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# Geometry of random planar maps

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  - general maps with fixed number of edges
    - [Bettinelli, Jacob, Miermont, '14]
  - bipartite maps with prescribed degrees [Marzouk, '17]

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$$\epsilon^{\gamma^2/2} e^{\gamma h_\epsilon(z)} dx dy \xrightarrow[\epsilon \to 0]{\text{weak}} \mu_{LQG}$$
 "Liouville measure"

[Høegh-Krohn '71; Kahane, '85, Duplantier, Sheffield, '11]

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#### Couple the geometry to a critical statistical system!











### Outline

 Intro to planar maps and Boltzmann distributions

Peeling exploration

Geometrical properties (beyond Brownian)

 Towards geometry of maps with an O(n) loop model









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#### Theorem (TB '15)

For **q** critical the perimeter process  $(P_i)$  has the law of the random walk  $(S_i)$  conditioned to stay positive.

























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5 Theorem (TB, Curien, '16; TB, Curien, Marzouk, '17) If **q** is non-generic of index  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ , then  $|Ball_r| \approx \begin{cases} r^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-3/2}} & \frac{3}{2} < \alpha < 2\\ e^{\frac{3\pi}{\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{r}} & \alpha = \frac{3}{2} \\ e^{c\,r} & 1 < \alpha < \frac{3}{2} \end{cases}, \quad |\partial Ball_r| \approx \begin{cases} r^{\frac{1}{\alpha-3/2}} & \frac{3}{2} < \alpha < 2\\ e^{\pi\sqrt{2}\sqrt{r}} & \alpha = \frac{3}{2} \\ e^{c'\,r} & 1 < \alpha < \frac{3}{2} \end{cases}$ For  $\alpha > \frac{3}{2}$  scaling limits for  $\lambda^{\frac{-\alpha}{\alpha-3/2}}|Ball_{\lambda r}|$  and  $\lambda^{\frac{-1}{\alpha-3/2}}|\partial Ball_{\lambda r}|$  are known.

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#### Theorem (TB, Curien, '16)

When  $\alpha < 3/2$  the map and its dual both contain infinitely many cut vertices separating root from  $\infty$ .

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#### Simulations: Cauchy case





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#### Theorem (TB, Curien, Marzouk '17)

Again infinitely many cut vertices, but their number grows only like log log(volume).

## Simulations: dilute case



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