

# Boundary transitions of the $O(n)$ model on a dynamical lattice

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# The O(n) model

Classical O(n) spin  $\vec{S}(r)$  at each site  $r$  of a lattice  $\Gamma$  with nearest-neighbor interaction

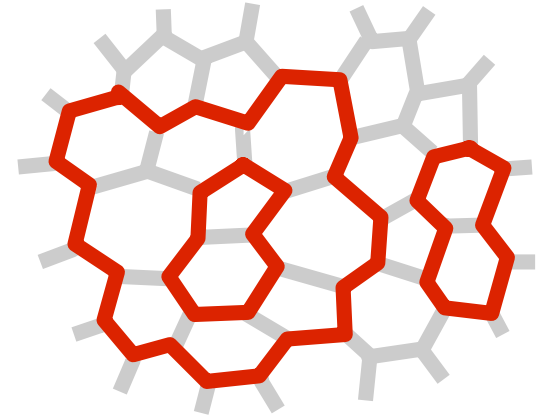
$$\frac{1}{T} \vec{S}(r) \cdot \vec{S}(r') \quad T : \text{temperature}$$

$$Z(n, T; \Gamma) \equiv \int \prod_{r \in \Gamma} [d\vec{S}(r)] \prod_{\langle rr' \rangle} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{T} \vec{S}(r) \cdot \vec{S}(r') \right)$$

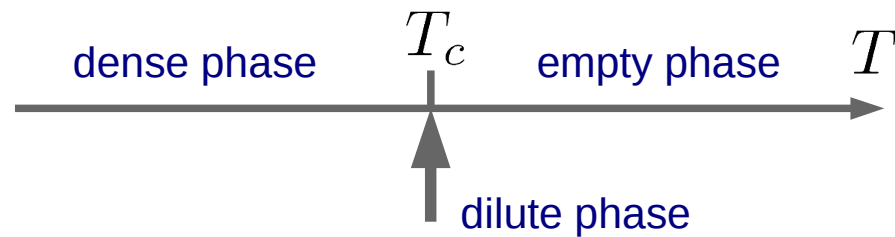
Critical behavior at  $n = 2 \cos(\pi/p) \in [-2, 2]$

# Loop gas picture

$$Z = \sum_{\text{loops on } \Gamma} n^{\#(\text{loops})} T^{-(\text{length})}$$



For general (irrational)  $p$ , the model describes the thermal flow between two (irrational) CFTs.

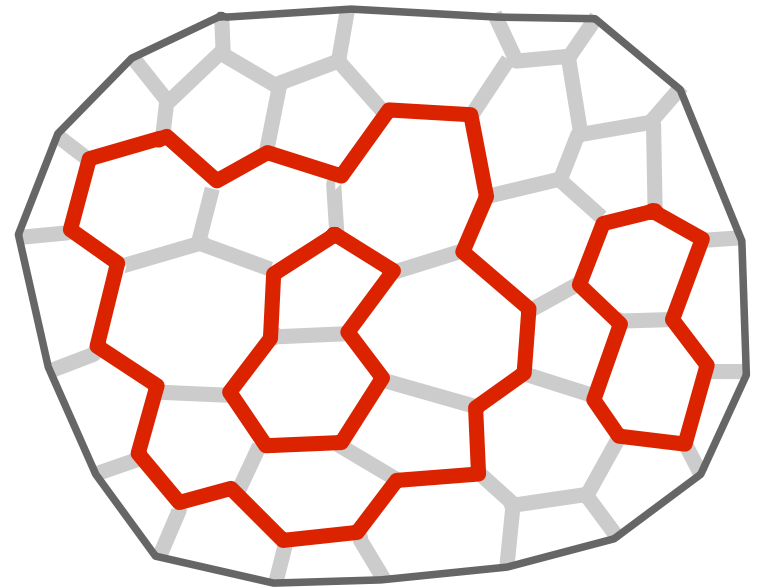


$$c_{\text{dense}} = 1 - \frac{6}{p(p-1)}, \quad c_{\text{dilute}} = 1 - \frac{6}{p(p+1)}$$

$((p-1, p)$  and  $(p, p+1)$  unitary minimal models for integer  $p$ .)

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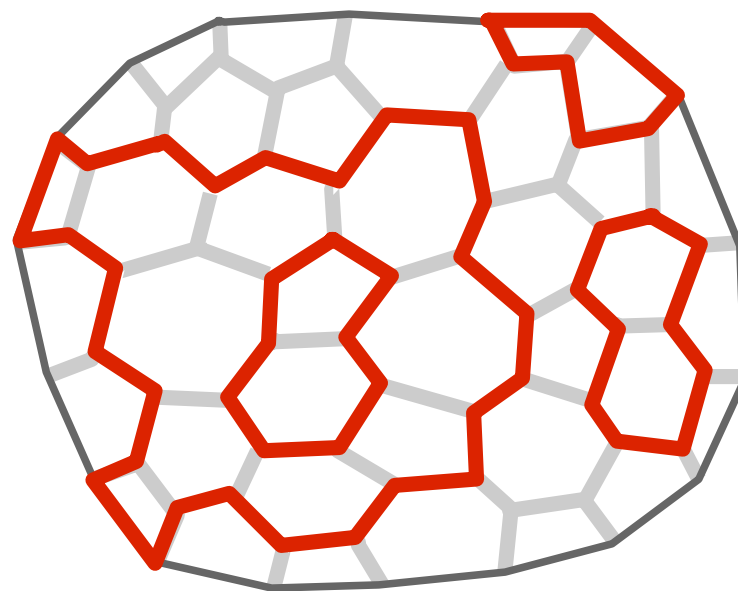


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(Jacobsen-Saleur)  
 $k \cdot \lambda^{\#(\text{touchings})} T^{-(\text{length})}$

Boundary spins are  $O(k)$  valued,  
with interaction

$$\lambda \vec{S}_B(r) \vec{S}_B(r')$$



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\* “Dilute” J-S b.c. --- consider loops of two colors.

Red and Blue loops are weighted by

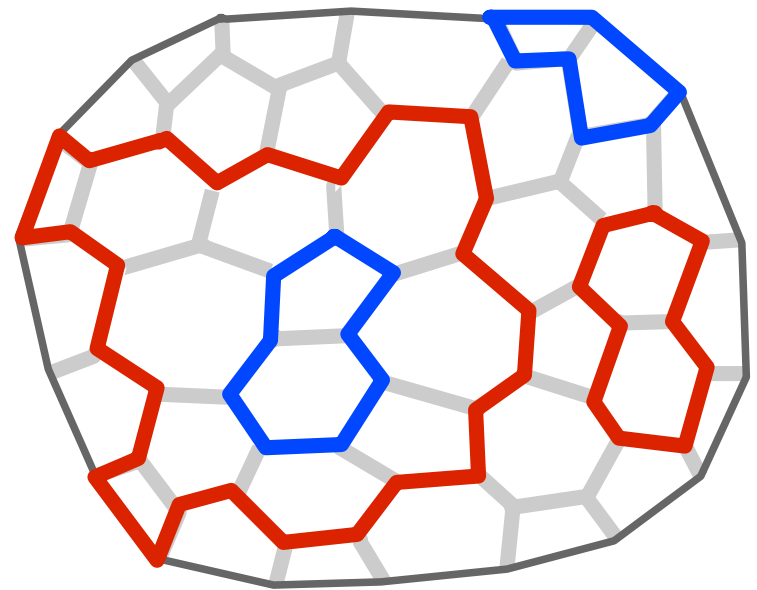
$$\text{Red loop} \quad n_{(1)} \cdot \lambda_{(1)}^{\#(\text{touchings})} T^{-(\text{length})}$$

$$\text{Blue loop} \quad n_{(2)} \cdot \lambda_{(2)}^{\#(\text{touchings})} T^{-(\text{length})}$$

$$(n_{(1)} + n_{(2)} = n)$$

Interaction of boundary  $O(n_{(1)}) \times O(n_{(2)})$  spins :

$$\lambda_{(1)} \vec{S}_B^{(1)}(r) \vec{S}_B^{(1)}(r') + \lambda_{(2)} \vec{S}_B^{(2)}(r) \vec{S}_B^{(2)}(r')$$



Various properties of the new boundaries have been  
worked out on plain lattices.

# Condition for conformal invariance (= criticality)

- \* In dense phase ( $T < T_c$ ), the couplings  $\lambda_{(1)}, \lambda_{(2)}$  are irrelevant.
- \* In dilute phase ( $T = T_c$ ), we need to tune  $\lambda_{(1)}, \lambda_{(2)}$  to achieve criticality.

Phase diagram for J-S boundary has

--- 3 phases, 4 RG fixed points.

**ORD:** no loops touch the boundary

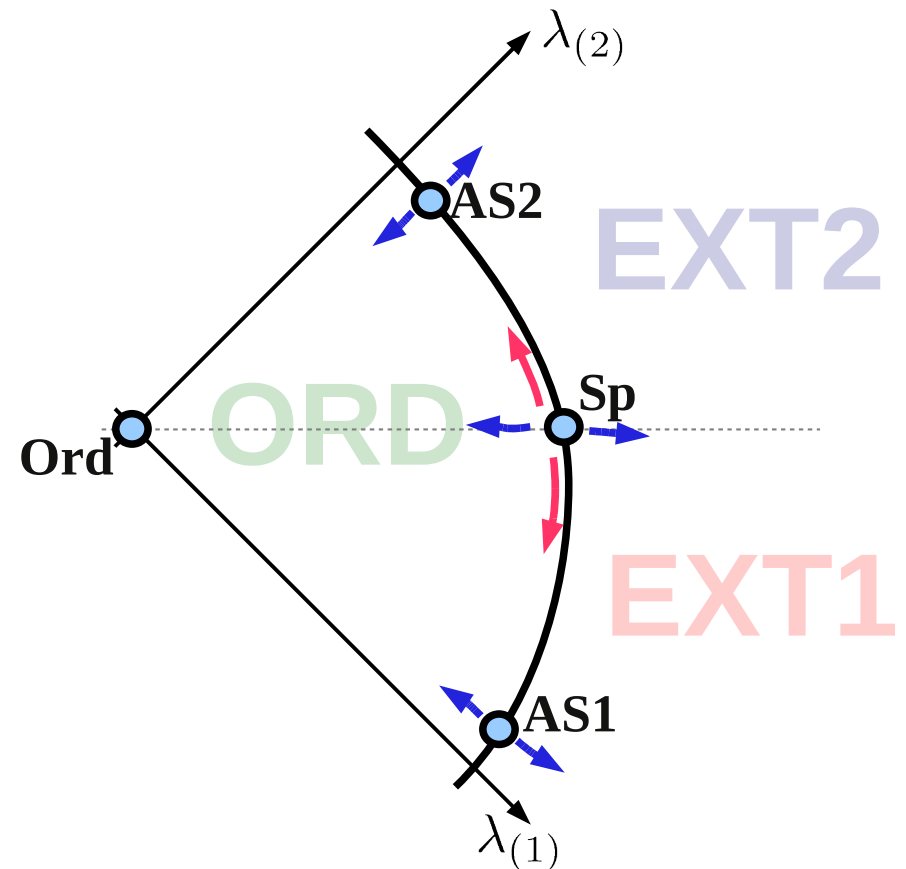
**EXT1:** a red loop covers the boundary

**EXT2:** a blue loop covers the boundary

--- arrows indicate relevant perturbations

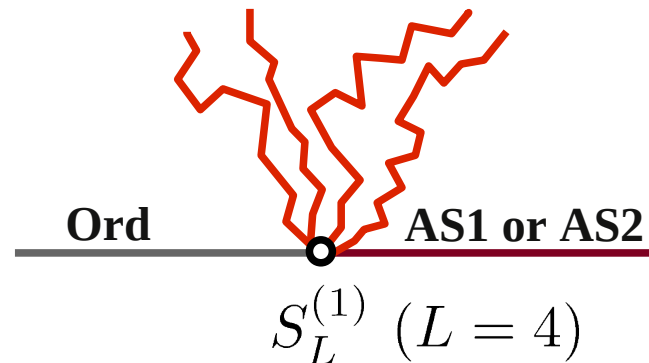
  $\Phi_{(1,3)}$         $\Phi_{(3,3)}$

(Dubail-Jacobsen-Saleur)





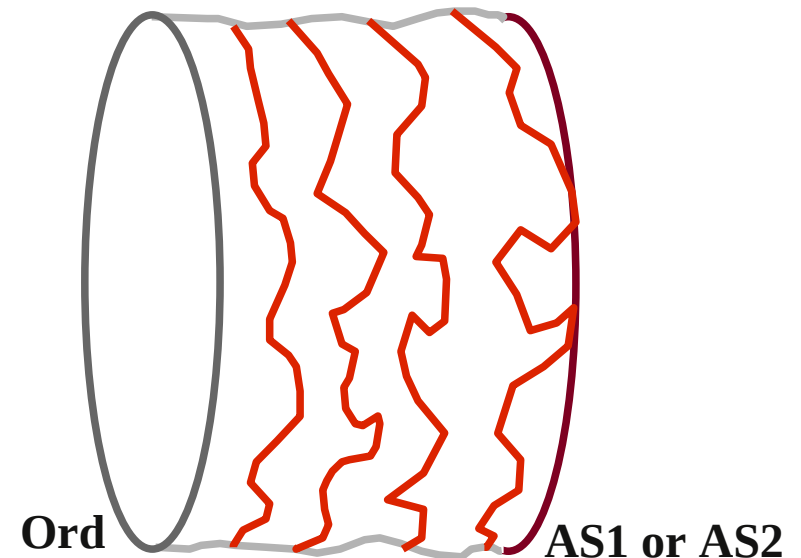
# Boundary-changing “L-leg” operators



$S_L^{(1)}$  . . . sources of L red lines

$S_L^{(2)}$  . . . sources of L blue lines

. . . appear in the cylinder partition function  
with Ord and J-S boundaries  
and L (red / blue) loops going around



We label the J-S boundaries by  $r$ .

$$n = 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{p}, \quad n_{(1)} = \frac{\sin[\pi(r-1)/p]}{\sin[\pi r/p]}, \quad n_{(2)} = \frac{\sin[\pi(r+1)/p]}{\sin[\pi r/p]},$$

Then we find

$$(\mathbf{Ord} | S_L^{(1)} | \mathbf{AS1}) \iff \Phi_{(r+L, r)}$$

$$(\mathbf{Ord} | S_L^{(2)} | \mathbf{AS1}) \iff \Phi_{(r-L, r)}$$

$$(\mathbf{Ord} | S_L^{(1)} | \mathbf{AS2}) \iff \Phi_{(r+L, r+1)} = \Phi_{(p-r-L, p-r)}$$

$$(\mathbf{Ord} | S_L^{(2)} | \mathbf{AS2}) \iff \Phi_{(r-L, r+1)} = \Phi_{(p-r-L, p-r)}$$

$$h_{(r, s)} = h_{(p-r, p+1-s)} = \frac{\{r(p+1) - sp\}^2 - 1}{4p(p+1)}$$

We study the new boundary conditions in the  $O(n)$  model  
using the methods of **2D quantum gravity**  
(large  $N$  matrix model).

# The O(n) matrix model

--- Integral over  $(N \times N)$  matrices.

$$Z_N(T) = \int dM d^n Y \exp \beta \text{tr} \left( -\frac{1}{2} M^2 - \frac{T}{2} \vec{Y}^2 + \frac{1}{3} M^3 + M \vec{Y}^2 \right)$$

$$\simeq \int dX d^n Y \exp \beta \text{tr} \left( -V(X) + X \vec{Y}^2 \right)$$

$$V(x) \equiv -\frac{T}{3} \left( x + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left( x + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2$$

Random lattices with **loop configurations** are generated  
as Feynman graphs with **loops of Y-matrices**.

# Disk one-point amplitudes

Ordinary boundary

$$W(x) = \frac{1}{\beta} \left\langle \text{tr} \mathbf{W}(x) \right\rangle, \quad \mathbf{W}(x) \equiv \frac{1}{x - X}$$

... solved by Eynard-Kristjansen('96), Kostov('06).

J-S boundary

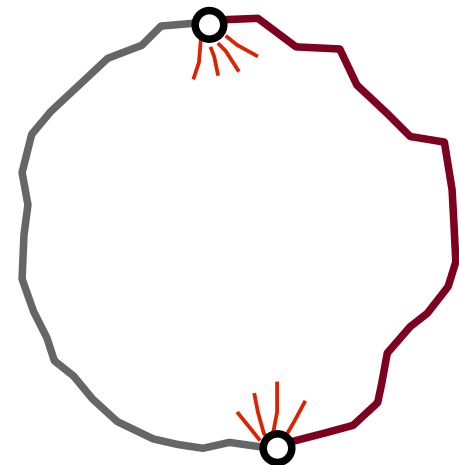
$$H(y) = \frac{1}{\beta} \left\langle \text{tr} \mathbf{H}(y) \right\rangle, \quad \mathbf{H}(y) \equiv \frac{1}{y - X - \lambda_{(1)} \vec{Y}_{(1)}^2 - \lambda_{(2)} \vec{Y}_{(2)}^2}$$

... we could not solve  $H(y)$ .

# Disk two-point amplitudes

$$D_L^{(i)}(x, y) \equiv \frac{1}{\beta} \left\langle \text{tr} \mathbf{W}(x) \mathbb{S}_L^{(i)} \mathbf{H}(y) \mathbb{S}_L^{(i)} \right\rangle$$

$$D_0(x, y) \equiv \frac{1}{\beta} \left\langle \text{tr} \mathbf{W}(x) \mathbf{H}(y) \right\rangle$$



Here  $\mathbb{S}_L^{(1)}$  is the red L-leg operator,

$$\mathbb{S}_L^{(1)} \stackrel{\text{shorthand}}{=} \mathbb{S}_{a_1 a_2 \dots a_L}^{(1)} \equiv Y_{[a_1} Y_{a_2} \dots Y_{a_L]} \\ (a_1, \dots, a_L \in \{1, \dots, n_{(1)}\})$$

and likewise  $\mathbb{S}_L^{(2)}$  is the blue L-leg operator.

# Loop equation for $W(x)$

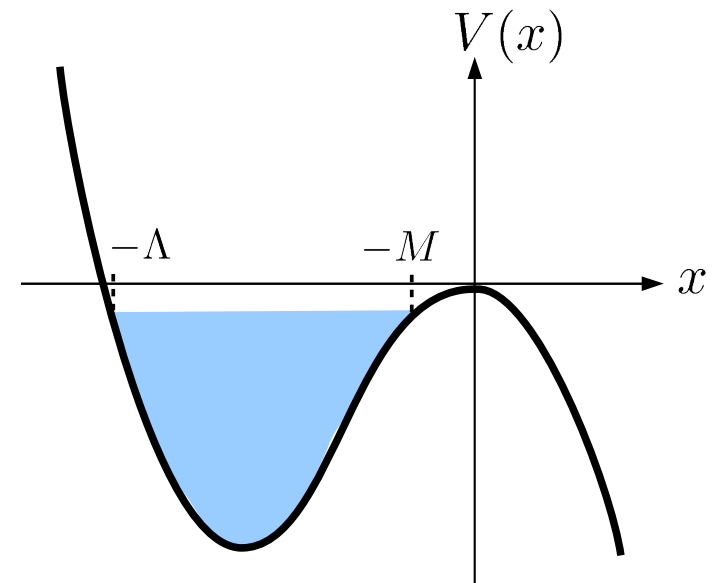
$$W(x)^2 - V'(x)W(x) + nW \star W(x) + \frac{1}{\beta} \left\langle \text{tr} \left( \frac{V'(x) - V'(X)}{x - X} \right) \right\rangle = 0$$

$$F \star G(x) \equiv - \oint_{\text{cut}} \frac{dx'}{2\pi i} \frac{F(x) - F(x')}{x - x'} G(-x')$$

Reduces to 1MM when  $n \equiv 0$ .

Solve this with the assumption of  
a single cut  $x \in [-\Lambda, -M]$   
along negative real axis.

Continuum limit :  $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $M$  fixed.



# Solution in the continuum limit

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv M \cosh \tau \\W_c(x) &\equiv W(x) - \frac{2V'(x) - nV'(-x)}{4 - n^2} \\&= M^{\frac{p+1}{p}} \cosh \frac{p+1}{p} \tau - t M^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \cosh \frac{p-1}{p} \tau \quad (t \equiv T_c - T)\end{aligned}$$

At  $t = 0$  or  $\infty$ , it agrees with the result of  
(p,q) minimal models coupled to Liouville gravity

$$\begin{aligned}S &= S_{\text{minimal}} + \int_{\Sigma} \left( \partial\phi \bar{\partial}\phi + \mu e^{2b\phi} \right) + \oint_{\partial\Sigma} \mu_B e^{b\phi} \\ \mu_B &= \mu^{\frac{1}{2}} \cosh \tau, \quad \left\langle \oint_{\partial\Sigma} e^{b\phi} \right\rangle = \mu^{\frac{q}{2p}} \cosh \frac{q\tau}{p}\end{aligned}$$



# Loop equation for 2pt functions

\* recursion relation

$$D_{L+1}^{(i)}(x) = W \star D_L^{(i)}(x) \quad (L \geq 1, i = 1, 2)$$

\* algebraic relation between  $D_0$  and  $D_1^{(i)}$

$$A^{(i)} \overline{B^{(i)}} = C^{(i)} \quad \left( \overline{f}(x) \equiv f(-x) \right)$$

$$A^{(i)} = \lambda_{(i)} D_0 - 1$$

$$B^{(i)} = \text{const} \cdot D_1^{(i)} + (\text{junk})$$

$$C^{(i)} = \text{const} \cdot (W + n_{(i)} \overline{W}) + (\text{junk})$$

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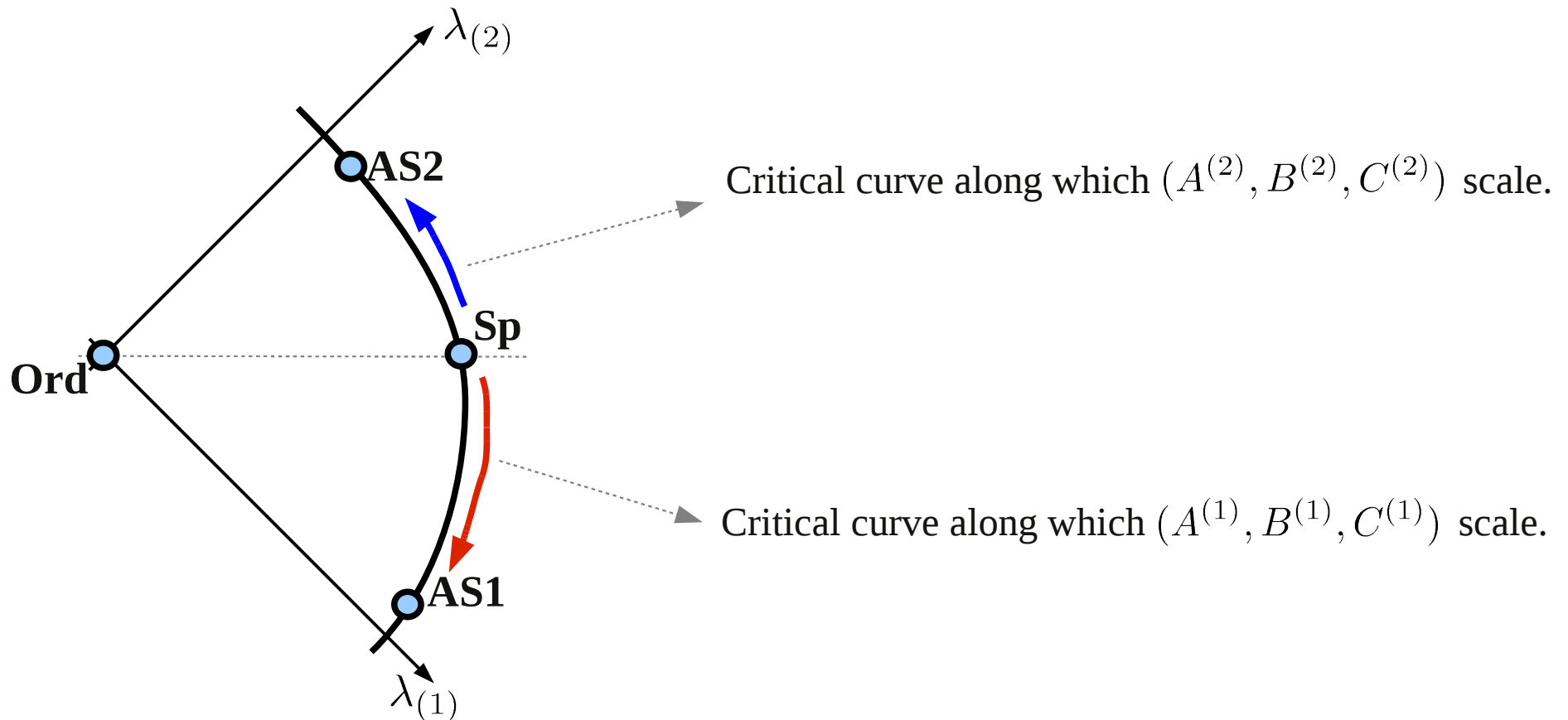
$$B^{(1)} = (\lambda_{(1)} - \lambda_{(2)}) n_{(1)} \{ \lambda_{(1)} D_1^{(1)} + W \} - \lambda_{(2)} (\overline{W} - \overline{V'} + H) - x - y$$

$$C^{(1)} = \lambda_{(1)} \lambda_{(2)} P + (\lambda_{(1)} + \lambda_{(2)}) H - x + y - (\lambda_{(1)} - \lambda_{(2)}) (W + n_{(1)} \overline{W}) - \lambda_{(2)} V'$$

$$P \equiv \frac{1}{\beta} \left\langle \text{tr} \left( \frac{V'(x) - V'(X)}{x - X} \mathbf{H}(y) \right) \right\rangle$$

# Condition for criticality

If  $(T, \beta, y, \lambda_{(1)}, \lambda_{(2)})$  are set to the critical values,  
the functions  $(A^{(i)}, B^{(i)}, C^{(i)})$  should scale,  $\sim (x^{\alpha^{(i)}}, x^{\beta^{(i)}}, x^{\frac{p+1}{p}})$

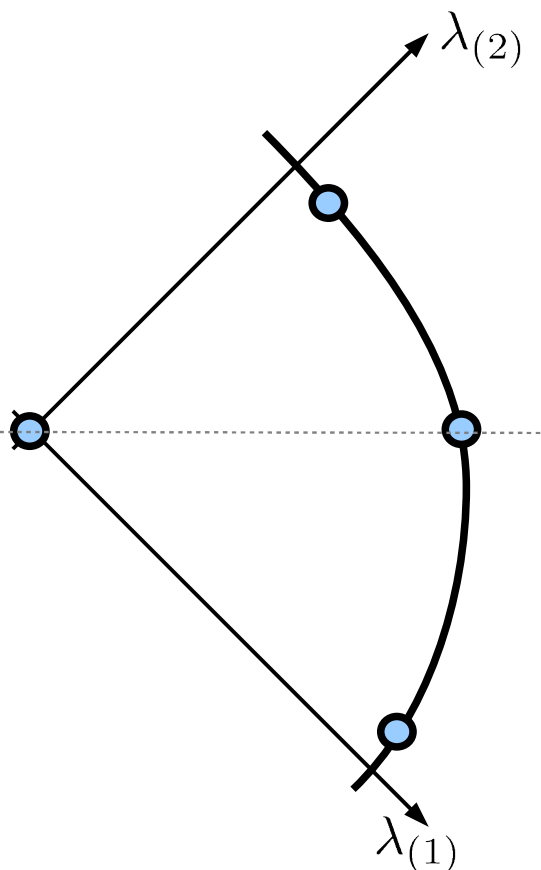


# Shape of the critical curves

At small  $x$ , the functions  $C^{(1)}, C^{(2)}$  behave

$$C^{(1)} = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 - \text{const}(\lambda_{(1)} - \lambda_{(2)}) \cdot x^{\frac{p+1}{p}}$$

$$C^{(2)} = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \text{const}'(\lambda_{(1)} - \lambda_{(2)}) \cdot x^{\frac{p+1}{p}}$$



Critical curves are given by  $c_0 = c_1 = 0$ .

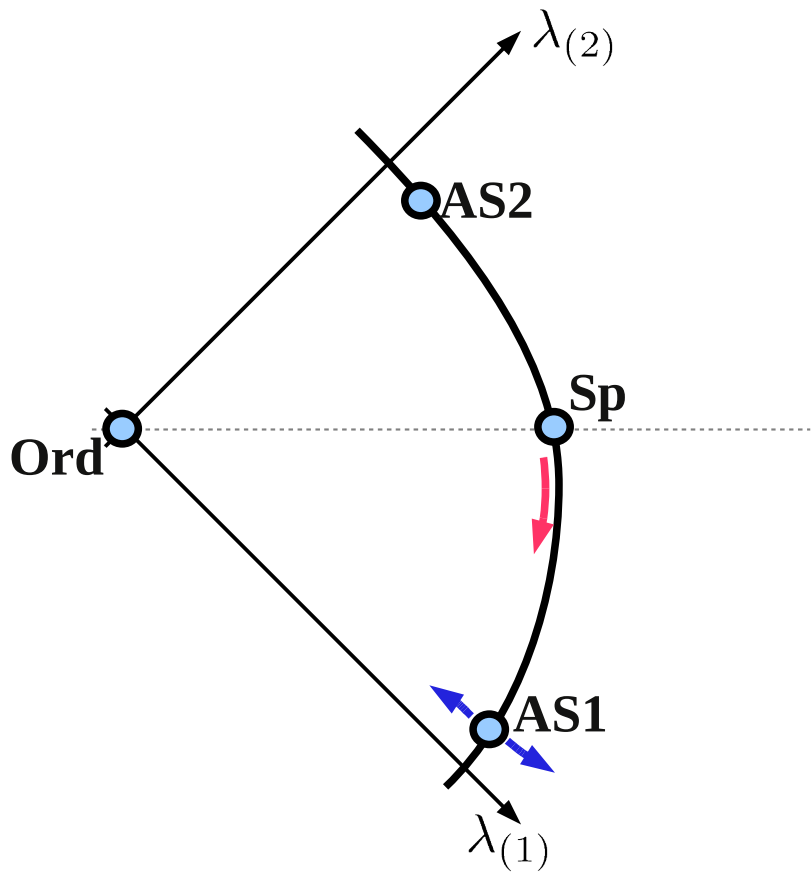
$$c_0 = \lambda_{(1)}\lambda_{(2)}(g_2 H + g_3 H_1) + (\lambda_{(1)} + \lambda_{(2)})(H - \frac{1}{2}g_1) \\ + y - (\lambda_{(1)} - \lambda_{(2)}) \frac{g_1(n_{(1)} - n_{(2)})}{2(2+n)}$$

$$c_1 = \lambda_{(1)}\lambda_{(2)}g_3 H - 1 - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_{(1)} + \lambda_{(2)})g_2 + (\lambda_{(1)} - \lambda_{(2)}) \frac{g_2(n_{(1)} - n_{(2)})}{2(2-n)}$$

$$H = \frac{1}{\beta} \langle \text{tr} \mathbf{H}(y) \rangle, \quad H_1 = \frac{1}{\beta} \langle \text{tr} \mathbf{H}(y) X \rangle$$

$$V'(x) = g_1 + g_2 x + g_3 x^2$$

# Relevant perturbations



\* Near **Sp** and along the critical curve to **AS1**,

$$C^{(1)} \sim x^2 + \Delta \cdot x^{\frac{p+1}{p}} + \dots$$

\* Near **AS1**,

$$C^{(1)} \sim x^{\frac{p+1}{p}} + t_B \cdot x + \dots$$

KPZ scaling determines the operators

$$\Delta \Longleftrightarrow \Phi_{(3,3)}, \quad t_B \Longleftrightarrow \Phi_{(1,3)}$$

# Spectrum of boundary operators

Let us choose

$$n = 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{p}, \quad n_{(1)} = \frac{\sin[\pi(r-1)/p]}{\sin[\pi r/p]}, \quad n_{(2)} = \frac{\sin[\pi(r+1)/p]}{\sin[\pi r/p]},$$

Along the critical curve from **Sp** to **AS1**, the 2pt functions scale as

$$D_L^{(1)}(x) \sim x^{L + \frac{L-r}{p}} + \dots,$$

$$D_L^{(2)}(x) \sim x^{L + \frac{L+r}{p}} + \dots.$$

From the KPZ scaling we find

$$S_L^{(1)} \Longleftrightarrow \Phi_{r-L,r}$$

$$S_L^{(2)} \Longleftrightarrow \Phi_{r+L,r}$$

# Exact solution for 2pt functions at **AS1**

We compare the solution of the loop equation

$$A^{(1)}(x)B^{(1)}(-x) = \mu_B - t_B x - W_c(x) - n_{(1)}W_c(-x)$$

with that of Liouville gravity approach

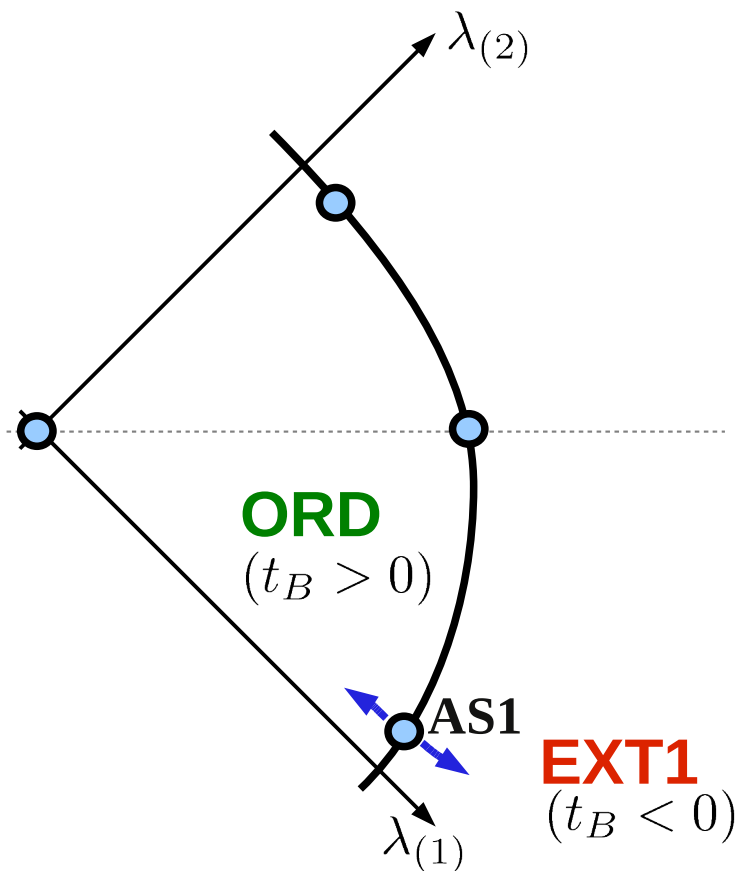
$$\begin{aligned} S = & \int_{\Sigma} \left( \mathcal{L}_{\text{minimal}} + \partial\phi\bar{\partial}\phi + \mu\mathcal{O}_{(1,1)} + t\mathcal{O}_{(1,3)} \right) \\ & + \int_{\text{Ord}} x\mathcal{O}_{(1,1)}^B + \int_{\text{J-S}} \left( \mu_B\mathcal{O}_{(1,1)}^B + t_B\mathcal{O}_{(1,3)}^B \right) \end{aligned}$$

\* When  $t_B = t = 0$ ,  $\left( x = M \cosh \tau, W_c = M^{\frac{p+1}{p}} \cosh \frac{p+1}{p} \tau \right)$

Loop equation agrees with a recursion relation  
for Liouville Disk 2pt functions

\* We also analytically solved the loop equation for  $\mu = \mu_B = 0$ .

# Extraordinary transition



- \* Loops avoid the boundary in the phase **ORD**.
- \* Loops avoid the boundary also in the phase **EXT1**, due to a red loop coating the boundary.

The loop equation exhibits the (high- $t_B$  / low- $t_B$ ) duality

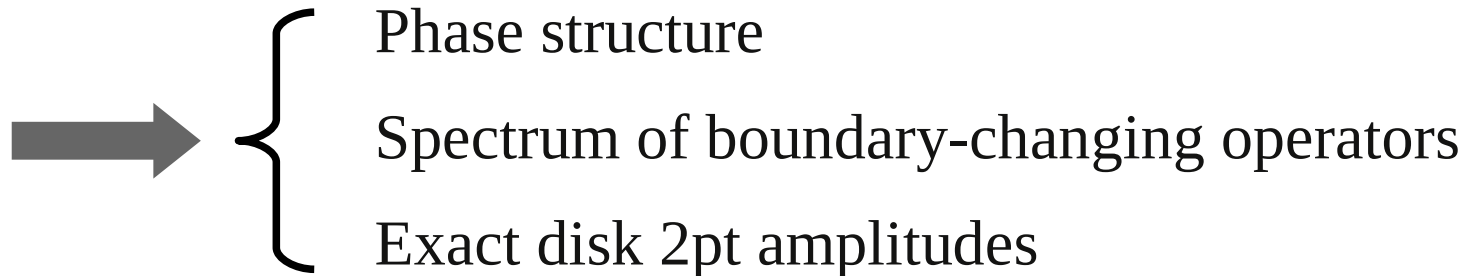
$$\mathbf{ORD} (r) \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{EXT1} (p + 1 - r) \\ \text{coated by 1 red loop}$$



# Summary

We studied the  $O(n)$  model in the dilute phase with new boundary conditions breaking  $O(n)$  to  $O(n_{(1)}) \times O(n_{(2)})$  using matrix model.

Loop equations



Some fundamental quantities remained to be computed, including

$$H(y) = \frac{1}{\beta} \left\langle \text{tr} \left( \frac{1}{y - X - \lambda_{(1)} \vec{Y}_{(1)}^2 - \lambda_{(2)} \vec{Y}_{(2)}^2} \right) \right\rangle.$$