

# Phénomènes de localisation et d'universalité pour des polymères aléatoires

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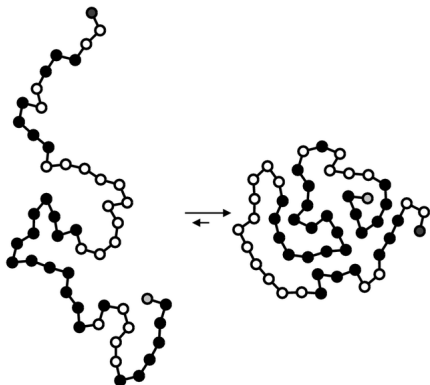


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# Polymers



## Interactions with

- Itself
- External environment

Depend on some parameters

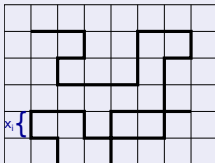
## Aim

- Spatial configuration
- Phase transition? Critical Points?

# Intermezzo: Some Basic Probabilistic Processes

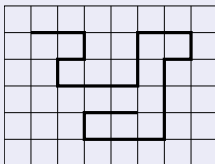
## Random Walk on $\mathbb{Z}^d$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \quad X_i = \text{increments.}$$



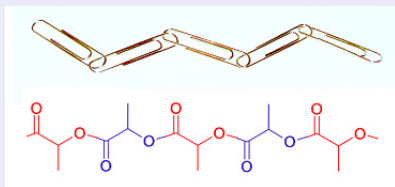
## Self Avoiding Random Walk (SAW) on $\mathbb{Z}^d$

Conditioned to visit at most ones each state.

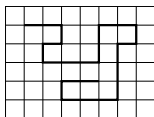


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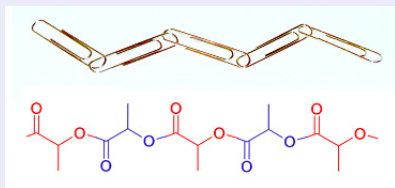
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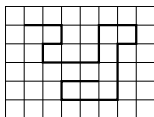
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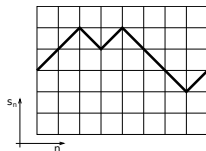
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SAW: challenging object!

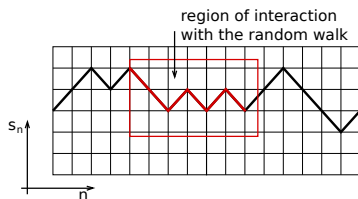
Subclass: Directed Random Walks  
(Directed Polymers)



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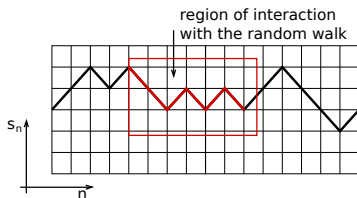
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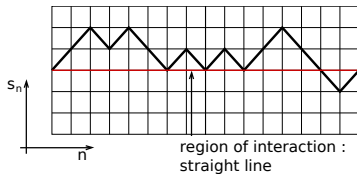


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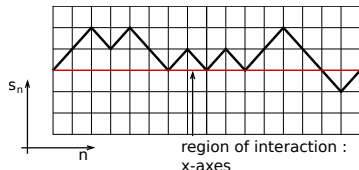


Interaction with a membrane  $\Leftrightarrow$  region = straight line



Henceforth  $S$  one-dimensional.

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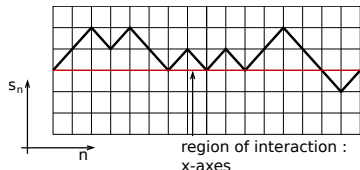
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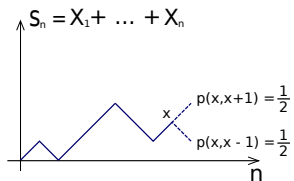
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Remark:

Need only  $\{n : S_n = 0\}$  to define the model.

# Random Walk choice

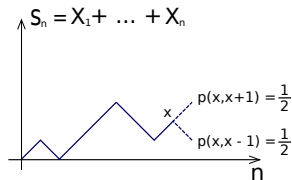
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Generalize

$$P(S_n = 0 \text{ for the first time}) \underset{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{c_S}{n^{1+\alpha}}, \quad \alpha > 0.$$

Explicit examples:  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  Bessel-like Random walk.



# Disorder Assumptions

Disorder  $\omega$ : *quenched* realization of an *i.i.d.* random sequence.

$$\mathbb{E}(\omega_1) = 0, \quad \text{Var}(\omega_1) = 1, \quad \Lambda(\beta) = \log \mathbb{E}(e^{\beta\omega_1}) < \infty, \quad \forall \beta \text{ small.}$$

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Different interesting choice:

heavy-tail case  $\mathbb{P}(\omega_1 > t) \underset{t \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} c t^{-\xi}$

# Our Goal

Goal: behavior of  $S$  under  $P_{\beta,h,N}^{\omega}$  when  $N$  gets large.

$N$  "abstract polymer" length,

$h$  Homogeneous parameter,

$\beta$  Tunes the presence of the disorder  $\omega$

- localized? de-localized?
- phase transition on  $\beta$ ,  $h$ ? Critical point?



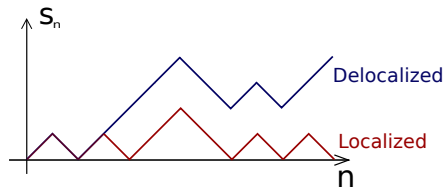
# Localization/Delocalization

## Free Energy

$$F^{(\alpha)}(\beta, h) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \mathbb{E} \left[ \log Z_{\beta, h, N}^{\omega} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial h} F^{(\alpha)}(\beta, h) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} E_{\beta, h, N}^{\omega} \left( \frac{\#\{n \leq N : S_n = 0\}}{N} \right) \quad (*)$$

$\forall \beta \geq 0$  there exists a critical point  $h_c(\beta)$



- $h > h_c(\beta)$  localization,  $(*) > 0$ ,
- $h < h_c(\beta)$  de-localization,  $(*) = 0$ .

# Analysis of the model

Goal: understand  $h_c(\beta)$ .

- Homogeneous model  $h_c(0)$  explicit (= 0 if  $S$  is recurrent).

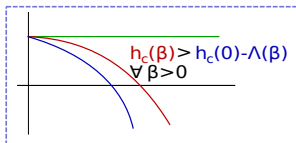
It provides Lower/Upper bounds

$$h_c(0) - \Lambda(\beta) \leq h_c(\beta) < h_c(0),$$

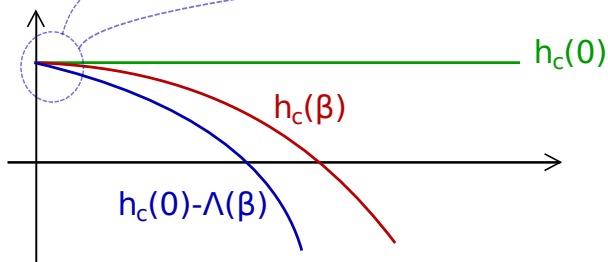
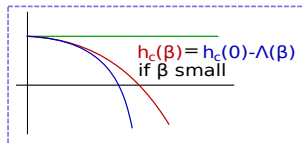
- $h_c(0) - \Lambda(\beta)$  *annealed critical point*.

# Relevance/Irrelevance of the disorder

$\alpha > 1/2$   
relevant disorder



$0 < \alpha < 1/2$   
irrelevant disorder



Aim: When  $\alpha > 1/2$ , asymptotics of  $h_c(\beta)$  as  $\beta \rightarrow 0$ .

# An overview of the literature

case  $\alpha > 1$

Theorem (Q. Berger, F. Caravenna, J. Poisat, R. Sun, N. Zygouras, 2014)

Let  $\alpha > 1$ , then

$$h_c(\beta) \underset{\beta \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \tilde{c}\beta^2,$$

where  $\tilde{c}$  is *explicit* depending on  $\alpha$  and  $c_S$ .

case  $\alpha \in (1/2, 1)$ : several authors K. S. Alexander, B. Derrida, G. Giacomin, H. Lacoin, F. L. Toninelli and N. Zygouras (2008 – 2011).

## Theorem

Let  $\alpha \in (1/2, 1)$ , then there exist  $0 < c < C < \infty$  such that

$$c\beta^{\frac{2\alpha}{2\alpha-1}} \leq h_c(\beta) \leq C\beta^{\frac{2\alpha}{2\alpha-1}},$$

for  $\beta$  small.

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# Results

(Add some Technical assumptions on Disorder and Random Walk)

Theorem (Caravenna, Toninelli, T., 2015)

*Universal feature of the Free Energy*

$$\mathcal{F}^{(\alpha)}(\hat{\beta}, \hat{h}) = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{F^{(\alpha)}(\hat{\beta} \varepsilon^{\alpha - \frac{1}{2}}, \hat{h} \varepsilon^{\alpha})}{\varepsilon}$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{(\alpha)}(\hat{\beta}, \hat{h}) = \beta^{\frac{2}{2\alpha-1}} \mathcal{F}^{(\alpha)}(1, \hat{h} \beta^{-\frac{2\alpha}{2\alpha-1}}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{(\alpha)}(\hat{\beta}) = \hat{c} \hat{\beta}^{\frac{2\alpha}{2\alpha-1}}$$

$\hat{c}$  *non-trivial constant* depending on  $\alpha$  and  $c_S$ .

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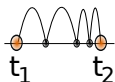
*Universal Critical Behavior*

$$h_c(\beta) \underset{\beta \rightarrow 0}{\sim} \hat{c} \beta^{\frac{2\alpha}{2\alpha-1}},$$

# Proof - Continuum Model

- $\tau := \{n : S_n = 0\} \Rightarrow \varepsilon\tau \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \hat{\tau}$
- Thm (C.S.Z.,15)  
(cond.) Pinning Model converges:

$$\beta = \hat{\beta}\varepsilon^{\alpha-\frac{1}{2}}, h = \hat{h}\varepsilon^{\alpha}:$$



$$\varepsilon\tau_{\beta,h} \xrightarrow[\varepsilon \downarrow 0]{(d)} \hat{\tau}_{\hat{\beta},\hat{h}}$$

Continuum ingredients:

- regenerative set ( $\hat{\tau}$ )
- White Noise (Cont. disorder)

**Problem: No Gibbs representation**

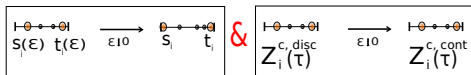
Wiener Chaos Expansion

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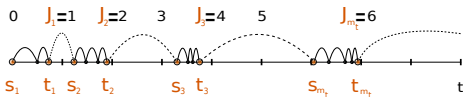
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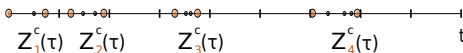
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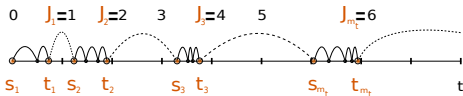
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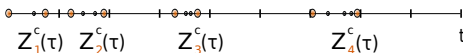
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Similar to Copolymer Model

(den Hollander & Bolthausen, 1997 and Caravenna & Giacomin, 2010)

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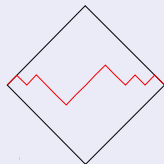
## Inspired by

A. Auffinger and O. Louidor

*Directed polymers in random environment with heavy tails*

B. Hambly and J. B. Martin

*Heavy tails in last-passage percolation*



$\xi \in (0, 2)$ .

# Renewal process

Pinning model:

$$P_{N,\beta,h}^\omega(s_1, \dots, s_N) = \frac{1}{Z_{N,\beta,h}^\omega} \exp \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N (\beta \omega_i + h) \mathbb{1}_{\{s_i=0\}} \right\} \mathbb{1}_{\{s_N=0\}} \cdot P(s_1, \dots, s_N).$$

$\mathbb{1}_{\{s_i=0\}} \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{1}_{\{i \in \tau\}}$ , where

$\tau = \{\tau_0 = 0, \tau_1, \tau_2, \dots\} = \{n : S_n = 0\}$  **Renewal Process**

# Assumptions (Renewal Process)

$$\tau = \{\tau_0 = 0, \tau_1, \tau_2, \dots\} \quad \text{Renewal Process}$$

## Assumptions

$K(n) := P(\tau_1 = n)$  probability on  $\mathbb{N}$ ,

$$K(n) \cong e^{-Cn^\gamma} \quad \gamma \in (0, 1)$$

+ "local regularity".

# Goal

Behavior of the Pinning Model  $\Rightarrow$

Behavior of the Renewal Process  $\Rightarrow$  consider  $\tau/N \cap [0, 1]$ .

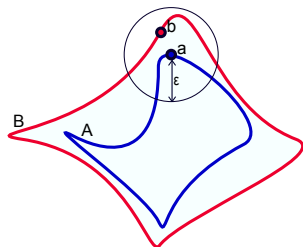
- look at  $\tau/N \cap [0, 1]$  as r.v. in the space of *all closed subsets of  $[0, 1]$  (which contain  $0, 1$ )*.
- Equip it with **Hausdorff distance**:

**Hausdorff distance**:

$$d_H(A, B) < \varepsilon \stackrel{\text{Def.}}{\iff}$$

$$\forall a \in A, \exists b \in B : |a - b| < \varepsilon$$

and vice-versa, interchanging  $A$  and  $B$ .



# Concentration & Convergence

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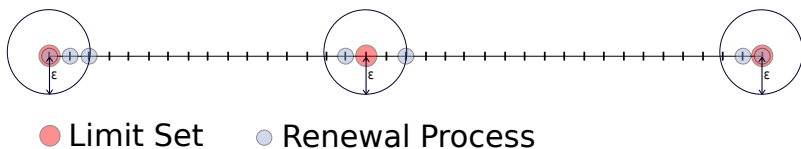
- $\beta = \beta_N = \hat{\beta} N^{\gamma - \frac{1}{\xi}} \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .
- $h < 0$  fixed

Theorem ( T., 2014)

For any  $\hat{\beta} > 0$  there exists a **universal** closed subset  $\hat{I}_{\hat{\beta}, \infty}^W \subset [0, 1]$  such that

$$\tau/N \cap [0, 1] \xrightarrow{(d)} \hat{I}_{\hat{\beta}, \infty}^W$$

in the Hausdorff metric.





# Random Critical Point

## Theorem (T., 2014)

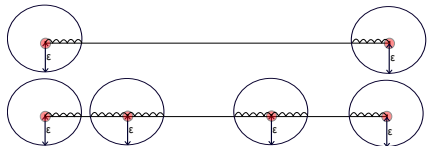
- ① There exists  $\hat{\beta}_c^w(h)$  random variable s.t.

$$\gamma_{\hat{\beta}, \infty}^w = \begin{cases} \text{---} & \hat{\beta} < \hat{\beta}_c^w(h) \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} & \hat{\beta} > \hat{\beta}_c^w(h) \end{cases}$$

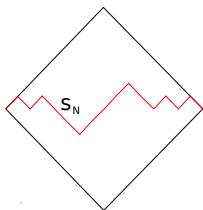
- ②  $\hat{\beta}_c^w(h) > 0$  for a.e.- $w$  and for any choice of  $\xi, \gamma \in (0, 1)$ .

$\hat{\beta}$  small, "weak disorder"

$\hat{\beta}$  big, "strong disorder"



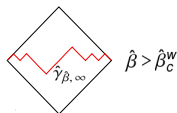
# Directed polymers in random environment with heavy tails



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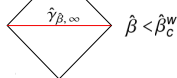
$$P_{N,\beta}(s) = \frac{e^{\beta \sum_i \omega_i s_i}}{Z_{N,\beta}} P(s)$$

- $\beta = \hat{\beta} N^{1-\frac{2}{\xi}} \Rightarrow \exists \hat{\gamma}_{\hat{\beta},\infty} : s_N \xrightarrow{(d)} \hat{\gamma}_{\hat{\beta},\infty}$



$$\hat{\beta} > \hat{\beta}_c^w$$

- $\exists \hat{\beta}_c^w$  random critical point



$$\hat{\beta} < \hat{\beta}_c^w$$

- $\beta_c^w = 0$  if  $\xi \in [1/2, 2)$  and  $\beta_c^w > 0$  if  $\xi \in [0, 1/3)$

**Improved:**  $\beta_c^w > 0$  also  $\xi \in [1/3, 1/2)$ .

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# Perspectives

- Universality for weak disorder : *free energy of directed polymer in random environment.*
- Structure of  $\hat{I}_{\hat{\beta}, \infty}$ . Finite number of points?
- Renewal process with polynomial tails (and Heavy-Tailed disorder). Different limit structure?

Thanks for your attention!