#### Dimers and circle patterns

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• Boltzmann measure: draw a dimer covering at random with probability proportional to its weight.



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- Complex Kasteleyn signs: assign a unit complex number to each edge such that the alternating product of these numbers around a face of degree 2 mod 4 (resp. 0 mod 4) is 1 (resp. −1).
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• The alternating product of complex edge weights is real positive (resp. real negative) around a face of degree 2 mod 4 (resp. 0 mod 4).

#### 2 Circle patterns and circle centers













• Circle centers for G: drawing of the dual graph of G arising as centers of some circle pattern for G.



• Recover the circle pattern from the circle centers ? How many circle patterns have the same centers ?

• Given a drawing of the dual graph of G, how to see if it corresponds to the centers of a circle pattern for G?

• Answers in the case when G is bipartite.



[Geogebra]

• From now on G is bipartite.

• 2-parameter family of patterns with the same centers.

A drawing of the dual graph of G corresponds to circle centers for G if and only if around each dual vertex the sum of every other angle is 0 mod π.

An *embedding* of the dual graph of G corresponds to circle centers for G if and only if around each dual vertex the sum of every other angle is equal to π.



dual of G

embedding

not embedding



#### **3** Dimer models and circle centers

## From circle centers to dimer weights

- Fix G a planar unweighted bipartite graph. Start with an embedding of the dual of G as circle centers.
- Construct complex edge weights for G associated to that embedding which satisfy the Kasteleyn condition.
- For an edge in G between b and w, the weight is the vector (complex number) of its corresponding dual edge, oriented so that b lies to its left.







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• Around every vertex, the sum of the complex edge weights is zero, i.e. the edge weights have zero divergence.

For a bipartite graph, the geometric local condition "being centers of a circle pattern with embedded dual" implies the local condition

"being Kasteleyn edge weights with zero divergence" (Kenyon-Lam-R.-Russkikh, 2018)

- The fact that circle center embeddings satisfy the Kasteleyn condition was also observed by Affolter (2018).
- Positive edge weights are obtained from circle centers as distances between adjacent centers.
- Going from circle centers to dimer edge weights is a local construction.

• Given a bipartite graph with positive edge weights, find gauge equivalent weights coming from circle centers.

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augmented dual

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**Theorem** (Kenyon-Lam-R.-Russkikh 2018). Let G be a planar bipartite weighted graph with outer face of degree 4. Fix a convex quadrilateral P.

There are two circle center embeddings of the augmented dual of G which produce weights that are gauge equivalent to the original weights and such that the four outer dual vertices are mapped to the vertices of P.

- Given
  - an unweighted bipartite planar graph G with boundary of length 4
  - a convex quadrilateral (boundary condition)
  - there is a 2-to-1 correspondence between embeddings of the augmented dual of G as circle centers and dimer Boltzmann measures on G.

• Expected to hold in some form for other boundary lengths.

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- Let G be an infinite periodic weighted graph.
- Gibbs measure: probability measure on the dimer coverings of G, whose restriction to finite subgraphs are Boltzmann measures induced by the edge weights.
- *Ergodic Gibbs measure*: not a convex combination of other Gibbs measures.
- *Liquid*: correlations decay polynomially.
- The interior points of the amoeba (log-log representation of the spectral curve of G) parametrize the liquid ergodic Gibbs measures on G (Kenyon-Okounkov-Sheffield).



**Theorem** (Kenyon-Lam-R.-Russkikh 2018). Let G be an infinite weighted bipartite graph, periodic in two directions. Periodic circle center embeddings of the dual of G producing edge weights that are gauge equivalent to the original ones are in bijection with liquid ergodic Gibbs measures on G.

• In both the finite and the infinite case, the construction of a circle center embedding associated with a weighted planar graph G depends globally (not locally) on G.

### 4 Motivation and perspectives









# Miquel dynamics

- Discrete-time dynamics on the space of square-grid circle patterns: alternate Miquel moves on all the white faces then on all the black faces.
- Invented by Kenyon, first properties studied in [R. 2018] and [Glutsyuk-R. 2018].



[Mathematica]

### Dimer local move

• Urban renewal:



**Theorem** (Affolter 2018, Kenyon-Lam-R.-Russkikh, 2018). The Miquel move for circle patterns commutes with the urban renewal for dimer models.

• The identification with the Goncharov-Kenyon dimer dynamics yields the integrability of Miquel dynamics.











Theorem (Affolter 2018, Kenyon-Lam-R.-Russkikh 2018).

$$\frac{(c-w)(s-c')(e-n)}{(w-s)(c'-e)(n-c)} = -1$$

Discrete Schwarzian KP equation

### Miquel move and cluster algebras



X variables evolution for a Miquel move:

 $X'_{0} = X_{0}^{-1}$   $X'_{1} = X_{1}(1 + X_{0})$   $X'_{2} = X_{2}/(1 + X_{0}^{-1})$   $X'_{3} = X_{3}(1 + X_{0})$   $X'_{4} = X_{4}/(1 + X_{0}^{-1})$ 

### Embeddings in statistical mechanics

• Consider an infinite planar graph periodic in two directions on which we study a statistical mechanical model (random walk, dimers, Ising,...).

• Find an embedding of it such that universal conformally invariant objects appear in the scaling limit.

• Same issue for formulating the convergence to Liouville quantum gravity of random planar maps decorated with some statistical mechanical model.

### Embeddings in statistical mechanics

**Theorem** (Kenyon-Lam-R.-Russkikh, 2018). Circle center embeddings for dimers generalize the Tutte embedding adapted to spanning trees and the s-embeddings adapted to the Ising model.









#### s-embeddings and circle centers (Chelkak 2017)embedding of $V(G) \cup F(G) \cup E(G)$ planar weighted s-embedding of Ggraph GWu-Lin Dubédat planar bipartite circle centers for Gweighted graph G $F(\widetilde{G}) \leftrightarrow$

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• Notion of a discrete holomorphic function on such embeddings and conditions for converging to a continuous holomorphic function (Chelkak-Laslier-Russkikh, 2019).

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