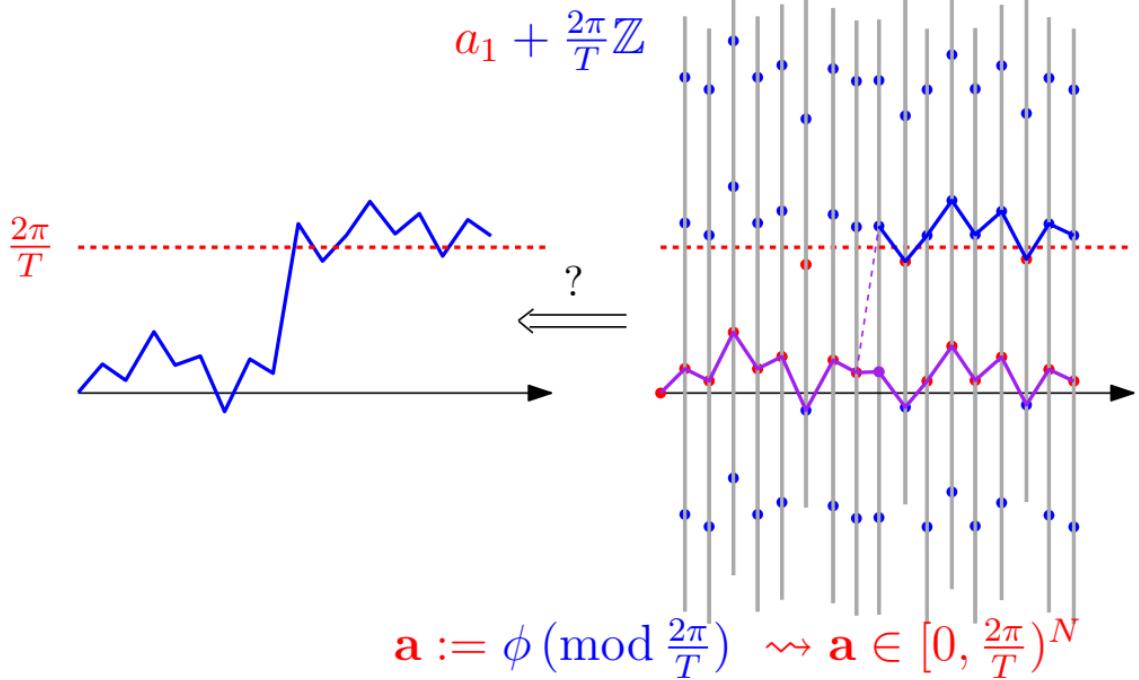


3!  
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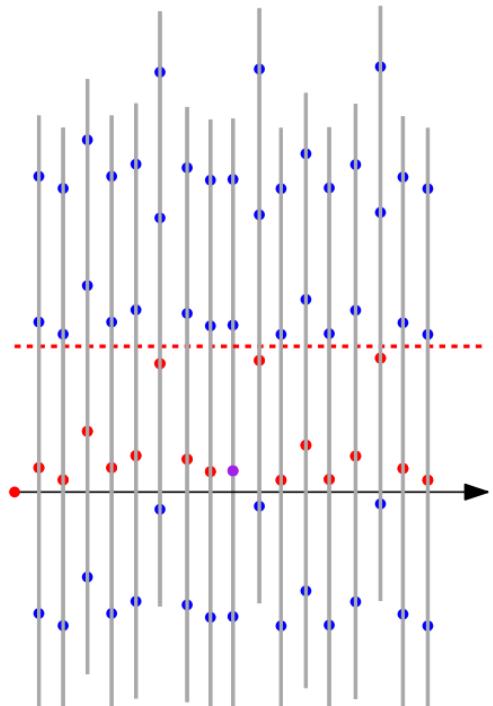
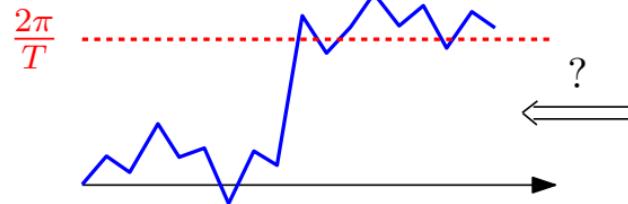


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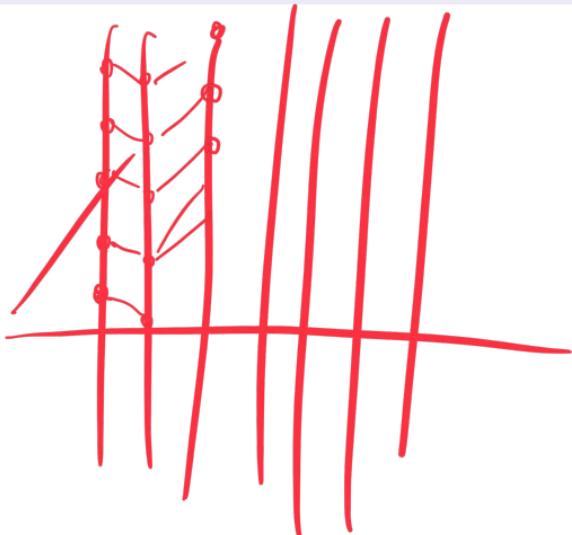
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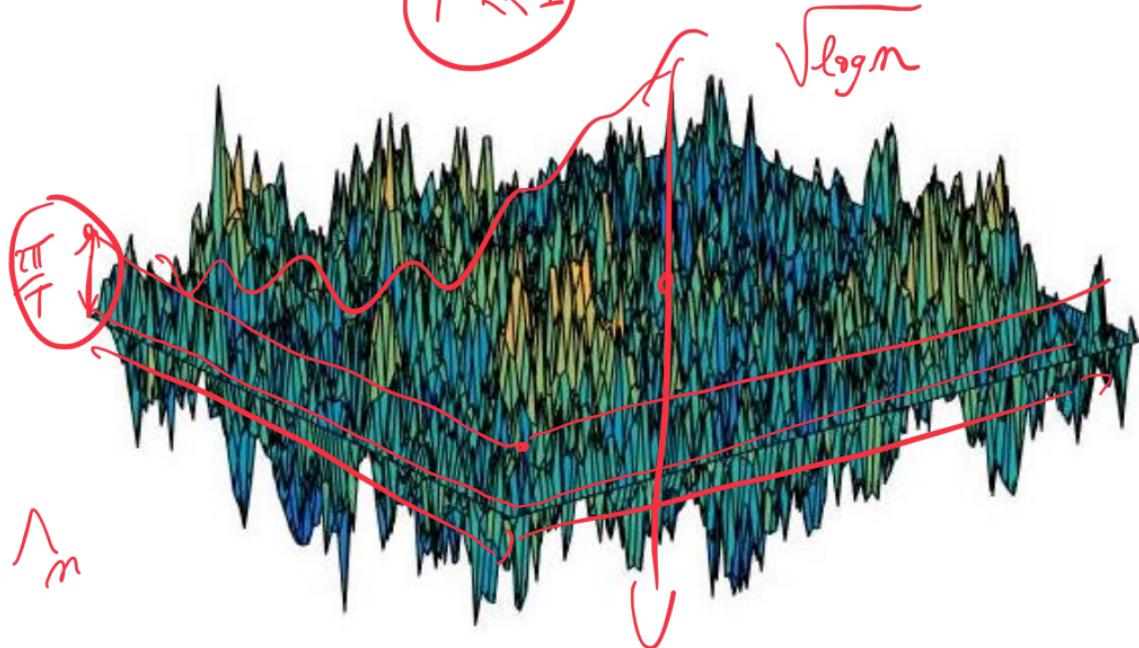
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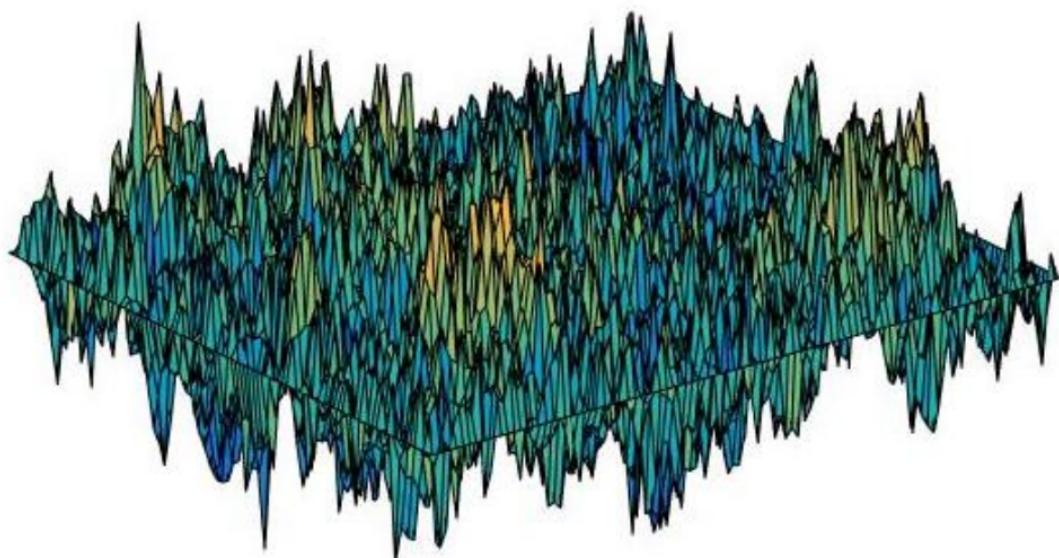
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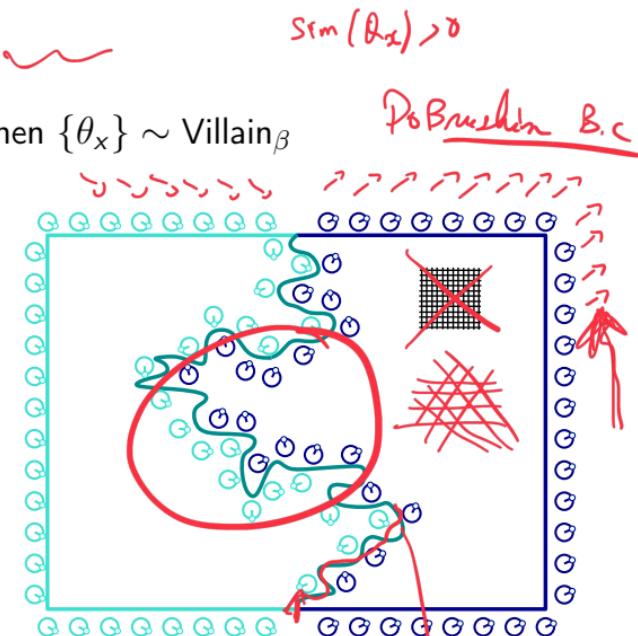
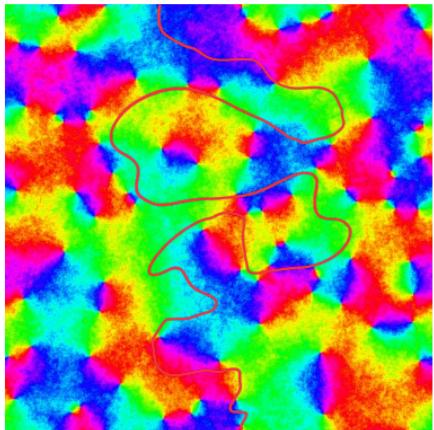
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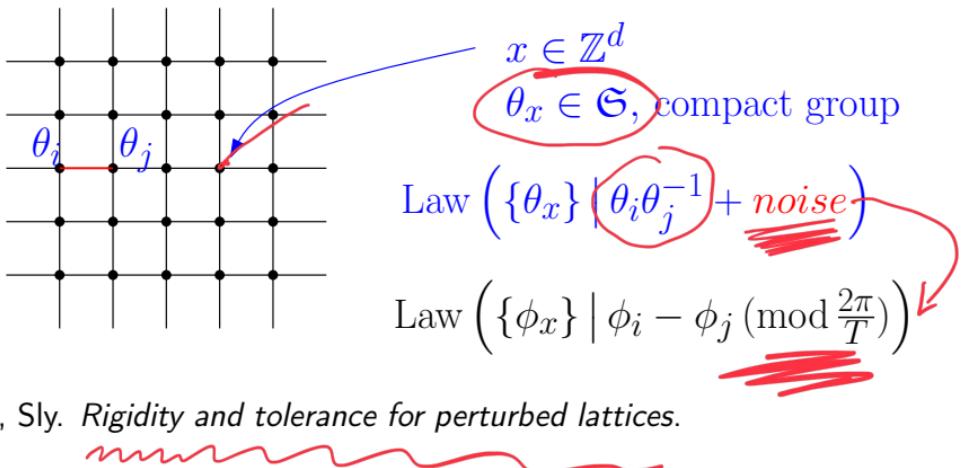
**Conjecture:** level lines of the **Villain model** when  $T < \hat{T}_c$  converge to SLE $_4$ , SLE $(4, \rho)$ , ALE process  $\mathbb{A}_{-\lambda, \lambda}$ .

$\Rightarrow \text{SLE}_4(\beta)$

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## ② Statistical reconstruction problems.

- ▶ E. Abbe, L. Massoulie, A. Montanari, A. Sly, and N. Srivastava.  
*Group synchronization on grids.*



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- 3 An “integrable model” for **IV-GFF** and a new interpretation of the KT transition.

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- 4 Integer-valued random fields have seen an intense activity lately

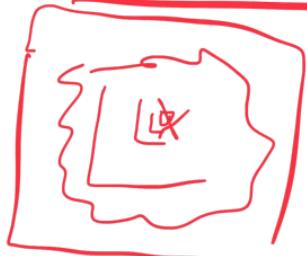
## Square-ice model

Uniform graph homomorphisms  $\mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

- ▶ Duminil-Copin, Glazman, Peled, Spinka, 2017
- ▶ Chandgotia, Peled, Sheffield, Tassy, 2018
- ▶ Glazman, Manolescu, 2018.
- ▶ Duminil-Copin, Harel, Laslier, Raoufi, Ray, 2019

▶ XOR-trick

$$\psi \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$$



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$$\rightarrow \left[ : e^{i\phi} : \sim \phi \right]$$

- 5 Complex Multiplicative Chaos. ( $\rightarrow$  Plasma phase of Coulomb, i.e.  $\beta^2 < 8\pi$ ).
  - ▶ N. Berestycki, S. Sheffield, X. Sun.

$$: e^{\gamma\Phi} : \sim \Phi, \forall \gamma < \gamma_c = 2$$

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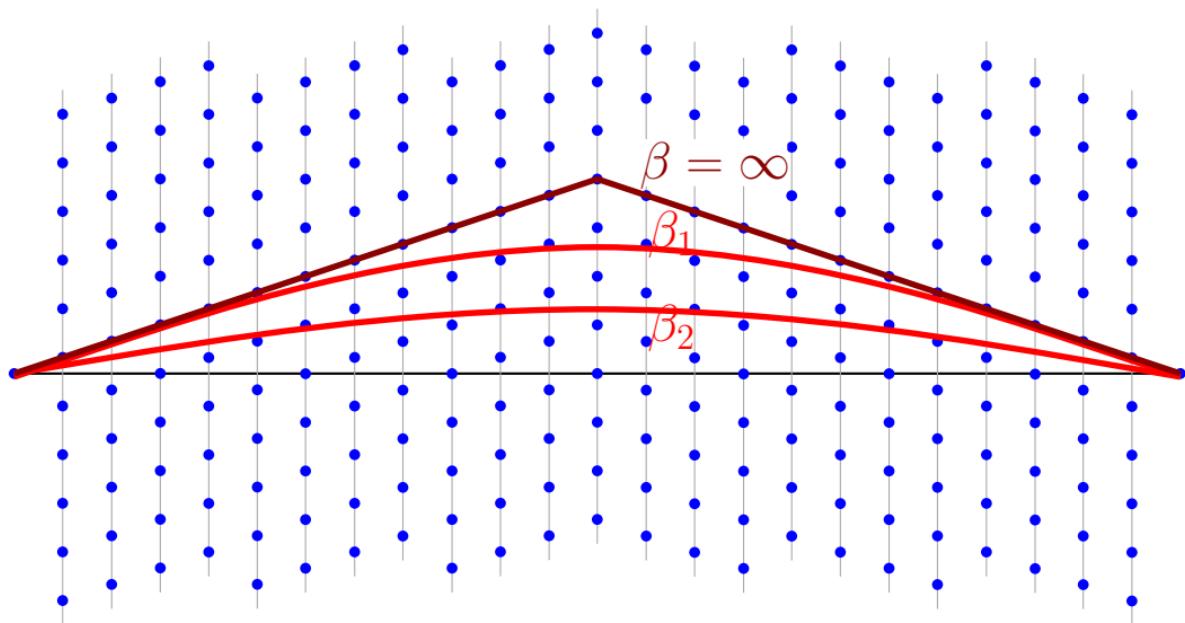
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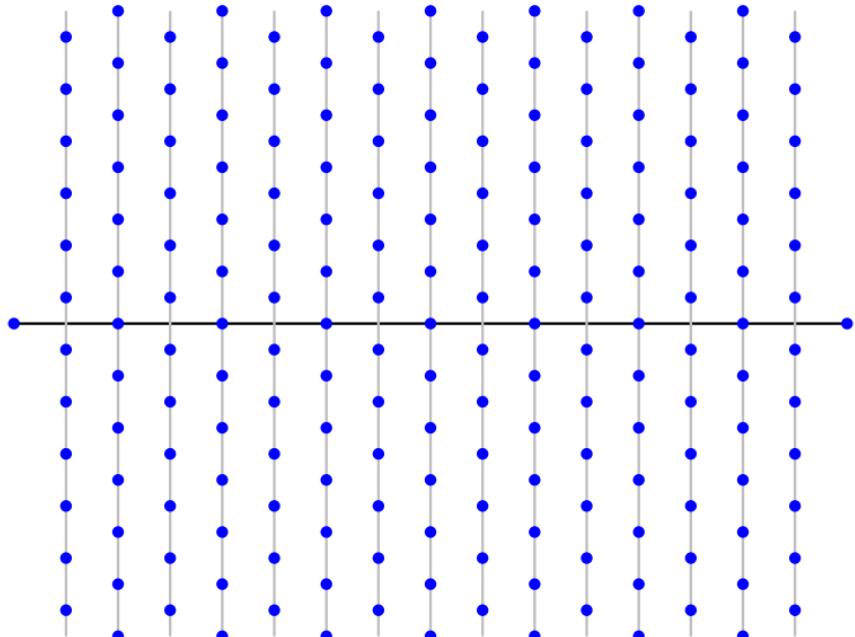
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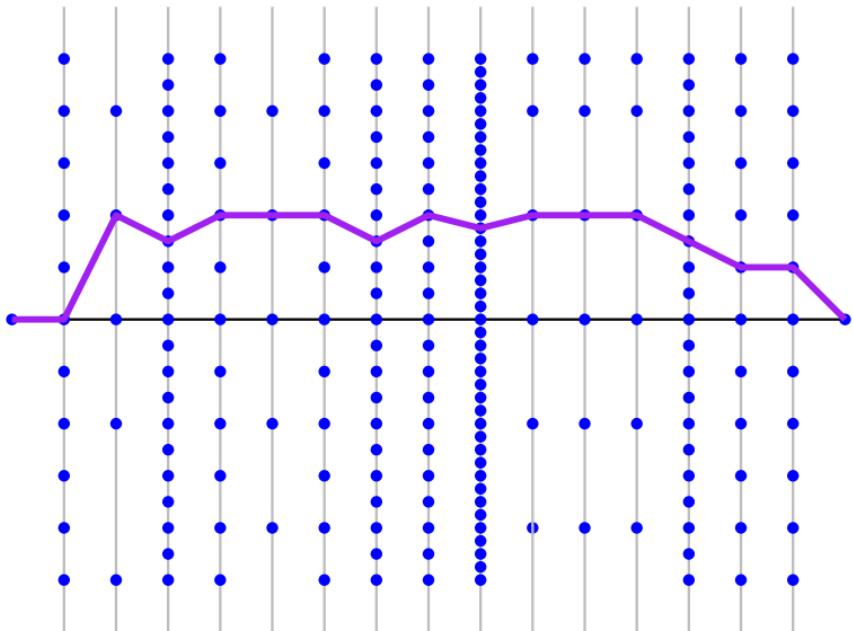
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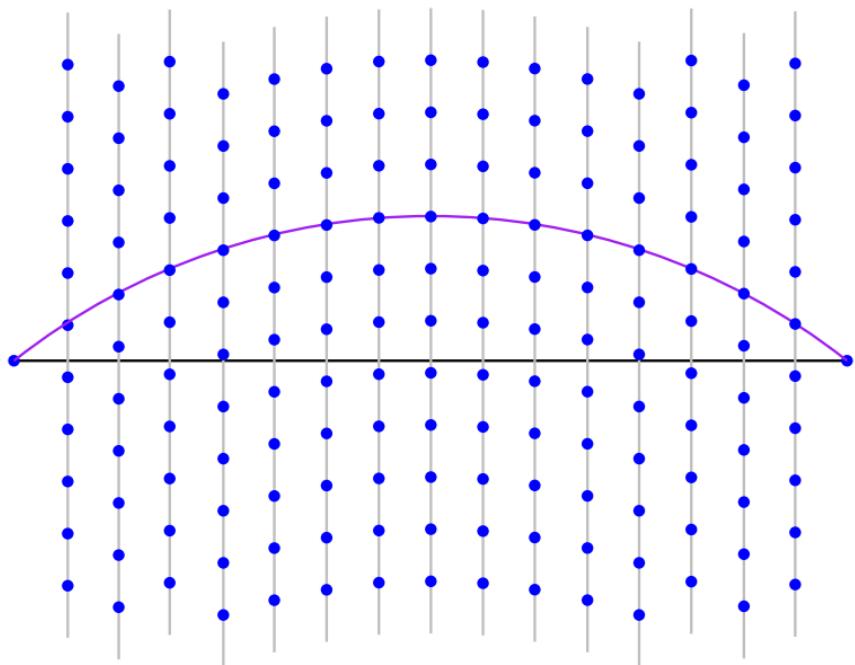
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# Thank you!