

# BOUNDARY CONDITIONS IN GEOMETRICAL CRITICAL PHENOMENA

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# BOUNDARY CONDITIONS AND RENORMALISATION

- Renormalisation group: Flow from one critical point to another upon changing the bulk coupling constant(s)
- Right at bulk critical point: Flow from one RG invariant boundary condition to another upon changing the surface coupling constant(s)
- In two dimensions: **Conformal field theory** (CFT)

How to characterise conformally invariant boundary conditions in two dimensional statistical models?

# CLASSIFICATION OF CIBC IN TWO DIMENSIONS

- Many statistical models (Ising, 3-state Potts,...) are described by **unitary minimal CFT**
  - Finite number of fundamental local operators (**primaries**)
  - All critical exponents are known (**Kac table**)
- CIBC means no energy-momentum flow across boundary

1-to-1 correspondence between CIBC and primaries [Cardy]

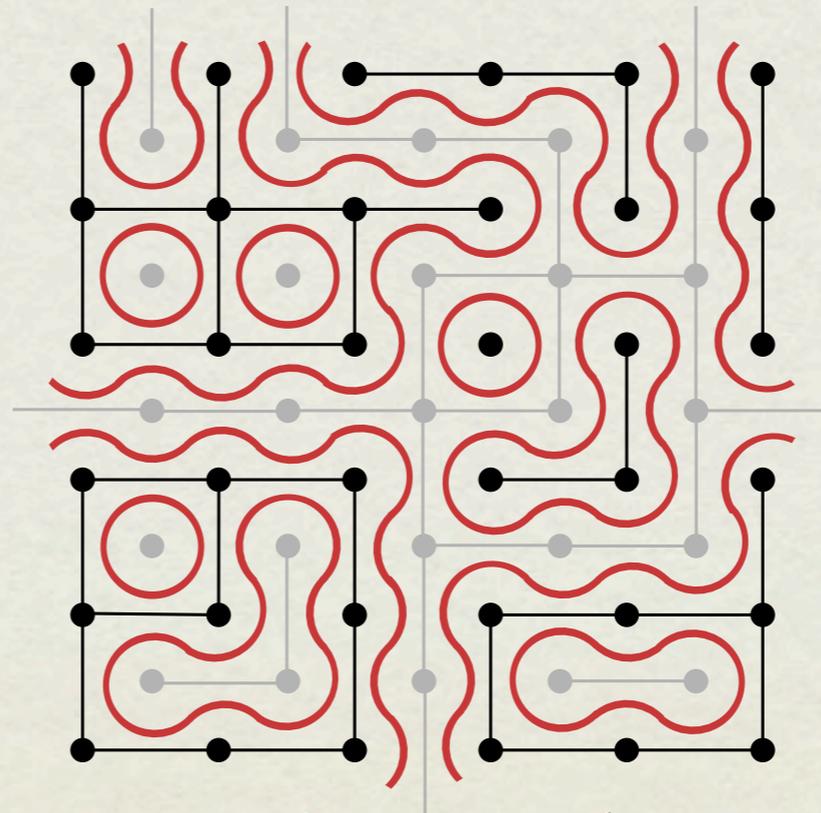
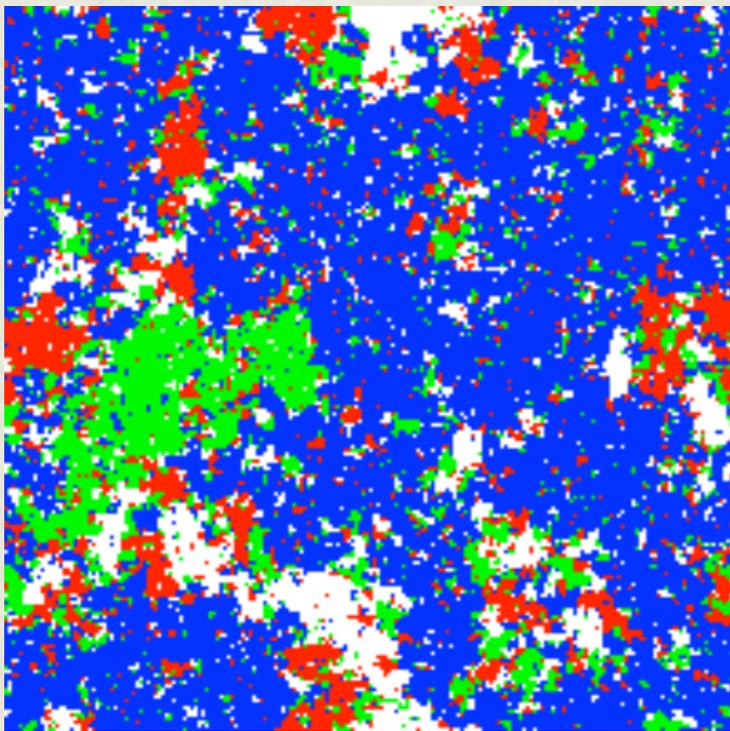
# OUTLINE OF RESULTS

- **Continuous families** of CIBC in non-unitary CFT
  - Simple and well-known models: Potts and  $O(n)$
  - The CIBC have a **clear geometrical meaning**, in terms of loops, clusters, and domain walls
  - Exactly known critical exponents and partition functions
  - **Geometrical applications**: fractal dimensions, crossing probabilities

# Q-STATE POTTS MODEL

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \delta_{\sigma_i, \sigma_j} \quad \text{with } \sigma_i = 1, 2, \dots, Q$$

- Two geometrical interpretations: **spins** and **FK clusters/loops**



- Both make sense also for **Q non-integer** (non-unitary case)

# FORTUIN-KASTELEYN CLUSTER EXPANSION

- We have  $e^{J\delta(\sigma_i, \sigma_j)} = 1 + v\delta(\sigma_i, \sigma_j)$  with  $v = e^J - 1$
- To compute  $Z$ , expand out:  $\prod_{\langle ij \rangle} (1 + v\delta(\sigma_i, \sigma_j))$
- Let the  $v$ -terms define an edge subset  $A \subseteq \langle ij \rangle$
- This gives  $Z(Q, v) = \sum_{A \subseteq \langle ij \rangle} Q^{k(A)} v^{|A|}$
- Here  $k(A)$  is the number of connected components
- Indeed  $Q$  is only a parameter, hence can take  $Q \in \mathbb{R}$

# O(N) LOOP MODEL

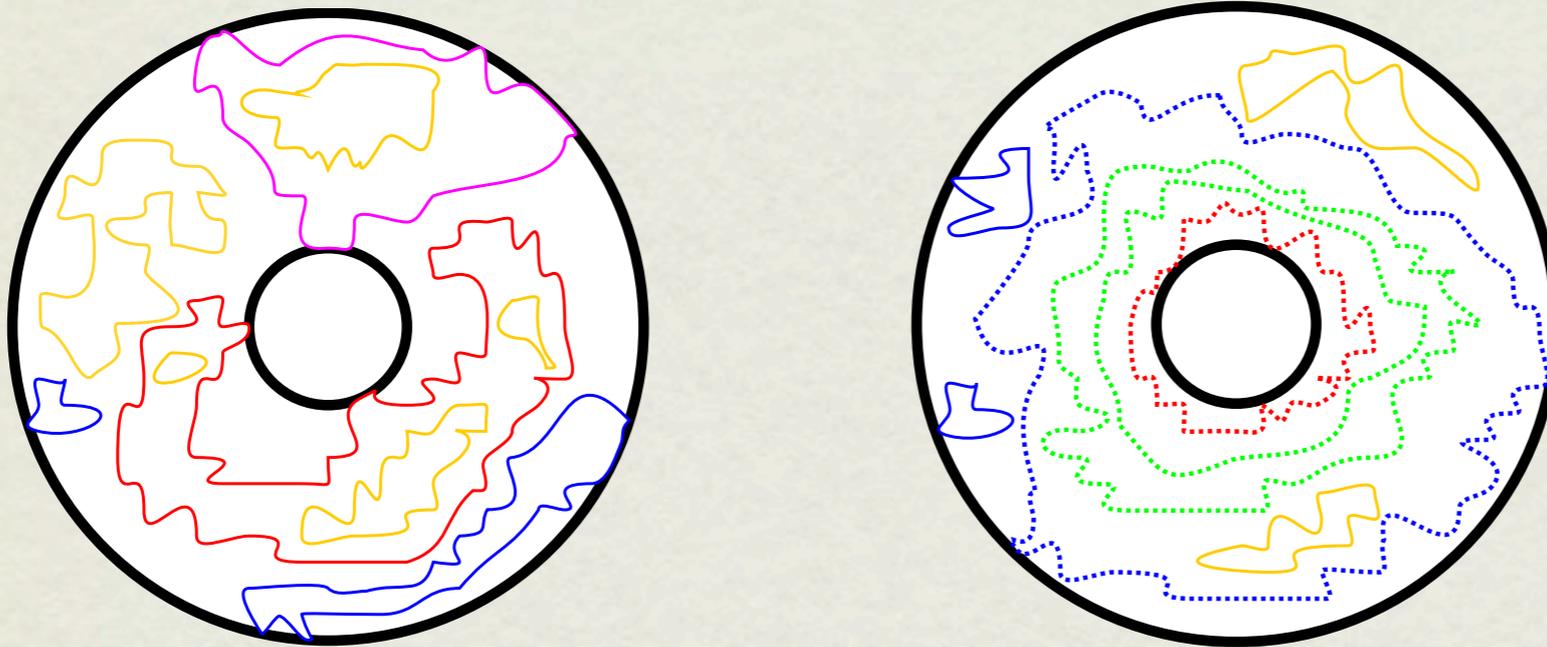
$$Z = \text{tr} \left[ \prod_{\langle ij \rangle} (1 + x S_i^\alpha S_j^\alpha) \right] \quad \text{with } \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

- Expands as  $Z = \sum_{\text{loops}} x^{\text{length}} n^{\#\text{loops}}$ 
  - $n = 1$  : Ising model
  - $n \rightarrow 0$  : Self-avoiding walk
- “Dilute” **critical point** at  $x = x_c$



# THE NEW CIBC

- Define models on annulus, giving modified weight to loops touching one or the other boundary, or both:



- Weight also depends on whether the loop encircles the hole
- CIBC for **any real value** of these 7 different **boundary weights**

# LINK WITH LATTICE ALGEBRAS

- Loops obtained from the Temperley-Lieb (TL) algebra
- Distinguishing boundary-touching loops is natural within the **one- and two-boundary extensions** of the TL algebra  
[[Martin-Saleur](#), [de Gier-Nichols](#),...]
- The correct parameterisation of the loop weights follow from representation theory for these algebras

# PARAMETERISATION OF THE RESULTS (CFT)

- Bulk loops:  $n = 2 \cos \gamma$
- Corresponding **Coulomb gas** coupling:  $g = 1 \pm \gamma/\pi$
- Central charge:  $c = 1 - \frac{1}{6} (\sqrt{g} - 1/\sqrt{g})^2$
- Critical exponents from **Kac formula**:

$$h_{r,s} = \begin{cases} \frac{(gr-s)^2 - (g-1)^2}{4g}, & g \geq 1 \text{ (Dilute } O(n)) \\ \frac{(r-gs)^2 - (1-g)^2}{4g}, & g < 1 \text{ (Dense } O(n) \text{ or Potts)} \end{cases}$$

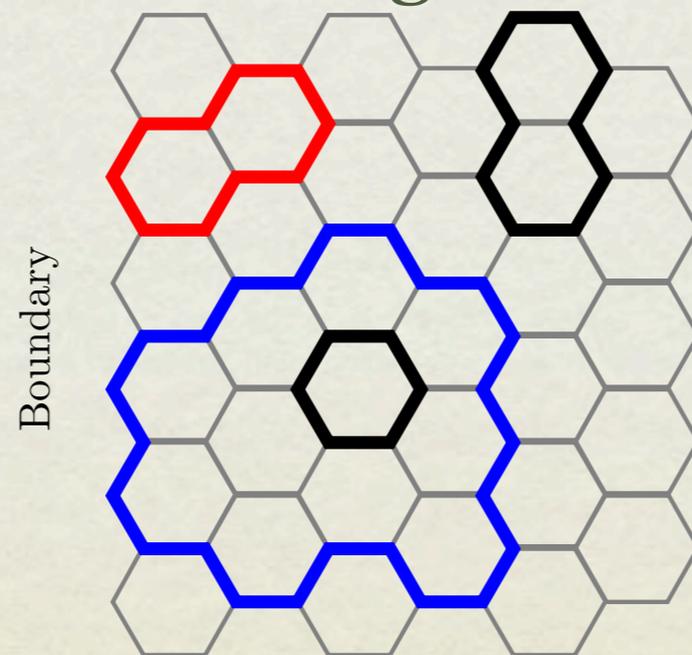
# TWO-BOUNDARY PARTITION FUNCTION

- On  $T \times L$  annulus, setting  $q = \exp(-\pi T/L)$
- Loops touching one boundary:  $n_1 = \frac{\sin((r_1 + 1)\gamma)}{\sin(r_1\gamma)}$
- ...and both:  $n_{12} = \frac{\sin((r_1 + r_2 + 1 - r_{12})\frac{\gamma}{2}) \sin((r_1 + r_2 + 1 + r_{12})\frac{\gamma}{2})}{\sin(r_1\gamma) \sin(r_2\gamma)}$
- Continuum-limit **partition function** in dense/Potts case:

$$Z = \frac{q^{-c/24}}{\prod_{p=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^p)} \left( \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{h_{r_{12}-2n, r_{12}}} + \sum_{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 = \pm 1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} D_k^{(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{h_{\epsilon_1 r_1 + \epsilon_2 r_2 - 1 - 2n, \epsilon_1 r_1 + \epsilon_2 r_2 - 1 + k}} \right)$$

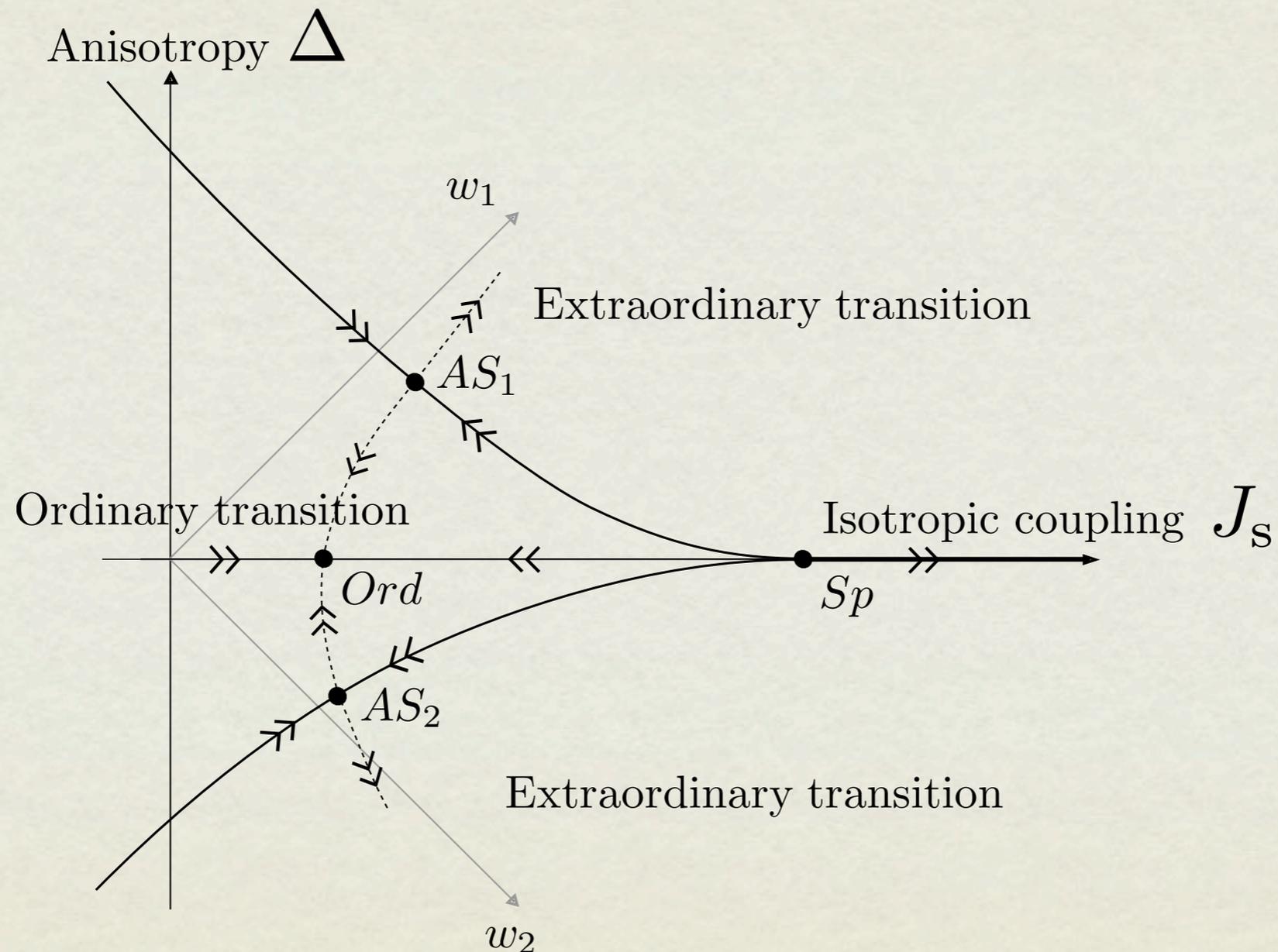
# DILUTE MODEL WITH SURFACE ANISOTROPY

- Two types of boundary loops, with weights  $n_1$  and  $n - n_1$
- Surface interaction with **anisotropy parameter**  $\Delta$  :  
$$H_s = -J_s \sum_{\langle ij \rangle_s} \left( (1 + \Delta) \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_1} S_i^\alpha S_j^\alpha + (1 - \Delta) \sum_{\beta=n_1+1}^n S_i^\beta S_j^\beta \right)$$
- Surface monomers must have type-dependent weight
  - Integrable choice leading to **anisotropic special transition**



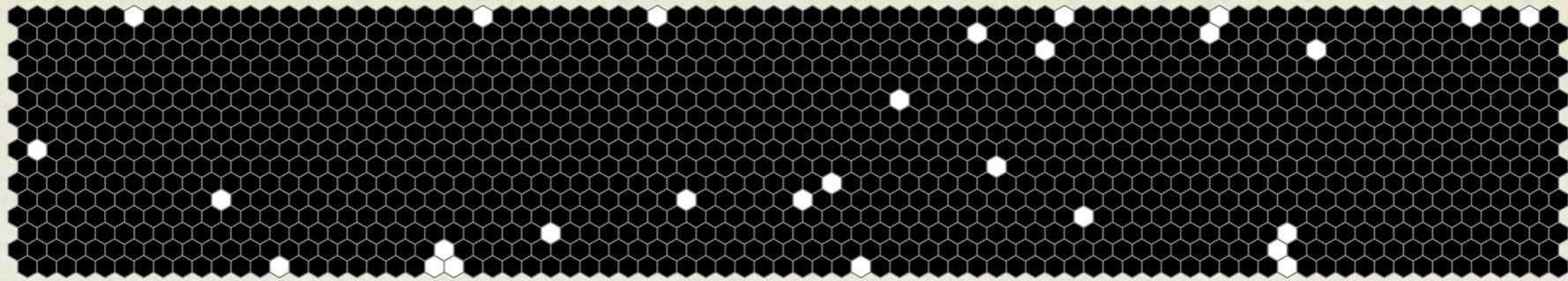
# SURFACE ANISOTROPY: THE PHASE DIAGRAM

- First found in epsilon expansion [[Diehl-Eisenriegler](#)]

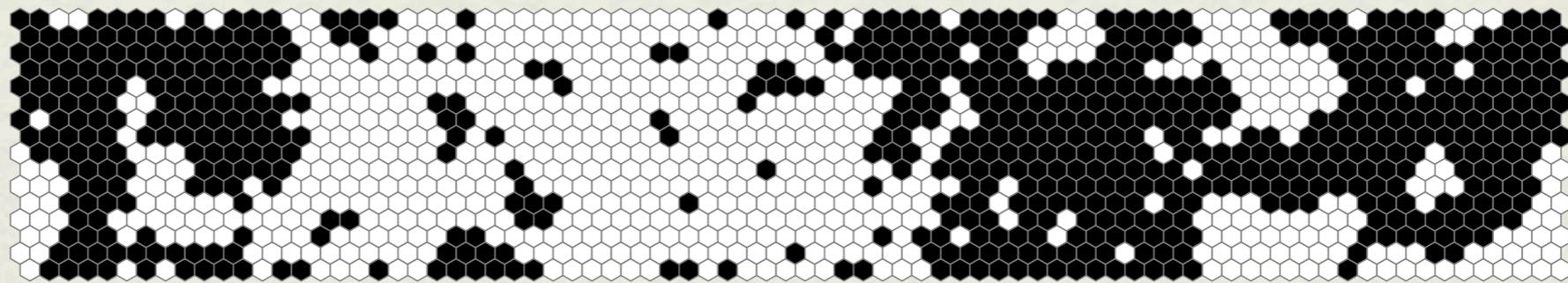


# APPLICATION TO ISING CROSSING EVENTS

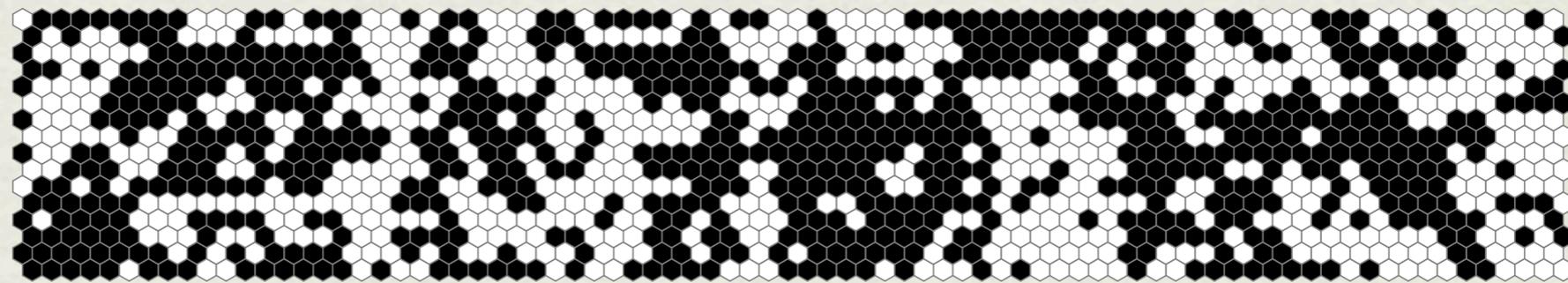
$J > J_c$  :



$J = J_c$  :



$J < J_c$  :



- Probability ( $\geq 1$  clusters **crossing** the  $T \times L$  annulus)

$$P_c(\tau) = \frac{\eta(i\tau)\eta(i\tau/12)^2}{\eta(i\tau/2)^2\eta(i\tau/6)} \quad \text{with } \tau = T/L$$

# CROSSING EVENTS IN PERCOLATION

- Probabilities for  $j$  clusters wrapping the annulus, **refined** according to whether they touch no/one/both rims
  - For instance, in a **square geometry**:

$j$	$\sum_{\alpha,\beta} P_j^{\alpha\beta}$	$P_j^{++}$	$P_j^{-+} = P_j^{+-}$	$P_j^{--}$
0	0.636454001888			
1	0.361591025956	0.277067148156	0.041313949815	0.0018959781702
2	0.001954814340	0.001895978170	0.000029339472	0.0000001572261
3	0.000000157814	0.000000157226	0.0000000000294	0.00000000000002

- Result without refinement: [[Cardy](#)]

# POTTS DOMAIN WALLS

- Expand  $Z_{\text{Potts}}$  in powers of  $e^J$ . Makes sense even for  $Q \notin \mathbb{N}$
- Let  $\ell$  clusters propagate in  $\mathbb{H}$ , starting at  $O$ . Write  $\ell = \ell_1 + \ell_2$ . The first cluster contributes to  $\ell_1$ . Each remaining cluster is in  $\ell_1$  (resp. in  $\ell_2$ ) if the cluster on its left has a different (resp. the same) colour.

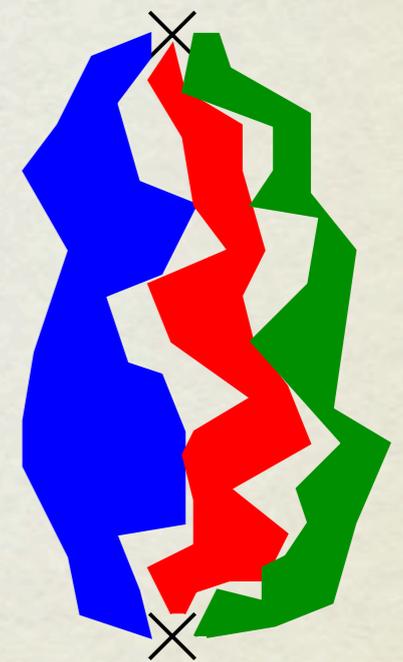
Critical exponent:

$$h_{1+2(\ell_1-\ell_2), 1+4\ell_1}$$



(a)

$$(\ell_1, \ell_2) = (1, 2)$$



(b)

$$(\ell_1, \ell_2) = (3, 0)$$