

# An Effective Model of Facets Formation

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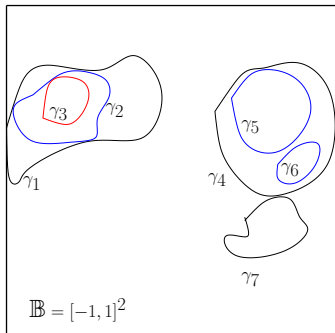
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- A macroscopic variational problem.
- Low temperature 3D Ising model, Wulff shapes and (unknown) structure of microscopic facets.
- Facets on SOS surfaces with bulk Bernoulli fields.
- Fluctuations of level lines.

## Macroscopic Variational Problem

Surface tension  $\tau_\beta$  and bulk susceptibility  $D_\beta$  are coming from an effective SOS-type model at inverse temperature  $\beta$ .



Nested family of loops  $\mathcal{L} = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_7)$

- $\tau_\beta(\gamma) = \int_\gamma \tau_\beta(\mathbf{n}_s) ds.$
- $\tau_\beta(\mathcal{L}) = \sum_\ell \tau_\beta(\gamma_\ell).$
- $a(\gamma)$  - area inside  $\gamma.$
- $a(\mathcal{L}) = \sum_\ell a(\gamma_\ell).$

$$\min_{\mathcal{L}} \left\{ \frac{(\delta - a(\mathcal{L}))^2}{2D_\beta} + \tau_\beta(\mathcal{L}) \right\} \quad (\text{VP}_\delta)$$

Let  $\mathbf{e}$  be a lattice direction. Set

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{\delta}{\tau_\beta(\mathbf{e})D_\beta}, \quad \sigma_\beta = D_\beta \tau_\beta(\mathbf{e}) \quad \text{and} \quad \tau(\cdot) = \frac{\tau_\beta(\cdot)}{\tau_\beta(\mathbf{e})}. \quad (1)$$

Since,

$$\frac{(\delta - a(\mathcal{L}))^2}{2D_\beta} + \tau_\beta(\mathcal{L}) = \frac{\delta^2}{2D_\beta} + \tau_\beta(\mathbf{e}) \left\{ -\mathbf{v}a(\mathcal{L}) + \tau(\mathcal{L}) + \frac{a(\mathcal{L})^2}{2\sigma_\beta} \right\},$$

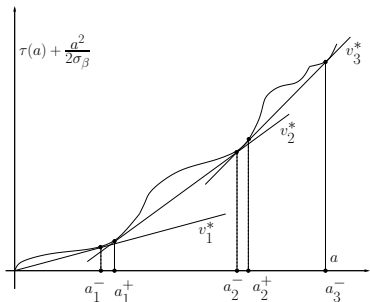
we can reformulate the family of variational problems  $(VP_\delta)$  as follows:

$$\min_{\mathcal{L}} \left\{ -\mathbf{v}a(\mathcal{L}) + \tau(\mathcal{L}) + \frac{a(\mathcal{L})^2}{2\sigma_\beta} \right\}. \quad (VP_{\mathbf{v}})$$

## Geometric Interpretation (Legendre-Fenchel Transform)

$$\tau(a) = \min \{ \tau(\mathcal{L}) : a(\mathcal{L}) = a \}$$

Given  $v \geq 0$ , find  $\min_{\mathcal{L}} \left\{ -va + \tau(a) + \frac{a^2}{2\sigma_\beta} \right\}. \quad (\text{VP}_v)$



If the graph of  $a \mapsto \tau(a) + \frac{a^2}{2\sigma_\beta}$  is not convex, then an (infinite) sequence of first order transitions with:

- Transition slopes  $v_1^*, v_2^*, \dots$
- Transition areas  $a_\ell^\pm$ .

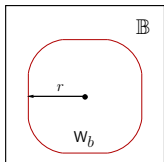
# Wulff Shapes and Wulff Plaquettes

Recall  $\mathbb{B} = [-1, 1]^2$ . The rescaled surface tension  $\tau(\mathbf{e}) = 1$ . The Wulff shape

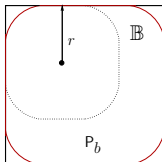
$$W \triangleq \partial \{x : x \cdot \mathbf{n} \leq \tau(\mathbf{n}) \forall \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{S}^1\}$$

has radius 1. Consider:

$$\min_{\gamma \subset \mathbb{B}; a(\gamma)=b} \tau(\gamma) \quad (\text{ST}_b)$$



Wulff Shape of area  $b$



Wulff Plaquette of area  $b$

Define  $w = a(W)$ .

- $W_b$  solves  $(\text{ST}_b)$  for  $b = r^2 w \in [0, w]$
- $P_b$  solves  $(\text{ST}_b)$  for  $b = 4 - r^2(4 - w) \in [w, 4]$ .

$$\min_{\mathcal{L}} \left\{ -va(\mathcal{L}) + \tau(\mathcal{L}) + \frac{a(\mathcal{L})^2}{2\sigma_\beta} \right\}. \quad (\text{VP}_v)$$

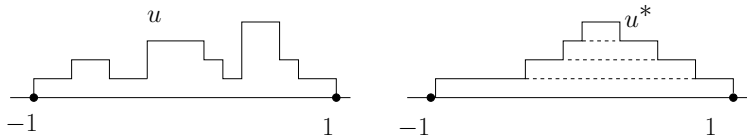
Define:

$$S_b = W_b \mathbb{1}_{b \in [0, w)} + P_b \mathbb{1}_{b \in [w, 4]}$$

Each nested family  $\mathcal{L}$  of loops could be recorded as an integer valued function  $u : \mathbb{B}_1 \mapsto \mathbb{N} \cup 0$ . Set  $b_\ell = |\{x : u(x) \geq \ell\}|$ .

**Rearrangement:**  $\mathcal{L}^* = \{S_{b_1}, S_{b_2}, \dots\}$  - nested family of loops.

$$a(\mathcal{L}^*) = a(\mathcal{L}) \text{ but } \tau(\mathcal{L}^*) \leq \tau(\mathcal{L}).$$



Hence only stacks of Wulff plaquettes and shapes matter.

## Regular Isoperimetric Stacks of Type 1 and 2

Recall  $w = a(W)$ . For any  $b \in (0, w)$ , respectively,  $b \in (w, 4)$ ,

$$\frac{d}{db} \tau(W_b) = \frac{1}{r(b)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d}{db} \tau(P_b) = \frac{1}{r(b)}.$$

Which means that optimal stacks of area  $a$  could be one of two types:

- Stacks  $\mathcal{L}_\ell^1(a)$  of type 1. These contain  $\ell - 1$  identical Wulff plaquettes and a Wulff shape, all of the same radius  $r \in [0, 1]$ .
- Stacks  $\mathcal{L}_\ell^2(a)$  of type 2. These contain  $\ell$  identical Wulff plaquettes of the same radius  $r \in [0, 1]$ .

Set  $\ell^* \triangleq \frac{4}{4-w}$  (and assume  $\ell^* \notin \mathbb{N}$ ). Then, relevant area ranges are:

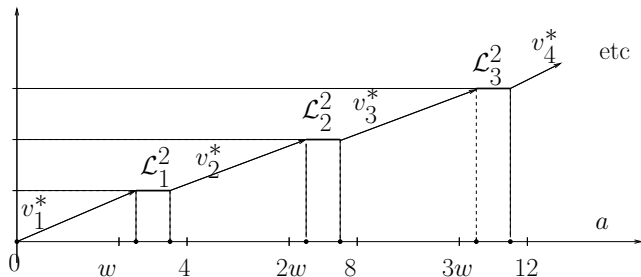
$$\text{Range}(\mathcal{L}_\ell^1) = \begin{cases} [4(\ell - 1), \ell w], & \text{if } \ell < \ell^* \\ [\ell w, 4(\ell - 1)], & \text{if } \ell > \ell^* \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Range}(\mathcal{L}_\ell^2) = [\ell w, 4\ell]$$



# Structure of Solutions to $(VP_v)$

$$\min_{\mathcal{L}} \left\{ -va(\mathcal{L}) + \tau(\mathcal{L}) + \frac{a(\mathcal{L})^2}{2\sigma_\beta} \right\}. \quad (VP_v)$$

- If  $w \leq 2\sigma_\beta$ , then stacks of type 1 are never optimal, and (recall  $\text{Range}(\mathcal{L}_\ell^2) = [lw, 4\ell]$ ):



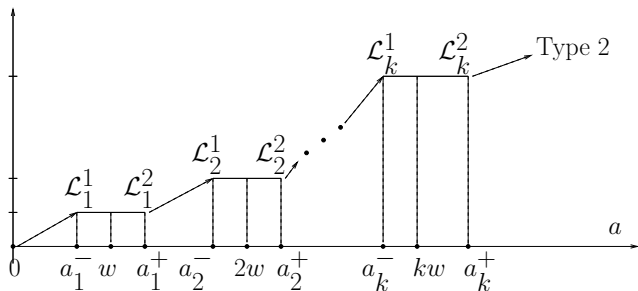
Transition slopes  $0 < v_1^* < v_2^* < \dots$

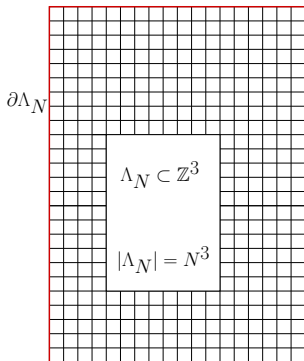
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$$\text{Range}(\mathcal{L}_\ell^1) = [4(\ell - 1), \ell w] \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Range}(\mathcal{L}_\ell^2) = [\ell w, 4\ell]$$

- If  $w > 2\sigma_\beta$ , then there exists a number  $1 \leq k < \ell^* \left(1 - \frac{\sigma_\beta}{8}\right)$  such that stacks  $\mathcal{L}_\ell^1$  show up for any  $\ell = 1, \dots, k$ :





The Gibbs State

$$-\mathcal{H}_N^- = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \sim y} \sigma_x \sigma_y - \sum_{x \in \partial\Lambda_N} \sigma_x$$

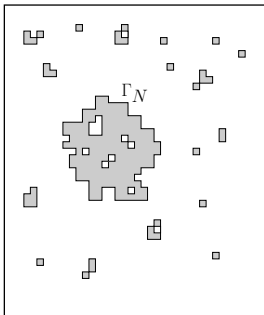
$$\mathbb{P}_{N,\beta}^-(\sigma) \sim e^{-\beta\mathcal{H}_N^-}$$

Low Temperature  $\beta \gg 1 \Rightarrow m^*(\beta) > 0$ .

Phase Segregation: Fix  $m > -m^*$  and consider

$$\mathbb{P}_{N,\beta}^{m,-}(\cdot) = \mathbb{P}_{N,\beta}^-(\cdot \mid \sum \sigma_x = mN^3).$$

Typical Picture under  $\mathbb{P}_{N,\beta}^{m,-}$

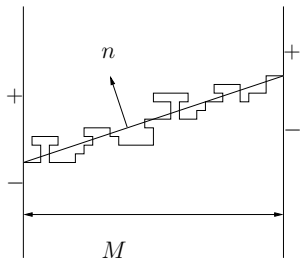


Volume of the microscopic Wulff droplet

$$|\Gamma_N| \approx \frac{m + m^*}{2m^*} N^3$$

Theorem (Bodineau, Cerf-Pisztora): As  $N \rightarrow \infty$  the scaled shape  $\frac{1}{N}\Gamma_N$  converges to the *macroscopic* Wulff shape.

## 3D Surface Tension and Macroscopic Wulff Shape

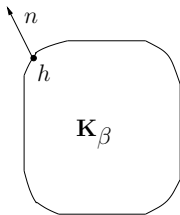


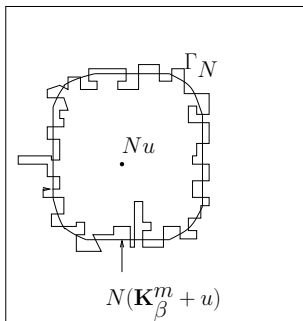
$$\xi_{\beta}(n) = - \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\cos n|}{M^2} \log \frac{Z_M^{\pm}}{Z_M^{-}}$$

$$\xi_{\beta} = \max_{h \in \partial \mathbf{K}_{\beta}} h \cdot n$$

Dilated Wulff Shape

$$\mathbf{K}_{\beta}^m = \left( \frac{m + m^*}{2m^* |\mathbf{K}_{\beta}|} \right)^{1/3} \mathbf{K}_{\beta}$$





Define (on unit box  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ )

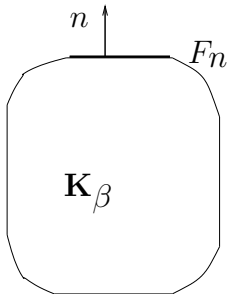
$$\phi_N(t) = \mathbb{1}_{\{Nt \in \Gamma_N\}} - \mathbb{1}_{\{Nt \notin \Gamma_N\}}.$$

Define

$$\chi^m(t) = \mathbb{1}_{\{t \in \mathbf{K}_\beta^m\}} - \mathbb{1}_{\{t \notin \mathbf{K}_\beta^m\}}$$

Then, under  $\{\mathbb{P}_{N,\beta}^{m,-}\}$ ,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \min_u \|\phi_N(\cdot) - \chi^m(u + \cdot)\|_{\mathbb{L}_1(\Lambda)} = 0$$



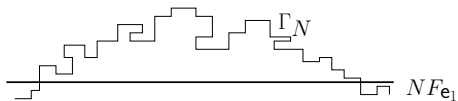
$\xi_\beta$  - support function of  $K_\beta$ .  
Then

$$F_n = \partial \xi_\beta(n).$$

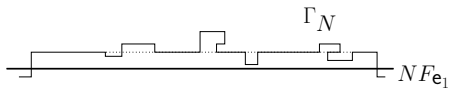
Set  $e_i$  - lattice direction. Dobrushin '72, Miracle-Sole '94:

For  $\beta \gg 1$   $F_{e_i}$  is a proper 2D facet

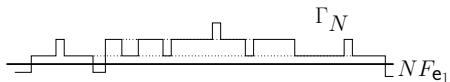
Zooming Bodineau, Cerf-Pisztora picture, what happens?



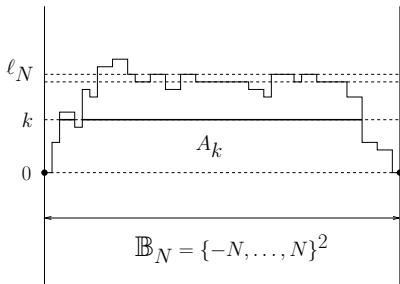
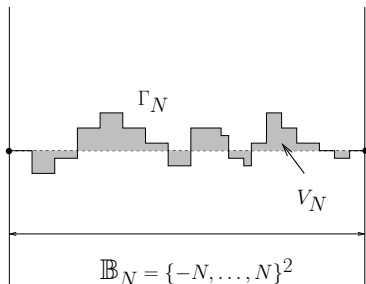
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Bodineau, Schonmann,  
Shlosman '05

$$\mathbb{P}_N(\Gamma_N = \gamma) \sim e^{-\beta|\gamma|}$$

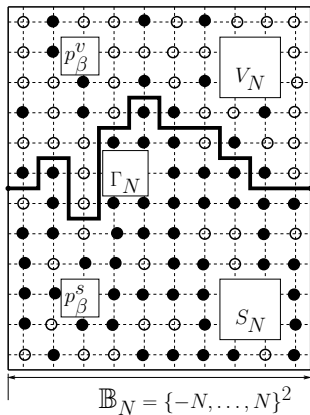
$$\mathbb{P}_N^m(\cdot) = \mathbb{P}_N(\cdot | V_N \geq mN^3)$$

Result: There exists  $a(\beta) \searrow 0$   
such that

$$\ell_N = \max \{k : A_k \geq a(\beta)N^2\}$$

satisfies  $A_{\ell_N-1} \geq (1 - a(\beta))N^2$ .

# Effective Model of Microscopic Facets



Configuration:

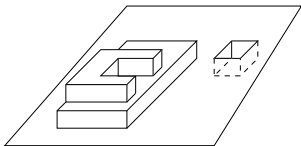
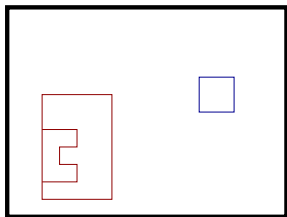
$$\left( \Gamma_N, \{\xi_i^v\}_{i \in V_N}, \{\xi_j^s\}_{j \in S_N} \right).$$

Total number of particles:

$$\Xi_N = \sum_{i \in V_N} \xi_i^v + \sum_{j \in S_N} \xi_j^s$$

- $|\Gamma|$  - area of  $\Gamma$
- $\mathbb{B}_p(\xi) = p^\xi (1-p)^{1-\xi}$
- $\beta$  large

# Contour Representation of $\Gamma$

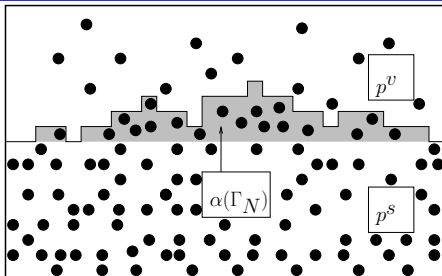


- Orientation of contours:  
Positive and negative  
(holes)
- $\alpha(\gamma)$  - signed area.
- $|\gamma|$  - length.
- Compatibility  $\gamma \sim \gamma'$

For  $\Gamma = \{\gamma_i\}$

$$|\Gamma| \sim \sum |\gamma_i|, \quad \alpha(\Gamma) \triangleq \sum \alpha(\gamma_i)$$

## Creation of Facets



$\Xi_N$  - total number of particles

$$\mathbb{E}_N(\Xi_N) = \frac{p^s + p^v}{2} N^3 \triangleq pN^3$$

Consider

$$\mathbb{P}_N^A(\cdot) = \mathbb{P}_N(\cdot | \Xi_N = pN^3 + AN^2)$$

**2D Surface Tension:**  $\log \mathbb{P}(\alpha(\Gamma_N) = aN^2) \approx -N\tau_\beta(a)$ .

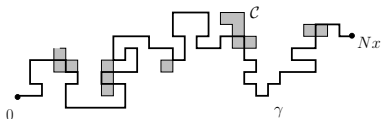
**Bulk Fluctuations:**  $\Delta = 2(p^s - p^v)$ ,  $\mathbb{E}_N(\Xi_N | \alpha(\Gamma_N)) = pN^3 + \Delta\alpha(\Gamma_N)$ .

$$\log \mathbb{P}_N(\Xi_N = pN^3 + AN^2 | \alpha(\Gamma_N) = aN^2) \approx -\frac{(AN^2 - \Delta aN^2)^2}{N^3 R}$$

$$= -N \frac{(\delta - a)^2}{2D_\beta}, \quad \text{where } R = p^s(1 - p^s) + p^v(1 - p^v),$$

$D_\beta = R/(2\Delta^2)$  and  $\delta = A/\Delta$ . Hence  $\min_a \left\{ \frac{(\delta - a)^2}{2D_\beta} + \tau_\beta(a) \right\}$ .

# Surface Tension and Macroscopic Variational Problem



$$w_{\beta}(\gamma) = e^{-\beta|\gamma| - \sum_{c \in \gamma} \Phi_{\beta}(c)}$$

$$G_{\beta}(Nx) = \sum_{\gamma: 0 \rightarrow Nx} w_{\beta}(\gamma).$$

$$\tau_{\beta}(x) = - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log G_{\beta}(Nx).$$

$$\tau_{\beta}(\gamma) = \int_{\gamma} \tau_{\beta}(n_s) ds.$$

## Macroscopic Variational Problem

Recall  $\Delta = 2(p^s - p^v)$ ,  $R = p^s(1 - p^s) + p^v(1 - p^v)$ ,  $D_{\beta} = R/(2\Delta^2)$  and  $\delta = A/\Delta$ .

$$(VP)_{\delta} \quad \min_a \left\{ \frac{(\delta - a)^2}{2D_{\beta}} + \min_{a(\mathcal{L})=a} \tau_{\beta}(\mathcal{L}) \right\}.$$

## Reduction to Large Contours

Fix  $\beta \gg 1$ . Bulk fluctuations simplify analysis of  $\mathbb{P}_N^A$ . Recall the contour representation  $\Gamma = \{\gamma_i\}$ .

Lemma 1 (No intermediate contours).  $\forall A > 0$  there exists  $\epsilon = \epsilon(A) > 0$  such that

$$\mathbb{P}_N^A \left( \exists \gamma_i : \frac{1}{\epsilon} \log N \leq |\gamma_i| \leq \epsilon N \right) = o(1).$$

Lemma 2 (Irrelevance of small contours)

$$\mathbb{P}_N^A \left( \left| \sum \alpha(\gamma_i) \mathbf{1}_{\{|\gamma_i| \leq \epsilon^{-1} \log N\}} \right| \gg N \right) = o(1).$$

Definition:  $\gamma$  is large if  $|\gamma| \geq \epsilon N$ .

## Reduced Model of Large Contours

- A. Fix  $A > 0$  and forget about intermediate contours  $\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log N \leq |\gamma| \leq \epsilon N$ .
- B. Expand with respect to small contours  $|\gamma| \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon} \log N$ .

For  $\Gamma = \{\gamma_i\}$  collection of large contours the effective weight is

$$\hat{\mathbb{P}}_N(\Gamma) \propto \exp \left\{ -\beta \sum |\gamma_i| - \sum_{\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{C}_\Gamma} \Phi_\beta(\mathcal{C}) \right\}.$$

The family of clusters  $\mathcal{C}$  depends on  $N$  and  $A$ . However cluster weights  $\Phi_\beta(\mathcal{C})$  remain the same, and they are small: For all  $\beta$  sufficiently large

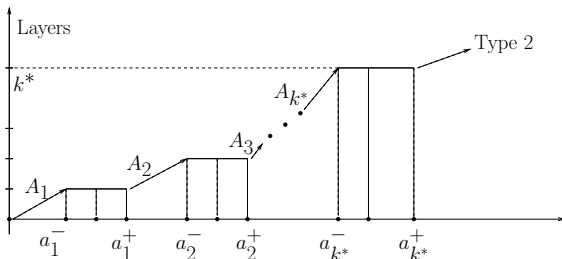
$$|\Phi_\beta(\gamma; \mathcal{C})| \leq c e^{-\beta(\text{diam}(\mathcal{C})+1)}$$

Reduced Model of Large Contours and Bulk Particles:

$$\hat{\mathbb{P}}_N(\Gamma, \xi^v, \xi^s) = \hat{\mathbb{P}}_N(\Gamma) \prod_{i \in \hat{V}_N} \mathbb{B}_{p_v}(\xi_i^v) \prod_{j \in \hat{S}_N} \mathbb{B}_{p_s}(\xi_j^s)$$

# Limit Shapes Result (I., Shlosman 2015)

Recall:  $\Delta = 2(p^s - p^v)$ ,  $R = p^s(1 - p^s) + p^v(1 - p^v)$ ,  $D_\beta = R/(2\Delta^2)$  and  $\delta = A/\Delta$ .  $(VP)_\delta \min_a \left\{ \frac{(\delta - a)^2}{D} + \min_{a(\mathcal{L})=a} \tau_\beta(\mathcal{L}) \right\}$ .



Set:  $\hat{\mathbb{P}}_N^A(\cdot) = \hat{\mathbb{P}}_N(\cdot | \Xi_N = pN^3 + AN^2)$ . Then for any  $\nu > 0$  and any  $A \geq 0$ , the (random) collection of large contours  $\Gamma$  satisfies:

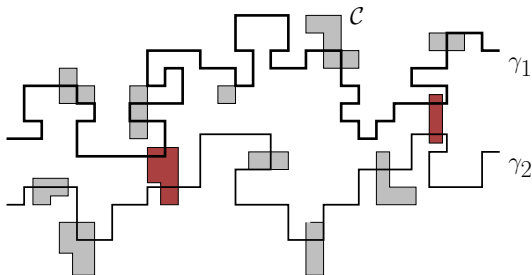
$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \hat{\mathbb{P}}_N^A \left( \min_{\mathcal{L}^* \text{-solutions to } (VP)_\delta} d_H \left( \frac{1}{N} \Gamma, \mathcal{L}^* \right) < \nu \right) = 1$$



# 1st Order (Shape) Transitions in Microscopic Models

- 1 For  $\beta \gg 1$  pure 2+1 SOS, **conditioned** to stay positive and with an additional **bulk field**  $h > 0$ , Chesi-Martinelli (JSP 1996) and Dinaburg-Mazel (JSP 1996) proved a sequence of **layering** transitions as  $h \searrow 0$ .
- 2 Spontaneous appearance of a droplet of linear size  $N^{2/3}$  in the context of the 2D Ising model (**any**  $\beta > \beta_c$ ) was established by Biskup, Chayes and Kotecky (CMP'03).
- 3 For  $\beta \gg 1$  pure 2+1 SOS, conditioned to stay positive and with an additional attractive 0-layer **boundary field**  $h$ , Alexander, Dunlop and Miracle-Solé (JSP 2011) proved a sequence of **layering** transitions as  $h \searrow 0$ .
- 4 For  $\beta \gg 1$  pure 2+1 SOS (without bulk Bernoulli fields) models of interfaces with zero b.c. on  $\partial\mathbb{B}_N$ , and conditioned to stay positive on  $\mathbb{B}_N$ , Caputo, Lubetzky, Martinelli, Sly and Toninelli proved in a series of works 2012-14 that there are  $\lfloor \frac{1}{4\beta} \log N \rfloor$  macroscopic facets with asymptotically **different** Wulff Plaquette shapes.

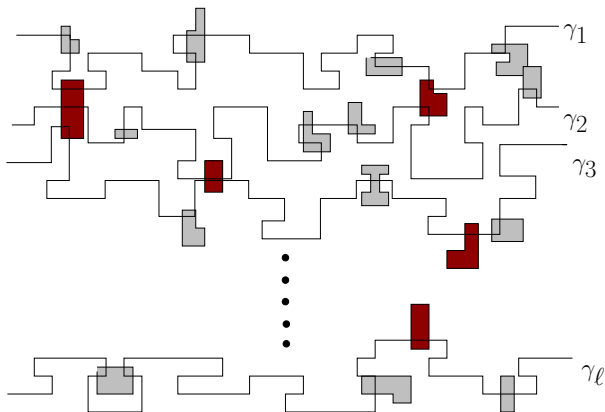
# Difficulty: Control of Interactions of Contours in Macroscopic Stacks



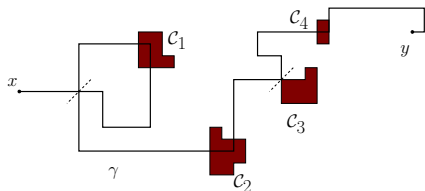
$$\sum_{C \not\sim \gamma_1 \cup \gamma_2} \Phi_\beta(C) = \sum_{C \not\sim \gamma_1} \Phi_\beta(C) + \sum_{C \not\sim \gamma_2} \Phi_\beta(C) - \sum_{C \not\sim \gamma_1 \cap \gamma_2} \Phi_\beta(C)$$

As  $\beta \nearrow \infty$  the interaction becomes small, **but** fluctuations of contours (level lines) also become small, at least along axis directions. Hence we are dealing with small attraction vrs small entropic repulsion.

# Interaction Between $\ell$ Contours



# A general Result for Ising Polymers



$$w_{\beta}(\gamma) = e^{-\beta|\gamma| + \sum_{C \neq \gamma} \Phi_{\beta}(\gamma; C)}.$$

Assumption:

$$|\Phi_{\beta}(\gamma; C)| \leq ce^{-\chi\beta(\text{diam}(C)+1)}.$$

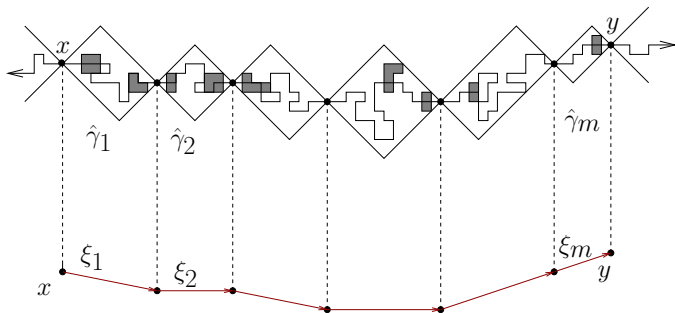
**Theorem** (I, Shlosman, Toninelli , JSP 2015)

If  $\chi > \frac{1}{2}$ , then repulsion wins over attraction for all  $\beta$  sufficiently large, in the sense that half-space surface tension equals to the full space surface tension.

Remarks:

- In the case of SOS interfaces  $\chi = 1$ .
- The theorem takes care of an interaction between one contour and a hard wall. Interactions between two, and more generally  $\ell$ , ordered contours still has to be worked out.

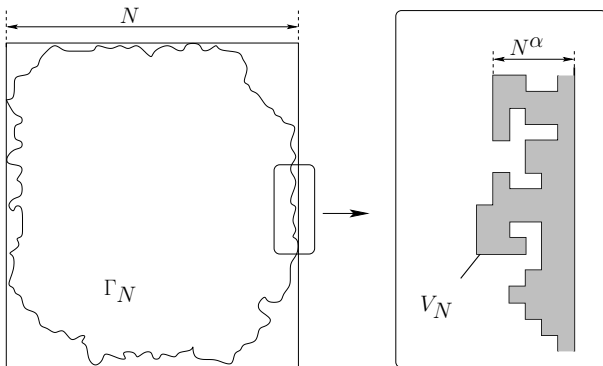
## Portion of a Contour Between $x$ and $y$



$$e^{\tau_\beta(y-x)} G_\beta(y-x) \cong \sum_m \sum_{\hat{\gamma}_1, \dots, \hat{\gamma}_m} \prod \rho_\beta(\hat{\gamma}_i)$$

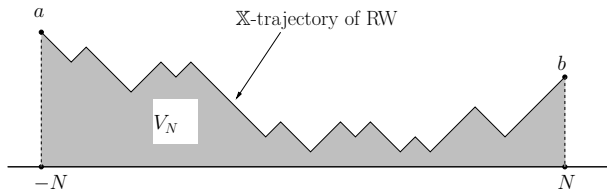
- $\{\rho_\beta(\cdot)\}$  is a probability distribution on the set of irreducible animals.
- $\xi_1 = (T_1, X_1), \xi_2 = (T_2, X_2), \dots$  steps of the effective random walk.

## Fluctuations of Facets near Flat Boundaries



- Bulk fluctuation price for  $V_N$  is  $\sim \frac{V_N N^2}{N^3} \sim \frac{V_N}{N}$ .
  - Repulsion price for staying  $N^\alpha$  away from the boundary is  $N^{1-2\alpha}$ .
- Therefore,  $N^{1-2\alpha} \sim \frac{V_N}{N} \sim \frac{N^{1+\alpha}}{N} = N^\alpha$  gives  $\alpha = 1/3$ .

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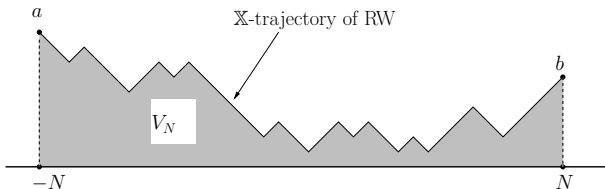


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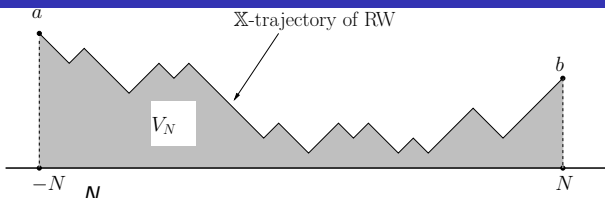
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In general:  $\{\Phi_\lambda\}$  - family of self-potentials, define  $\Phi_\lambda(\mathbb{X}) = \sum_{-N}^N \Phi_\lambda(X_i)$ .

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# Random Walks under Area Tilts: Ferrari-Spohn Diffusion



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**Scale:**  $H_\lambda^2 \Phi_\lambda(H_\lambda) = 1$ .

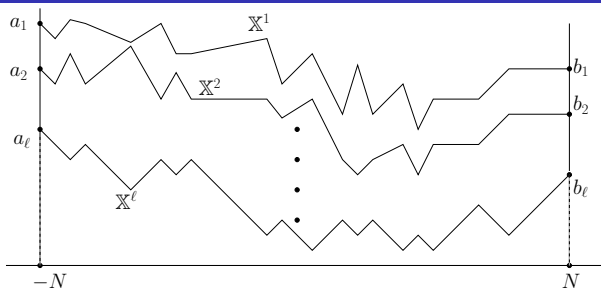
**Assumption:**  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} H_\lambda^2 \Phi_\lambda(H_\lambda r) = q(r)$  and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} q(r) = \infty$ .

**Sturm-Liouville operator on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ :** Set  $\sigma^2 = \sum_x x^2 p(x)$  and  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} - q(r)$ . Let  $\varphi_1$  - the leading eigenfunction of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

**Theorem (I, Shlosman, Velenik (CMP 2015))** The rescaled walk  $x_N(t) = H_{\lambda_N}^{-1} \mathbb{X}(H_{\lambda_N}^2 t)$  converges to ergodic diffusion with generator

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{2\varphi_1^2(r)} \frac{d}{dr} \left( \varphi_1^2(r) \frac{d}{dr} \right).$$

## $\ell$ Ordered Random Walks under Area Tilts



$$Z_{N,+,\lambda_N}^{a,b} = \sum_{\underline{X} \in \mathcal{T}_{N,+}^{a,b}} e^{-\sum_{m=1}^{\ell} \Phi_{\lambda_N}(\underline{X}^m)} \prod_{m=1}^{\ell} p(\underline{X}^m).$$

**Work in Progress:** Let  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_\ell$  be first  $\ell$  eigenfunctions of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Define  $\Delta_\ell(\underline{r}) = \det(\varphi_i(r_j))$ . Then, the rescaled process  $H_{\lambda_N}^{-1} \underline{X}(H_{\lambda_N}^2 t)$  converges to ergodic diffusion on  $\{\underline{r} : 0 < r_\ell < \dots < r_2 < r_1\}$  with generator

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{2\Delta_\ell^2(\underline{r})} \operatorname{div}(\Delta_\ell^2(\underline{r}) \nabla).$$