

# Tensor Models

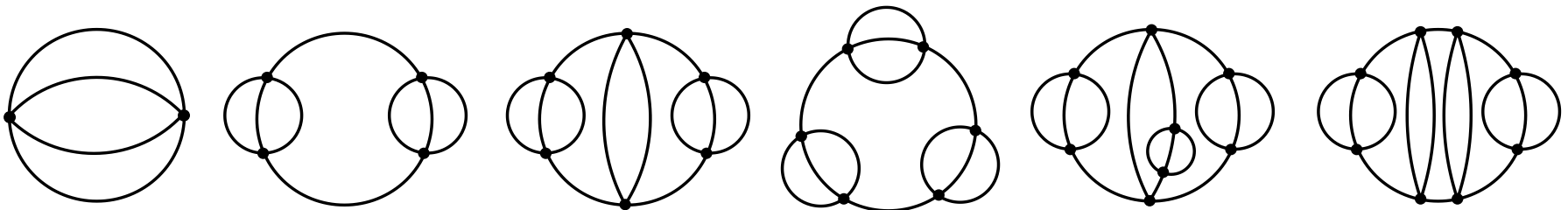
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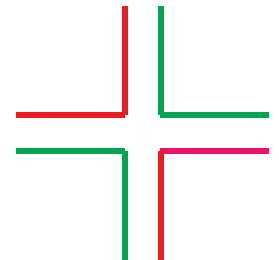
# Three Large N Limits

- $O(N)$  Vector: solvable because the bubble diagrams can be summed.
- Matrix ('t Hooft) Limit: planar diagrams. Solvable only in special cases.
- Tensor of rank three and higher. When interactions are specially chosen, dominated by the melonic (ladder) diagrams. Bonzom, Gurau, Riello, Rivasseau; Carrozza, Tanasa; Witten; IK, Tarnopolsky

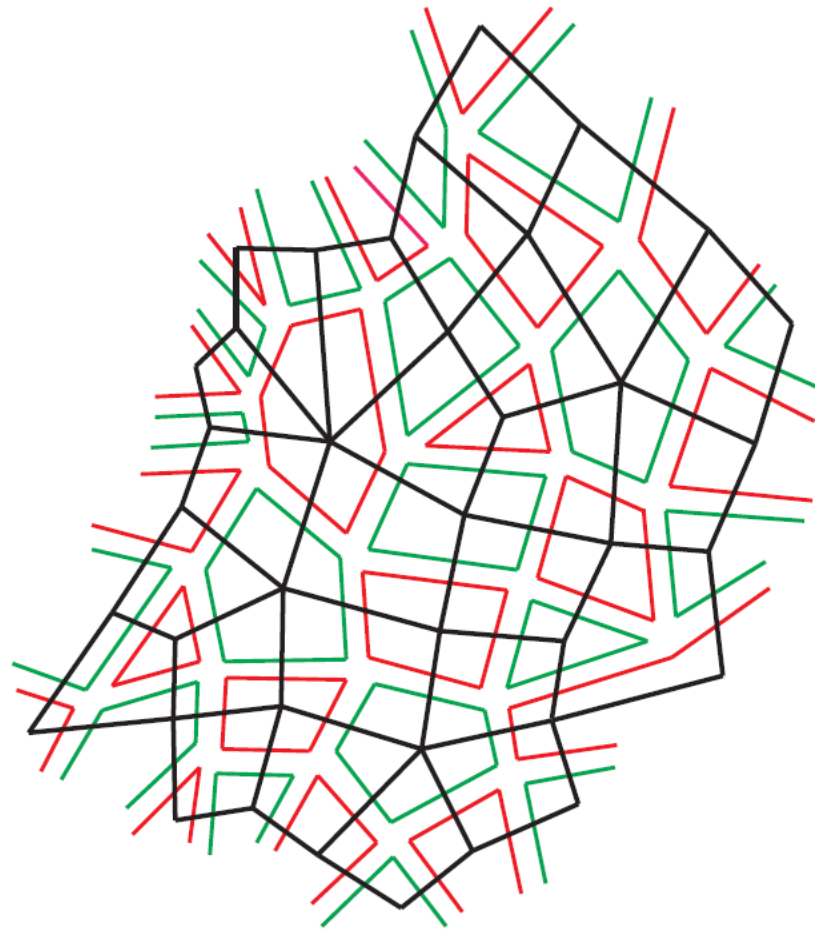


# $O(N) \times O(N)$ Matrix Model

- Theory of real matrices  $\phi^{ab}$  with distinguishable indices, i.e. in the bi-fundamental representation of  $O(N)_a \times O(N)_b$  symmetry.
- The interaction is at least quartic:  $g \text{tr} \phi \phi^T \phi \phi^T$
- Propagators are represented by colored double lines, and the interaction vertex is
- In  $d=0$  or  $1$  special limits describe two-dimensional quantum gravity.



- In the large  $N$  limit where  $gN$  is held fixed we find planar Feynman graphs, and each index loop may be red or green.
- The dual graphs shown in black may be thought of as random surfaces tiled with squares whose vertices have alternating colors (red, green, red, green).



# From Bi- to Tri-Fundamentals

- For a 3-tensor with distinguishable indices the propagator has index structure

$$\langle \phi^{abc} \phi^{a'b'c'} \rangle = \delta^{aa'} \delta^{bb'} \delta^{cc'}$$

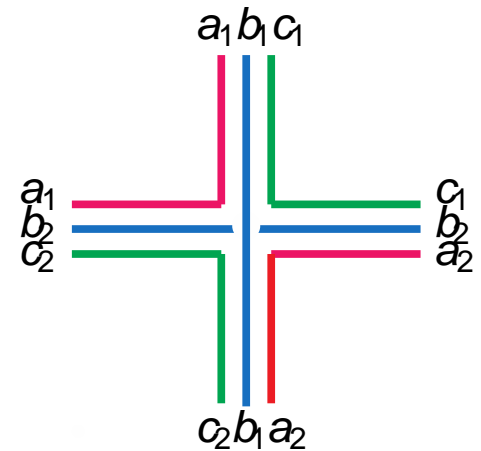
- It may be represented graphically by 3 colored wires



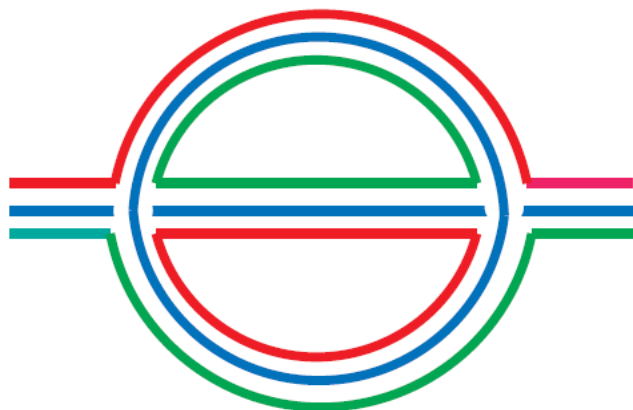
- Tetrahedral** interaction with  $O(N)_a \times O(N)_b \times O(N)_c$  symmetry

Carrozza, Tanasa; IK, Tarnopolsky

$$\frac{1}{4} g \phi^{a_1 b_1 c_1} \phi^{a_1 b_2 c_2} \phi^{a_2 b_1 c_2} \phi^{a_2 b_2 c_1}$$



- Leading correction to the propagator has 3 index loops

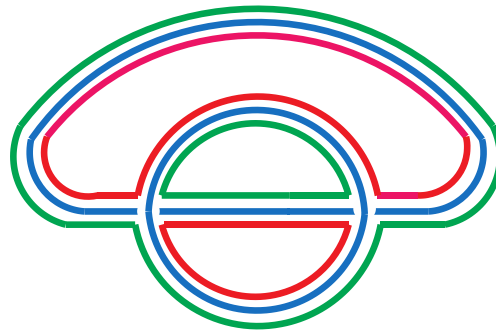
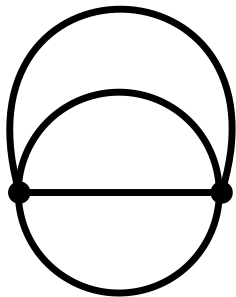


- Requiring that this “melon” insertion is of order 1 means that  $\lambda = gN^{3/2}$  must be held fixed in the large N limit.
- Melonic graphs obtained by iterating

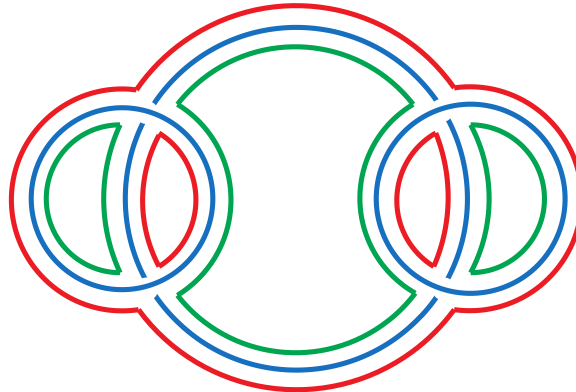
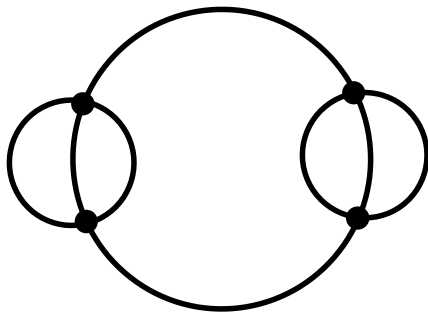


# Cables and Wires

- The Feynman graphs of the quartic field theory may be resolved in terms of the colored wires (triple lines)  $\lambda = gN^{3/2}$



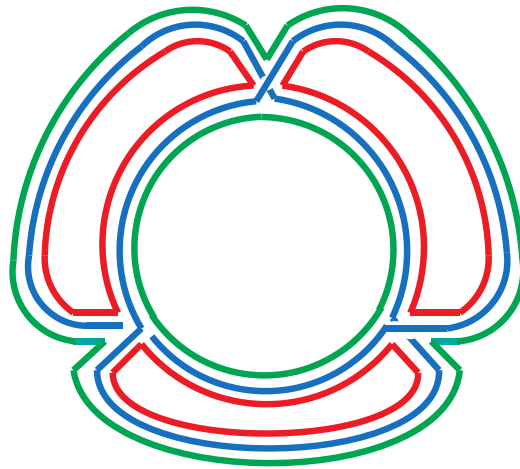
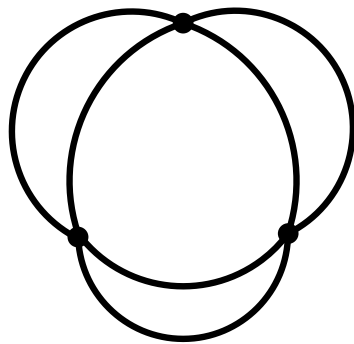
$$g^2 N^6 \sim N^3 \lambda^2$$



$$g^4 N^9 \sim N^3 \lambda^4$$

# Non-Melonic Graphs

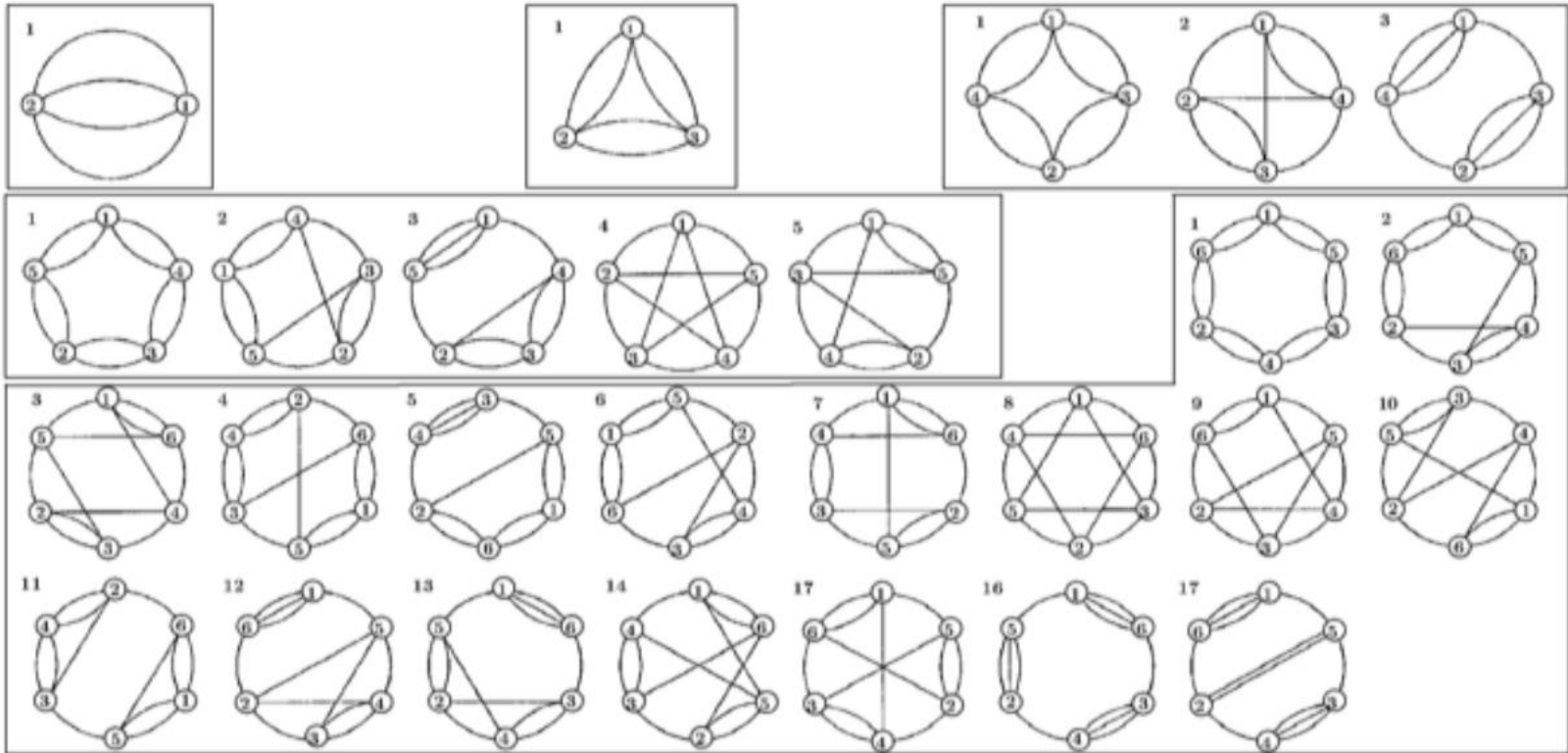
- Most Feynman graphs in the quartic field theory are not melonic and are therefore subdominant in the new large  $N$  limit, e.g.



- Scales as  $g^3 N^6 \sim N^3 \lambda^3 N^{-3/2}$
- None of the graphs with an odd number of vertices are melonic.



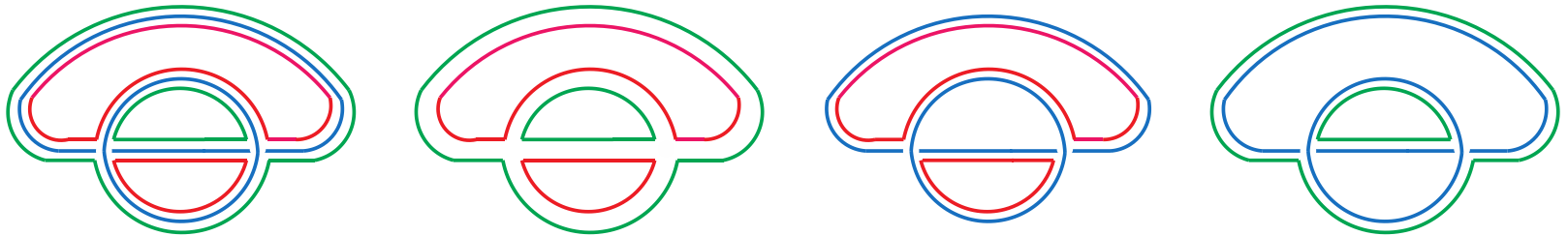
- Here is the list of snail-free vacuum graphs up to 6 vertices Kleinert, Schulte-Frohlinde



- Only 4 out of these 27 graphs are melonic.
- The number of melonic graphs with  $p$  vertices grows as  $C^p$  Bonzom, Gurau, Riello, Rivasseau

# Large N Scaling

- “Forgetting” one color we get a double-line graph.



- The number of loops in a double-line graph is  $f = \chi + e - v$  where  $\chi$  is the Euler characteristic,  $e$  is the number of edges, and  $v$  is the number of vertices,  $e = 2v$
- If we erase the blue lines we get  $f_{rg} = \chi_{rg} + v$

- Adding up such formulas, we find

$$f_{bg} + f_{rg} + f_{br} = 2(f_b + f_g + f_r) = \chi_{bg} + \chi_{br} + \chi_{rg} + 3v$$

- The total number of index loops is

$$f_{\text{total}} = f_b + f_g + f_r = \frac{3v}{2} + 3 - g_{bg} - g_{br} - g_{rg}$$

- The genus of a graph is  $g = 1 - \chi/2$

- Since  $g \geq 0$ , for a “maximal graph” which dominates at large N all its subgraphs must

have genus zero:  $f_{\text{total}} = 3 + 3v/2$

- Scales as  $N^3 (gN^{3/2})^v$

- In the 3-tensor models  $\lambda = gN^{3/2}$  must be held fixed in the large N limit.

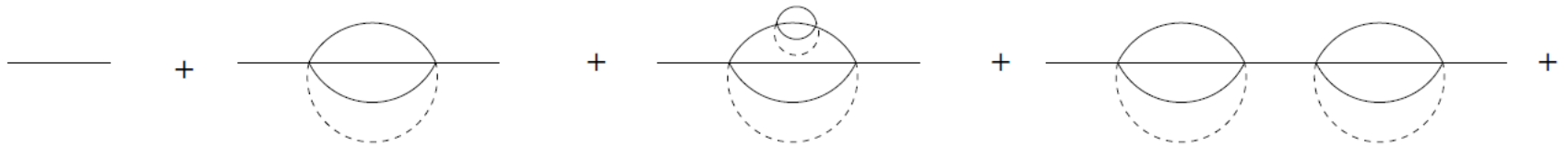
# The Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev Model

- Quantum mechanics of a large number  $N_{\text{SYK}}$  of anti-commuting variables with action

$$I = \int dt \left( \frac{i}{2} \sum_i \psi_i \frac{d}{dt} \psi_i - i^{q/2} j_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_q} \psi_{i_1} \psi_{i_2} \dots \psi_{i_q} \right)$$

- Random couplings  $j$  have a Gaussian distribution with zero mean.
- The model flows to strong coupling and becomes nearly conformal. Georges, Parcollet, Sachdev; Kitaev; Polchinski, Rosenhaus; Maldacena, Stanford; Jevicki, Suzuki, Yoon; ...

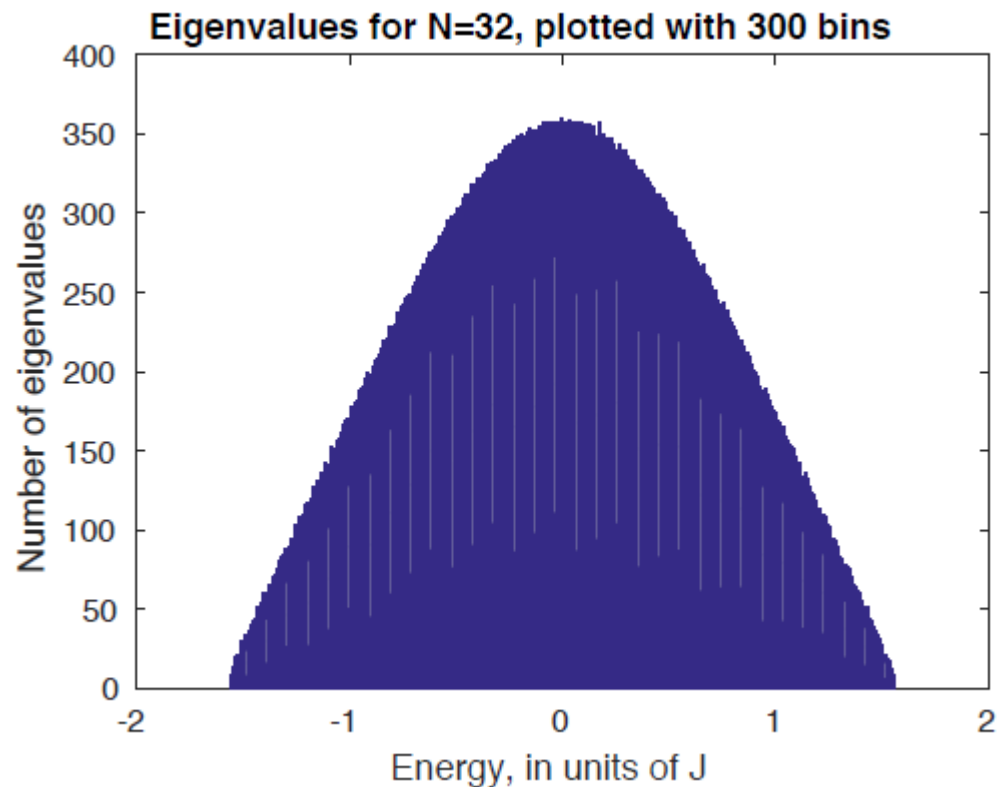
- The simplest interesting case is  $q=4$ .
- Exactly solvable in the large  $N_{\text{SYK}}$  limit because only the melon Feynman diagrams contribute



- Solid lines are fermion propagators, while dashed lines mean disorder average.
- The exact solution shows resemblance with physics of certain two-dimensional black holes. Kitaev; Almheiri, Polchinski; Sachdev; Maldacena, Stanford, Yang;

Engelsoy, Merten, Verlinde; Jensen; ...

- Spectrum for a single realization of  $N_{\text{SYK}}=32$  model with  $q=4$ . Maldacena, Stanford
- No exact degeneracies, but the gaps are exponentially small. Large low T entropy.



# SYK-Like Tensor Quantum Mechanics

- E. Witten, “An SYK-Like Model Without Disorder,” arXiv: 1610.09758.
- Appeared on the evening of Halloween: October 31, 2016.



- It is sometimes tempting to change the term “melon diagrams” to “pumpkin diagrams.”

# The Gurau-Witten Model

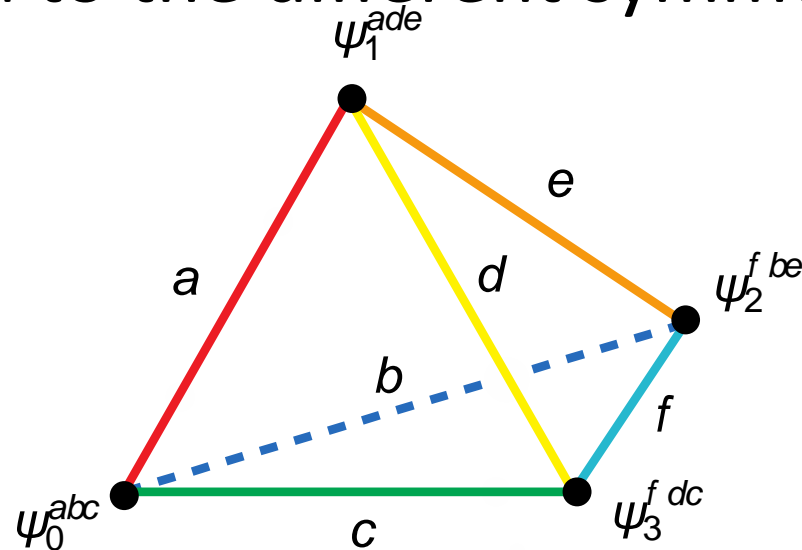
- This model is called “colored” in the random tensor literature because the anti-commuting 3-tensor fields  $\psi_A^{abc}$  carry a label  $A=0,1,2,3$ .

$$S_{\text{Gurau-Witten}} = \int dt \left( \frac{i}{2} \psi_A^{abc} \partial_t \psi_A^{abc} + g \psi_0^{abc} \psi_1^{ade} \psi_2^{fbe} \psi_3^{fdc} \right)$$

- Perhaps more natural to call it “**flavored.**”
- The model has  $O(N)^6$  symmetry with each tensor in a tri-fundamental under a different subset of the six symmetry groups.
- Contains  $4N^3$  Majorana fermions.



- The 4 different fields may be associated with 4 vertices of a tetrahedron, and the 6 edges correspond to the different symmetry groups:



- As stressed by Witten, it may be advantageous to gauge the  $SO(N)^6$  symmetry.
- This would make it a candidate gauge/gravity correspondence.

# The $O(N)^3$ Model

- A pruned version: there are  $N^3$  Majorana fermions IK, Tarnopolsky

$$\{\psi^{abc}, \psi^{a'b'c'}\} = \delta^{aa'} \delta^{bb'} \delta^{cc'}$$

$$H = \frac{g}{4} \psi^{abc} \psi^{ab'c'} \psi^{a'bc'} \psi^{a'b'c} - \frac{g}{16} N^4$$

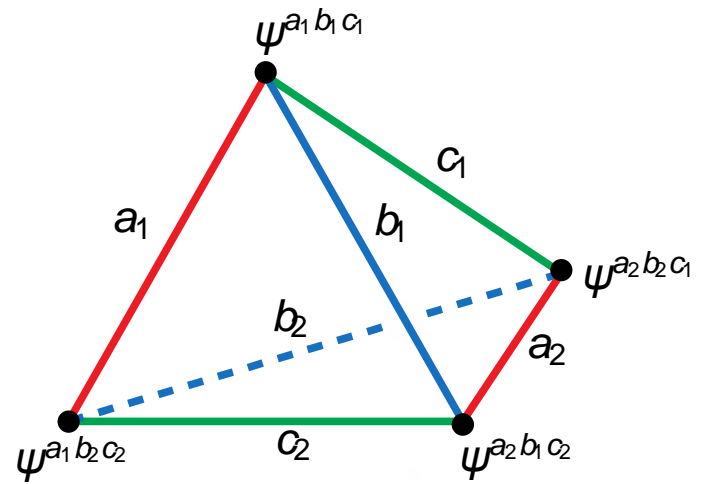
- Has  $O(N)_a \times O(N)_b \times O(N)_c$  symmetry under

$$\psi^{abc} \rightarrow M_1^{aa'} M_2^{bb'} M_3^{cc'} \psi^{a'b'c'}, \quad M_1, M_2, M_3 \in O(N)$$

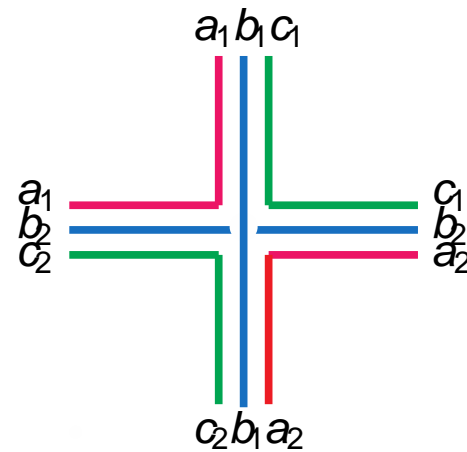
- The  $SO(N)$  symmetry charges are

$$Q_1^{aa'} = \frac{i}{2} [\psi^{abc}, \psi^{a'bc}], \quad Q_2^{bb'} = \frac{i}{2} [\psi^{abc}, \psi^{ab'c}], \quad Q_3^{cc'} = \frac{i}{2} [\psi^{abc}, \psi^{abc'}]$$

- The 3-tensors may be associated with indistinguishable vertices of a tetrahedron.



- This is equivalent to

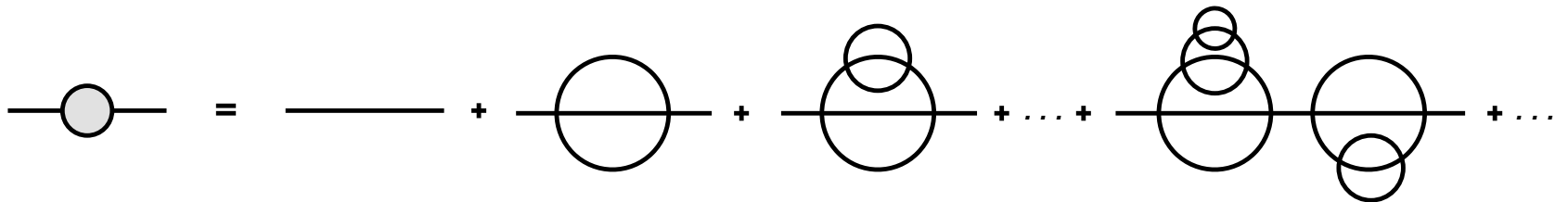


- The 3-line Feynman graphs are produced using the propagator

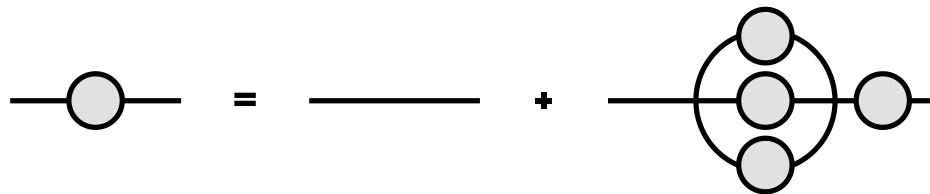


# Schwinger-Dyson Equations

- Some are the same as in the SYK model Kitaev; Polchinski, Rosenhaus; Maldacena, Stanford; Jevicki, Suzuki, Yoon



$$G(t_1 - t_2) = G_0(t_1 - t_2) + g^2 N^3 \int dt dt' G_0(t_1 - t) G(t - t')^3 G(t' - t_2)$$

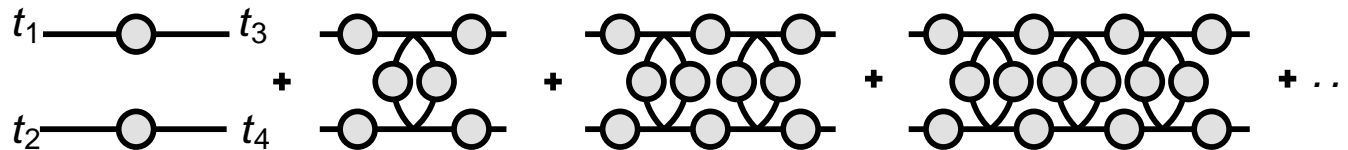
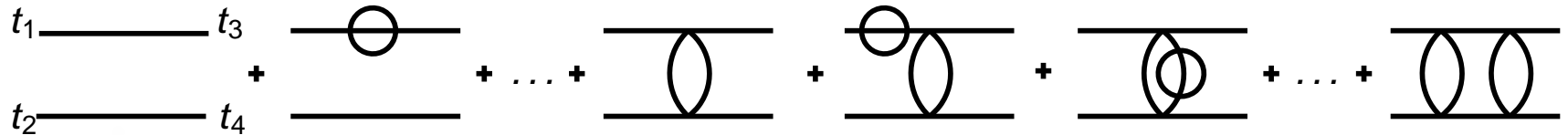


- Neglecting the left-hand side in IR we find

$$G(t_1 - t_2) = - \left( \frac{1}{4\pi g^2 N^3} \right)^{1/4} \frac{\text{sgn}(t_1 - t_2)}{|t_1 - t_2|^{1/2}}$$

- Four point function

$$\langle \psi^{a_1 b_1 c_1}(t_1) \psi^{a_1 b_1 c_1}(t_2) \psi^{a_2 b_2 c_2}(t_3) \psi^{a_2 b_2 c_2}(t_4) \rangle = N^6 G(t_{12}) G(t_{34}) + \Gamma(t_1, \dots, t_4)$$



- If we denote by  $\Gamma_n$  the ladder with n rungs

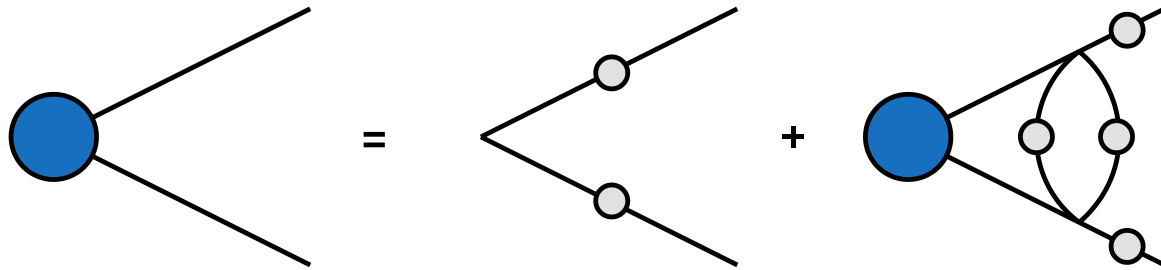
$$\Gamma = \sum_n \Gamma_n$$

$$\Gamma_{n+1}(t_1, \dots, t_4) = \int dt dt' K(t_1, t_2; t, t') \Gamma_n(t, t', t_3, t_4)$$

$$K(t_1, t_2; t_3, t_4) = -3g^2 N^3 G(t_{13}) G(t_{24}) G(t_{34})^2$$

# Spectrum of two-particle operators

- S-D equation for the three-point function Gross, Rosenhaus



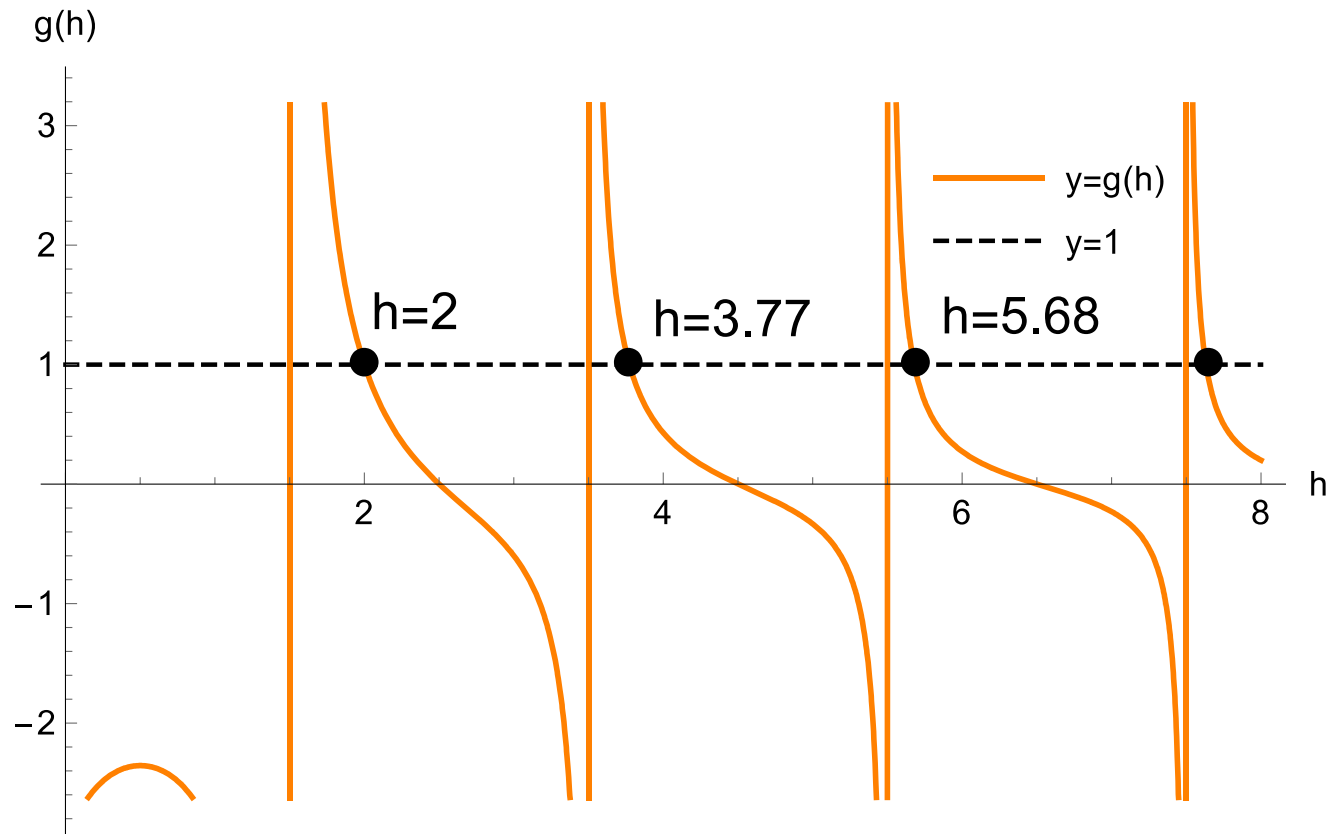
$$v(t_0, t_1, t_2) = g(h) \int dt_3 dt_4 K(t_1, t_2; t_3, t_4) v(t_0, t_3, t_4)$$

$$v(t_0, t_1, t_2) = \langle O_2^n(t_0) \psi^{abc}(t_1) \psi^{abc}(t_2) \rangle = \frac{\text{sgn}(t_1 - t_2)}{|t_0 - t_1|^h |t_0 - t_2|^h |t_1 - t_2|^{1/2-h}}$$

- Scaling dimensions of operators  $O_2^n = \psi^{abc} (D_t^n \psi)^{abc}$

$$g(h) = -\frac{3 \tan(\frac{\pi}{2}(h - \frac{1}{2}))}{2(h - 1/2)} = 1$$

- The first solution is  $h=2$ ; dual to dilaton gravity.

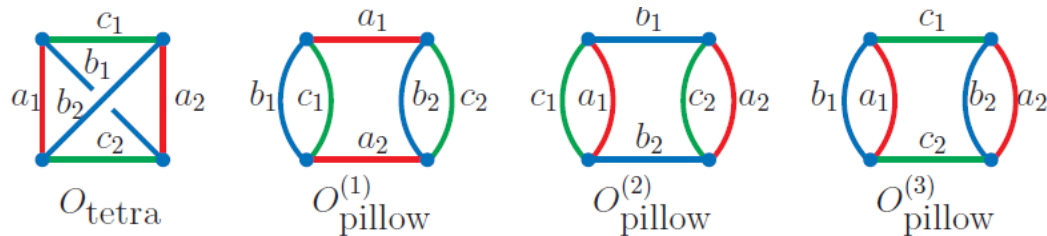


- The higher scaling dimensions are

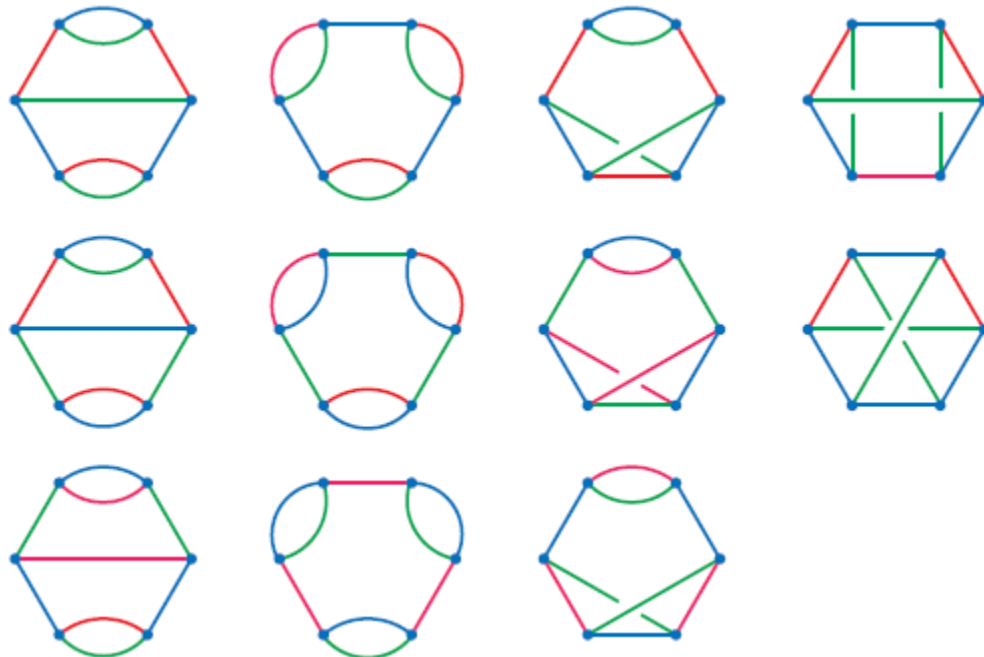
$$h \approx 3.77, 5.68, 7.63, 9.60 \text{ approaching } h_n \rightarrow n + \frac{1}{2}$$

# Gauge Invariant Operators

- Bilinear operators related by the EOM to some of the higher particle “single-sum” operators.

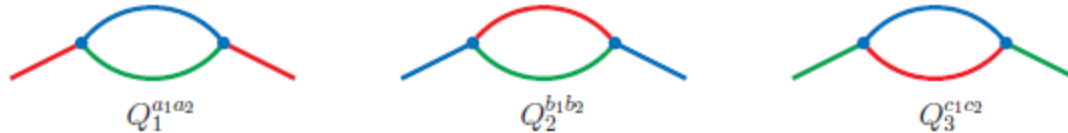


- All the 6-particle operators vanish by the Fermi statistics in the theory of one Majorana tensor

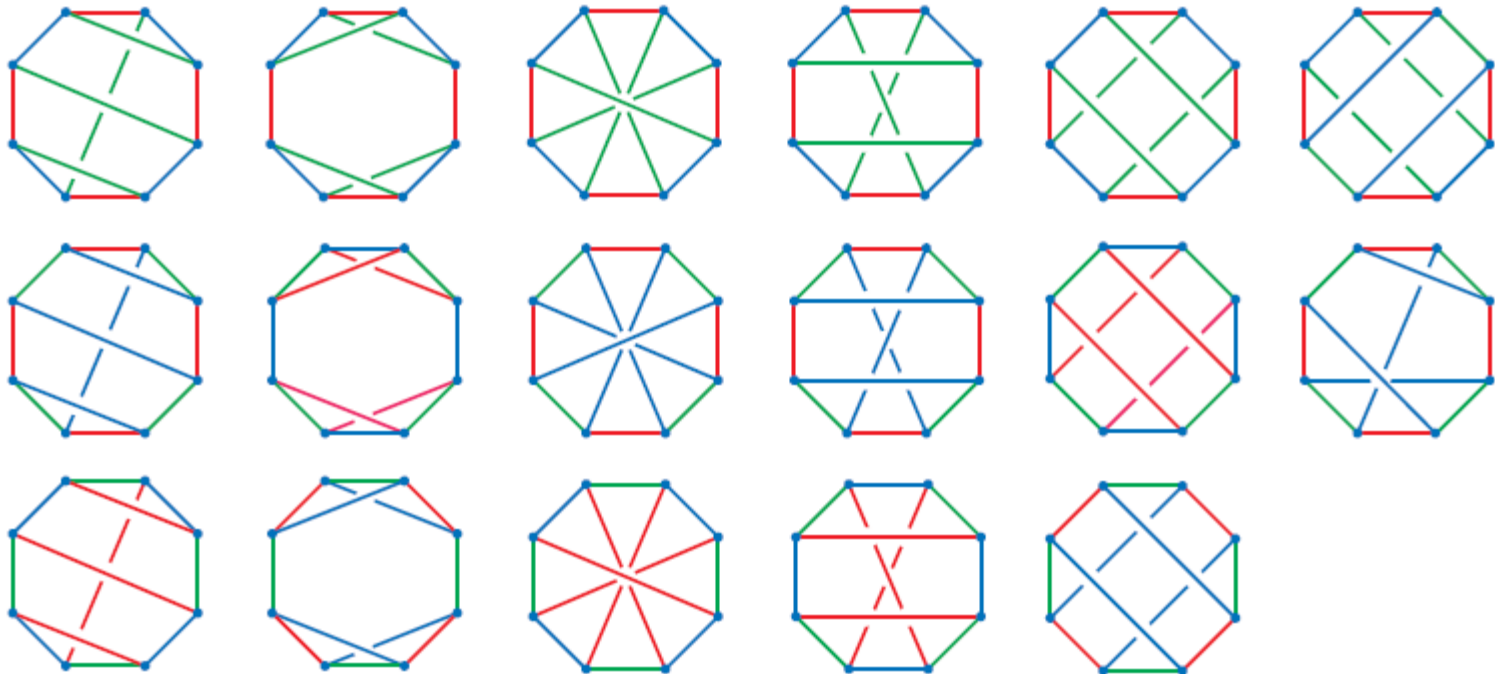




- The bubbles come from  $O(N)$  charges and vanish in the gauged model:



- The 17 single-sum 8-particle operators which do not include bubble insertions are



# Factorial Growth

- There are 24 bubble-free 10-particle; 617 12-particle; 4887 14-particle; 82466 16-particle operators; etc.
- The number of  $(2k)$ -particle operators grows asymptotically as  $k! 2^k$ . Bulycheva, IK, Milekhin, Tarnopolsky
- The Hagedorn temperature of the large  $N$  theory vanishes as  $1/\log N$ .
- The tensor models seem to lie “beyond string theory.”
- Are they related to M-theory?

# Spectra of Energy Eigenstates

- Generalize the Majorana tensor model to have  $O(N_1) \times O(N_2) \times O(N_3)$  symmetry

- The traceless Hamiltonian is

$$H = \frac{g}{4} \psi^{abc} \psi^{ab'c'} \psi^{a'bc'} \psi^{a'b'c} - \frac{g}{16} N_1 N_2 N_3 (N_1 - N_2 + N_3)$$

$$\{\psi^{abc}, \psi^{a'b'c'}\} = \delta^{aa'} \delta^{bb'} \delta^{cc'}$$

$$a = 1, \dots, N_1; b = 1, \dots, N_2; c = 1, \dots, N_3$$

- The Hilbert space has dimension  $2^{[N_1 N_2 N_3 / 2]}$
- Eigenstates of H form irreducible representations of the symmetry.

# Complete Diagonalizations

- **Generally possible only for small ranks.** Krishnan, Pavan Kumar, Sanyal, Bala Subramanian, Rosa; Chaudhuri et al.; IK, Roberts, Stanford, Tarnopolsky
- **For example** IK, Milekhin, Popov, Tarnopolsky

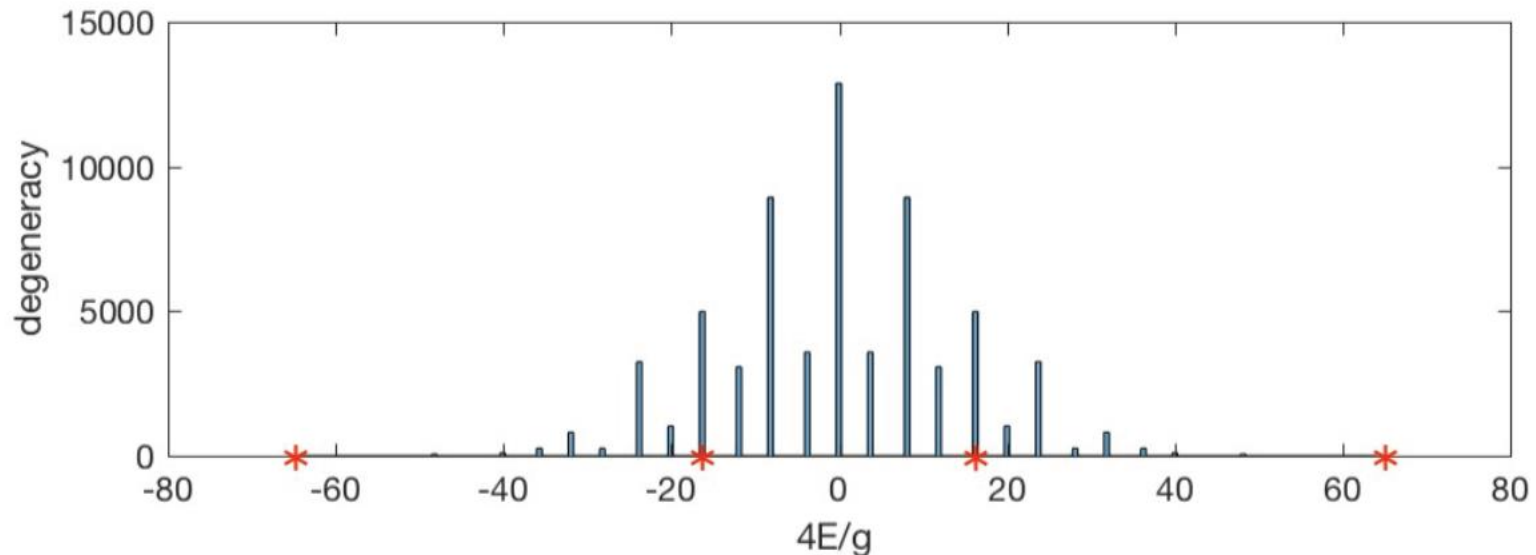


Figure 1: Spectrum of the  $O(4)^2 \times O(2)$  model. There are four singlet states, and the stars mark their energies.

$$\pm 16g \text{ and } \pm 4g$$

- Spectra for  $N_3=2$
- For the  $O(2)^3$  model only two singlets at energies  $-2g$  and  $2g$ .

$(N_1, N_2)$	(2,2)	(2,3)	(3,3)	(2,4)	(3,4)	(4,4)
$\frac{4}{g}E_{\text{degeneracy}}$	-8 <sub>1</sub>	-13 <sub>2</sub>	-20 <sub>6</sub>	-24 <sub>1</sub>	-34 <sub>6</sub>	-64 <sub>1</sub>
	0 <sub>14</sub>	-7 <sub>6</sub>	-16 <sub>18</sub>	-16 <sub>2</sub>	-28 <sub>24</sub>	-48 <sub>55</sub>
	8 <sub>1</sub>	-3 <sub>2</sub>	-12 <sub>16</sub>	-12 <sub>16</sub>	-24 <sub>8</sub>	-40 <sub>106</sub>
		-1 <sub>22</sub>	-8 <sub>60</sub>	-8 <sub>23</sub>	-22 <sub>76</sub>	-36 <sub>256</sub>
		1 <sub>22</sub>	-4 <sub>42</sub>	-4 <sub>16</sub>	-20 <sub>40</sub>	-32 <sub>810</sub>
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# Energy Bounds

- The bound on the singlet ground state energy

IK, Milekhin, Popov, Tarnopolsky

$$|E| \leq E_{bound} = \frac{g}{16} N^3 (N + 2) \sqrt{N - 1}$$

- In the melonic limit, this correctly scales as  $N^3$ .
- The gap to the lowest non-singlet state scales as  $1/N$ .
- For unequal ranks the bound is

$$|E| \leq \frac{g}{16} N_1 N_2 N_3 (N_1 N_2 N_3 + N_1^2 + N_2^2 + N_3^2 - 4)^{1/2}$$

# A Fermionic Matrix Model

- For  $N_3=2$  the bound simplifies to

$$|E|_{N_3=2} \leq \frac{g}{8} N_1 N_2 (N_1 + N_2)$$

- Saturated by the ground state.
- This is a fermionic matrix model with symmetry

$$O(N_1) \times O(N_2) \times U(1)$$

$$\bar{\psi}_{ab} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\psi^{ab1} + i\psi^{ab2}), \quad \psi_{ab} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\psi^{ab1} - i\psi^{ab2})$$

$$\{\bar{\psi}_{ab}, \bar{\psi}_{a'b'}\} = \{\psi_{ab}, \psi_{a'b'}\} = 0, \quad \{\bar{\psi}_{ab}, \psi_{a'b'}\} = \delta_{aa'} \delta_{bb'}$$

- The traceless Hamiltonian is

$$H = \frac{g}{2} (\bar{\psi}_{ab} \bar{\psi}_{ab'} \psi_{a'b} \psi_{a'b'} - \bar{\psi}_{ab} \bar{\psi}_{a'b} \psi_{ab'} \psi_{a'b'}) + \frac{g}{8} N_1 N_2 (N_2 - N_1)$$

- May be expressed in terms of quadratic Casimirs

$$-\frac{g}{2} \left( 4C_2^{SU(N_1)} - C_2^{SO(N_1)} + C_2^{SO(N_2)} + \frac{2}{N_1} Q^2 + (N_2 - N_1)Q - \frac{1}{4} N_1 N_2 (N_1 + N_2) \right)$$

- $SU(N_1) \times SU(N_2)$  is not a symmetry here but an enveloping algebra (there is a simpler model introduced by Anninos and Silva, where it is a symmetry).
- For all  $N_1, N_2$ , the energy levels are integers in units of  $g/4$ .



# Gauge Singlets

- To eliminate large degeneracies, focus on the states invariant under  $SO(N_1) \times SO(N_2) \times SO(N_3)$
- Their number can be found by gauging the free theory

$$L = \psi^I \partial_t \psi^I + \psi^I A_{IJ} \psi^J$$

$$A = A^1 \otimes \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes A^2 \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} \otimes A^3$$

$$\# \text{singlet states} = \int d\lambda_G^N \prod_{a=1}^{M/2} 2 \cos(\lambda_a/2)$$

$$d\lambda_{SO(2n)} = \prod_{i < j}^n \sin\left(\frac{x_i - x_j}{2}\right)^2 \sin\left(\frac{x_i + x_j}{2}\right)^2 dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

# Gauge Singlets in the Matrix Model

- Their number grows slowly. For  $N_1=N_2=10$  only 24 singlets out of  $2^{100}$  states.

$(N_1, N_2)$	# singlet states
(4,4)	4
(6,4)	4
(6,6)	4
(8,4)	6
(8,6)	8
(8,8)	18
(10,4)	6
(10,6)	8
(10,8)	20
(10,10)	24

Table 3: Number of singlet states in the  $O(N_1) \times O(N_2) \times O(2)$  model

# Gauge Singlets in the $O(N)^3$ Model

- Their number vanishes for odd  $N$  due to a QM anomaly for odd numbers of flavors.
- Grows very rapidly for even  $N$

$N$	# singlet states
2	2
4	36
6	595354780

Table 1: Number of singlet states in the  $O(N)^3$  model

$$\# \text{singlet states} \sim \exp \left( \frac{N^3}{2} \log 2 - \frac{3N^2}{2} \log N + O(N^2) \right)$$

- The large low-temperature entropy suggests tiny gaps for singlet excitations  $\sim c^{-N^3}$

# Spectrum of the Gauged N=4 Model

- Work in progress on this system of **32 qubits** with K. Pakrouski, F. Popov and G. Tarnopolsky.
- Need to isolate the **36 states** invariant under  $SO(4)^3$  out of the **601080390 “half-filled” states** (those with 16 ones and 16 zeros).
- Diagonalize  $4H/g + 100 C$  where  $C$  is the sum of three Casimir operators.
- A Lanczos type algorithm is well suited for this sparse operator.
- Find **15 distinct  $SO(4)^3$  invariant energy levels**:  $E=0$  and 7 “mirror pairs” ( $E, -E$ ).

# Discrete Symmetries

- Act within the  $SO(N)^3$  invariant sector and can lead to small degeneracies.
- $Z_2$  parity transformation within each group like

$$\psi^{1bc} \rightarrow -\psi^{1bc}$$

- Interchanges of the groups flip the energy

$$P_{23}\psi^{abc}P_{23} = \psi^{acb} , \quad P_{12}\psi^{abc}P_{12} = \psi^{bac}$$

$$P_{23}HP_{23} = -H , \quad P_{12}HP_{12} = -H$$

- $Z_3$  symmetry generated by  $P = P_{12}P_{23}$  ,  $P^3 = 1$

$$P\psi^{abc}P^\dagger = \psi^{cab} , \quad PHP^\dagger = H$$

# Preliminary Numerical Results

- The maximum degeneracy at non-zero energy is 3.
- The lowest singlet state is non-degenerate and has  $E_0 = -40.035$  g.
- This is likely the ground state of H.
- It is not far from our lower bound  $-41.569$  g
- The next  $SO(4)^3$  invariant states are at  $-24.255$  g; they have degeneracy 3.
- The highest degeneracy is at  $E=0$ .

# Model with a Complex Fermion

- The action

$$S = \int dt \left( i\bar{\psi}^{abc} \partial_t \psi^{abc} + \frac{1}{4} g \psi^{a_1 b_1 c_1} \bar{\psi}^{a_1 b_2 c_2} \psi^{a_2 b_1 c_2} \bar{\psi}^{a_2 b_2 c_1} \right)$$

has  $SU(N) \times O(N) \times SU(N) \times U(1)$  symmetry.

- Gauge invariant two-particle operators

$$\mathcal{O}_2^n = \bar{\psi}^{abc} (D_t^n \psi)^{abc} \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

including  $\bar{\psi}^{abc} \psi^{abc}$

# Spectrum of two-particle operators

- The integral equation also admits symmetric solutions

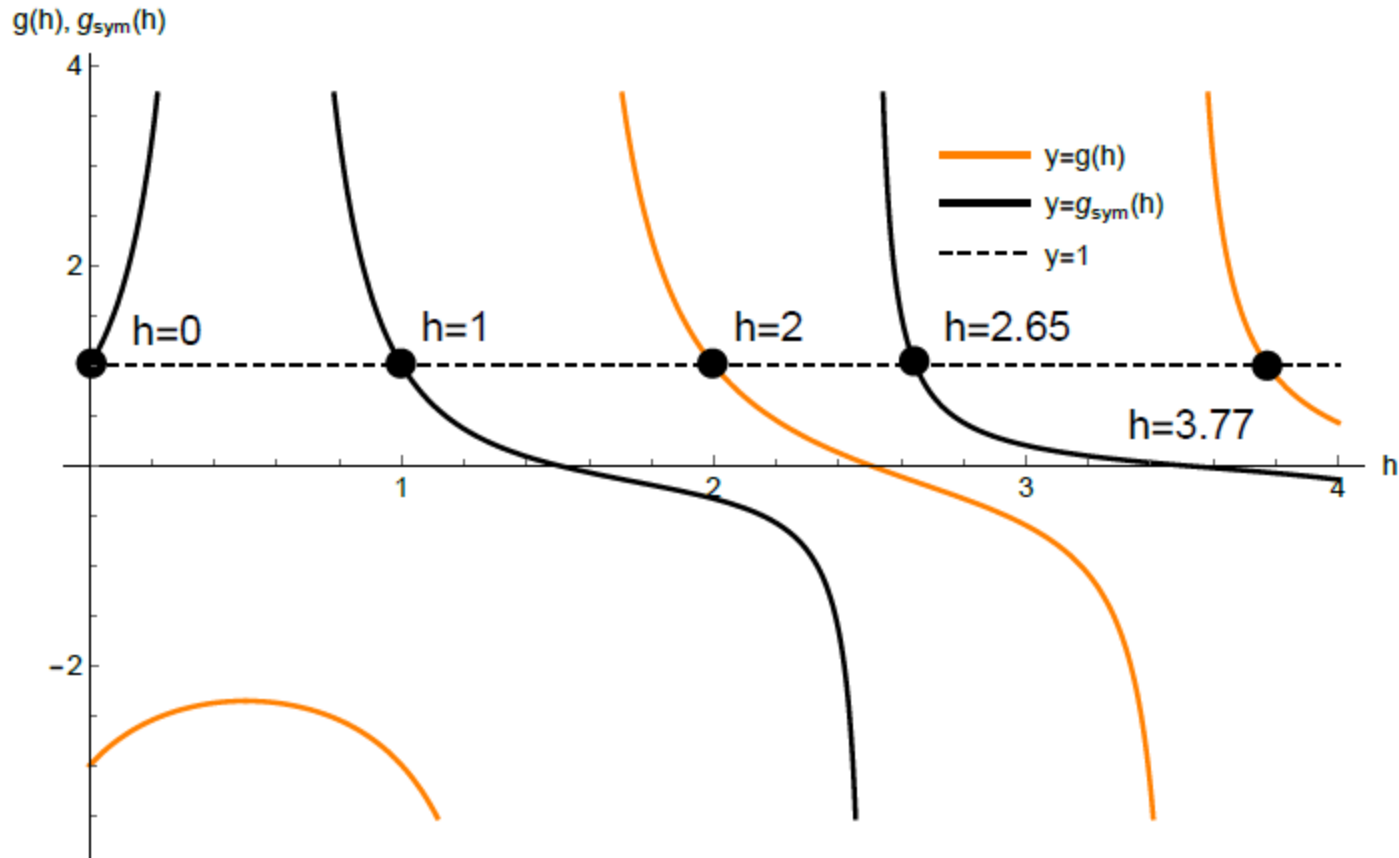
$$v(t_1, t_2) = \frac{1}{|t_1 - t_2|^{1/2-h}}$$

- Calculating the integrals we get

$$g_{\text{sym}}(h) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} l_{\frac{3}{2}-h, \frac{1}{2}}^- l_{1-h, \frac{1}{2}}^+ = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\tan(\frac{\pi}{2}(h + \frac{1}{2}))}{h - 1/2}$$

- The first solution is  $h=1$  corresponding to U(1) charge  $\bar{\psi}^{abc} \psi^{abc}$





- The additional scaling dimensions

$$h \approx 2.65, 4.58, 6.55, 8.54$$

approach 
$$h_n = n + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi n} + \mathcal{O}(n^{-3})$$

# Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev Model

$$H = \frac{1}{4!} \sum_{i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4=1}^N J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \chi_{i_1} \chi_{i_2} \chi_{i_3} \chi_{i_4}$$

- Majorana fermions  $\{\chi_i, \chi_j\} = \delta_{ij}$
- $J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}$  are Gaussian random

$$\langle J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^2 \rangle = 3! \frac{J^2}{N^3} \quad \langle J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \rangle = 0$$

- Has  $O(N_{\text{SYK}})$  symmetry after averaging over disorder



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# $O(N)^3$ Tensor Model

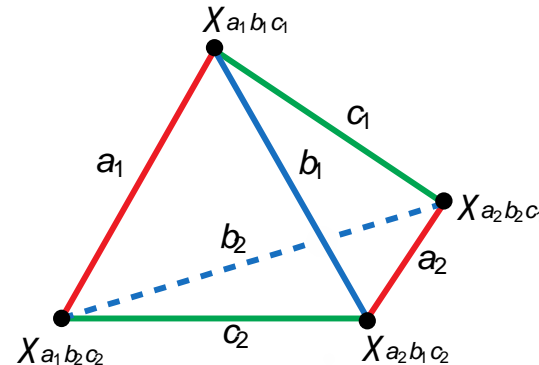
$$H = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{a_1, \dots, c_2=1}^N \frac{J}{N^{3/2}} \chi_{a_1 b_1 c_1} \chi_{a_1 b_2 c_2} \chi_{a_2 b_1 c_2} \chi_{a_2 b_2 c_1}$$

- Majorana fermions

$$\{\chi_{abc}, \chi_{a'b'c'}\} = \delta_{aa'} \delta_{bb'} \delta_{cc'}$$

- No disorder

- Has  $O(N)_a \times O(N)_b \times O(N)_c$  symmetry



# Gross-Rosenhaus Model

q=4, f=4

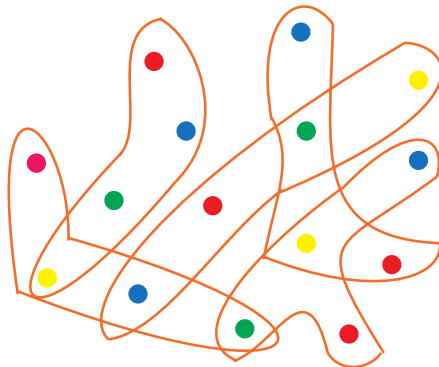
$$H = \sum_{i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4=1}^N J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \chi_{i_1}^0 \chi_{i_2}^1 \chi_{i_3}^2 \chi_{i_4}^3$$

- Majorana fermions  $\{\chi_i^a, \chi_j^b\} = \delta_{ij} \delta^{ab}$

- $J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}$  are Gaussian random

$$\langle J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^2 \rangle = 4^4 \frac{J^2}{N^3} \quad \langle J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \rangle = 0$$

- Has  $O(N_{\text{SYK}})$  x  $O(N_{\text{SYK}})$  x  $O(N_{\text{SYK}})$  x  $O(N_{\text{SYK}})$  symmetry



# Gurau-Witten Model

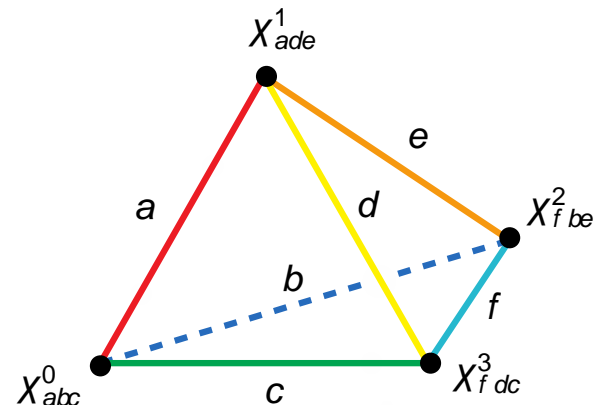
$$H = \sum_{a, \dots, f=1}^N \frac{J}{N^{3/2}} \chi_{abc}^0 \chi_{ade}^1 \chi_{fbe}^2 \chi_{fdc}^3$$

- Majorana fermions

$$\{\chi_{abc}^A, \chi_{a'b'c'}^B\} = \delta_{aa'} \delta_{bb'} \delta_{cc'} \delta^{AB}$$

- No disorder

- Has  $O(N)_a$  x  $O(N)_b$  x  $O(N)_c$  x  $O(N)_d$  x  $O(N)_e$  x  $O(N)_f$  symmetry



# Complex SYK Model

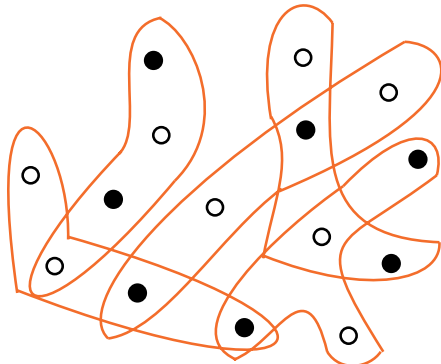
$$H = \frac{1}{4!} \sum_{i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4=1}^N J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \chi_{i_1}^\dagger \chi_{i_2}^\dagger \chi_{i_3} \chi_{i_4}$$

- Complex fermions  $\{\chi_i, \chi_j^\dagger\} = \delta_{ij}$

- $J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}$  are Gaussian random

$$\langle J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^2 \rangle = 3! \frac{J^2}{N^3} \quad \langle J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \rangle = 0$$

- Has  $U(N_{\text{SYK}})$  symmetry after averaging over disorder



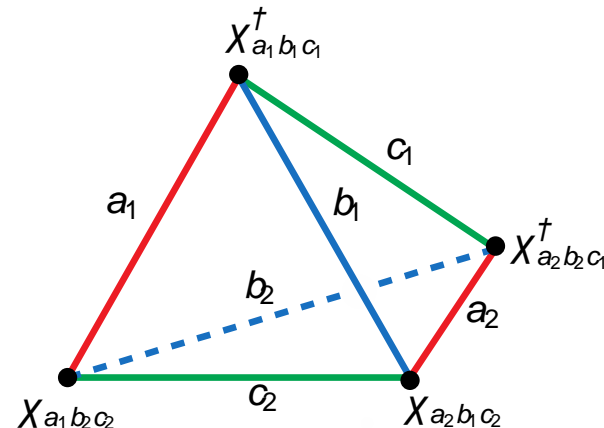
# Complex Tensor Model

$$H = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{a_1, \dots, c_2=1}^N \frac{J}{N^{3/2}} \chi_{a_1 b_1 c_1}^\dagger \chi_{a_2 b_2 c_1}^\dagger \chi_{a_1 b_2 c_2} \chi_{a_2 b_1 c_2}$$

- Complex fermions

$$\{\chi_{abc}, \chi_{a'b'c'}^\dagger\} = \delta_{aa'} \delta_{bb'} \delta_{cc'}$$

- Has  $SU(N)_a \times SU(N)_b \times O(N)_c \times U(1)$  symmetry and no disorder



# An Unstable Tensor Model

- Action with a potential that is not positive definite IK, Tarnopolsky; Giombi, IK, Tarnopolsky

$$S = \int d^d x \left( \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi^{abc} \partial^\mu \phi^{abc} + \frac{1}{4} g \phi^{a_1 b_1 c_1} \phi^{a_1 b_2 c_2} \phi^{a_2 b_1 c_2} \phi^{a_2 b_2 c_1} \right)$$

- Schwinger-Dyson equation for 2pt function Patashinsky, Pokrovsky

$$G^{-1}(p) = -\lambda^2 \int \frac{d^d k d^d q}{(2\pi)^{2d}} G(q) G(k) G(p + q + k)$$

- Has solution

$$G(p) = \lambda^{-1/2} \left( \frac{(4\pi)^d d \Gamma(\frac{3d}{4})}{4\Gamma(1 - \frac{d}{4})} \right)^{1/4} \frac{1}{(p^2)^{\frac{d}{4}}}$$

# Spectrum of two-particle spin zero operators

- Schwinger-Dyson equation

$$\int d^d x_3 d^d x_4 K(x_1, x_2; x_3, x_4) v_h(x_3, x_4) = g(h) v_h(x_1, x_2)$$

$$K(x_1, x_2; x_3, x_4) = 3\lambda^2 G(x_{13}) G(x_{24}) G(x_{34})^2$$

$$v_h(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{[(x_1 - x_2)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{d}{2} - h)}}$$

$$g_{\text{bos}}(h) = -\frac{3\Gamma\left(\frac{3d}{4}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{d}{4} - \frac{h}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{h}{2} - \frac{d}{4}\right)}{\Gamma\left(-\frac{d}{4}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{3d}{4} - \frac{h}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{d}{4} + \frac{h}{2}\right)}$$

- In  $d < 4$  the first solution is complex  $\frac{d}{2} + i\alpha(d)$

- Spectrum in  $d=1$  again includes scaling dimension  $h=2$ , suggesting the existence of a gravity dual.

- However, the leading solution is complex, which suggests that the large  $N$  CFT is

unstable Giombi, IK, Tarnopolsky  $h_0 = \frac{1}{2} + 1.525i$

- It corresponds to the operator  $\phi^{abc}\phi^{abc}$

- In  $d=4-\epsilon$

$$h_0 = 2 \pm i\sqrt{6\epsilon} - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{3/2})$$

- The dual scalar field in AdS violates the Breitenlohner-Freedman bound.

# Complex Fixed Point in 4- $\varepsilon$ Dimensions

- The tetrahedron operator

$$O_t(x) = \phi^{a_1 b_1 c_1} \phi^{a_1 b_2 c_2} \phi^{a_2 b_1 c_2} \phi^{a_2 b_2 c_1}$$

mixes with the pillow and double-sum operators

$$O_p(x) = \frac{1}{3} (\phi^{a_1 b_1 c_1} \phi^{a_1 b_1 c_2} \phi^{a_2 b_2 c_2} \phi^{a_2 b_2 c_1} + \phi^{a_1 b_1 c_1} \phi^{a_2 b_1 c_1} \phi^{a_2 b_2 c_2} \phi^{a_1 b_2 c_2} + \phi^{a_1 b_1 c_1} \phi^{a_1 b_2 c_1} \phi^{a_2 b_1 c_2} \phi^{a_2 b_2 c_2}),$$

$$O_{ds}(x) = \phi^{a_1 b_1 c_1} \phi^{a_1 b_1 c_1} \phi^{a_2 b_2 c_2} \phi^{a_2 b_2 c_2}$$

- The renormalizable action is

$$S = \int d^d x \left( \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi^{abc} \partial^\mu \phi^{abc} + \frac{1}{4} (g_1 O_t(x) + g_2 O_p(x) + g_3 O_{ds}(x)) \right)$$



- The large N scaling is

$$g_1 = \frac{(4\pi)^2 \tilde{g}_1}{N^{3/2}}, \quad g_2 = \frac{(4\pi)^2 \tilde{g}_2}{N^2}, \quad g_3 = \frac{(4\pi)^2 \tilde{g}_3}{N^3}$$

- The 2-loop beta functions and fixed points:

$$\tilde{\beta}_t = -\epsilon \tilde{g}_1 + 2\tilde{g}_1^3,$$

$$\tilde{\beta}_p = -\epsilon \tilde{g}_2 + \left(6\tilde{g}_1^2 + \frac{2}{3}\tilde{g}_2^2\right) - 2\tilde{g}_1^2 \tilde{g}_2,$$

$$\tilde{\beta}_{ds} = -\epsilon \tilde{g}_3 + \left(\frac{4}{3}\tilde{g}_2^2 + 4\tilde{g}_2 \tilde{g}_3 + 2\tilde{g}_3^2\right) - 2\tilde{g}_1^2(4\tilde{g}_2 + 5\tilde{g}_3)$$

$$\tilde{g}_1^* = (\epsilon/2)^{1/2}, \quad \tilde{g}_2^* = \pm 3i(\epsilon/2)^{1/2}, \quad \tilde{g}_3^* = \mp i(3 \pm \sqrt{3})(\epsilon/2)^{1/2}$$

- The scaling dimension of  $\phi^{abc} \phi^{abc}$  is

$$\Delta_O = d - 2 + 2(\tilde{g}_2^* + \tilde{g}_3^*) = 2 \pm i\sqrt{6\epsilon} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

# Super Melons

- May consider a supersymmetric model with “tetrahedron superpotential” IK, Tarnopolsky

$$W = \frac{1}{4} g \Phi^{a_1 b_1 c_1} \Phi^{a_1 b_2 c_2} \Phi^{a_2 b_1 c_2} \Phi^{a_2 b_2 c_1}$$

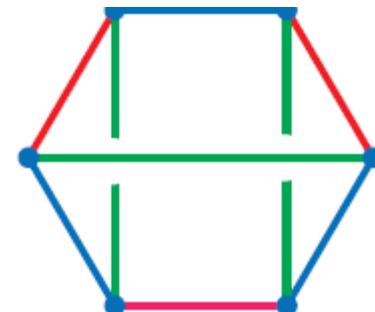
- In  $d=3$  such a theory is renormalizable, so for  $d < 3$  it may flow to an interacting superconformal theory.
- In  $d=1$  exhibits SUSY breaking. Chang, Colin-Ellerin, Rangamani
- Includes a positive sextic scalar potential.

# Stable Bosonic Model in 2.9 Dimensions

- Work in progress with S. Giombi, F. Popov, S. Prakash and G. Tarnopolsky on the theory dominated by the positive “prism” interaction

$$S = \int d^d x \left( \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi^{abc})^2 + \frac{g_1}{6!} \phi^{a_1 b_1 c_1} \phi^{a_1 b_2 c_2} \phi^{a_2 b_1 c_2} \phi^{a_3 b_3 c_1} \phi^{a_3 b_2 c_3} \phi^{a_2 b_3 c_3} \right)$$

- To obtain the large N solution it is convenient to rewrite



$$S = \int d^d x \left( \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi^{abc})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{3!} \phi^{a_1 b_1 c_1} \phi^{a_1 b_2 c_2} \phi^{a_2 b_1 c_2} \chi^{a_2 b_2 c_1} - \frac{1}{2} \chi^{abc} \chi^{abc} \right)$$

- Tensor counterpart of a bosonic SYK-like model.

Murugan, Stanford, Witten

- The IR solution in general dimension:

$$3\Delta_\phi + \Delta_\chi = d, \quad d/2 - 1 < \Delta_\phi < d/6$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(\Delta_\phi)\Gamma(d - \Delta_\phi)}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2} - \Delta_\phi)\Gamma(-\frac{d}{2} + \Delta_\phi)} = 3 \frac{\Gamma(3\Delta_\phi)\Gamma(d - 3\Delta_\phi)}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2} - 3\Delta_\phi)\Gamma(-\frac{d}{2} + 3\Delta_\phi)}$$

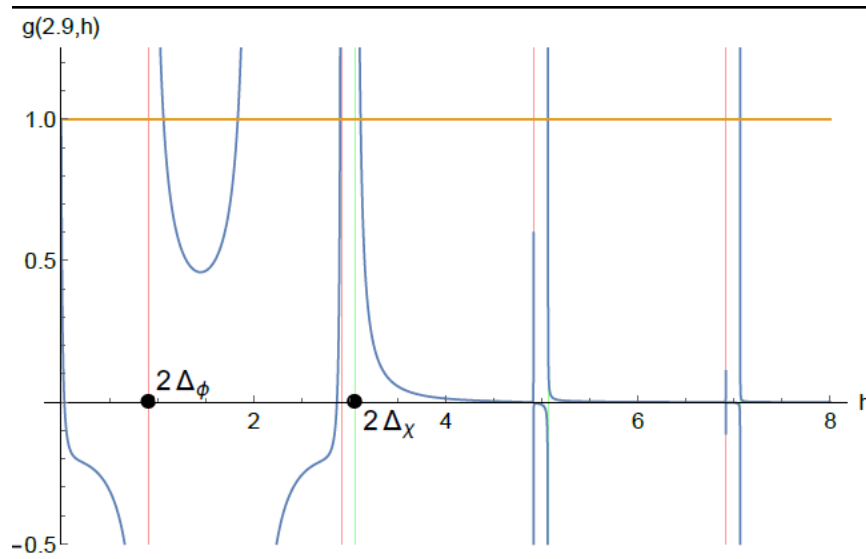
- In  $d = 3 - \epsilon$

$$\Delta_\phi = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \epsilon^2 - \frac{20\epsilon^3}{3} + \left(\frac{472}{9} + \frac{\pi^2}{3}\right)\epsilon^4 + \left(7\zeta(3) - \frac{12692}{27} - \frac{56\pi^2}{9}\right)\epsilon^5 + O(\epsilon^6)$$

- For  $d=2.9$  find numerically

$$\Delta_\phi = 0.456264, \quad \Delta_\chi = 1.53121$$

- Graphical solution for dimensions of bilinear operators in  $d=2.9$



- The first root is

$$\Delta_{\phi^2} = 1 - \epsilon + 32\epsilon^2 - \frac{976\epsilon^3}{3} + \left( \frac{30320}{9} + \frac{32\pi^2}{3} \right) \epsilon^4 + O(\epsilon^5)$$

- For  $d < 2.8056$ ,  $\Delta_{\phi^2}$  becomes complex.

# Renormalized Perturbation Theory

- For  $2.8056 < d < 3$  the large N theory is stable.
- To make the theory **renormalizable** in  $d=3$  need to add 7 more  $O(N)^3$  invariant terms.
- The 8 coupled beta functions have a non-trivial **real fixed point**.
- The resulting epsilon expansions agree in the large N limit with the solutions of the Schwinger-Dyson equations.

# Conclusions

- The vector and matrix large  $N$  limits have been used extensively for many years in various theoretical physics problems.
- The **tensor** large  $N$  limits for rank 3 and higher are relatively new.
- The  $O(N)^3$  fermionic tensor quantum mechanics seems to be the closest counterpart of the basic SYK model for Majorana fermions. Yet, there are some important differences between the two.

- Gauging the  $SO(N)^3$  symmetry leaves interesting spectra of operators and eigenstates.
- Energy gaps should become very small already for  $N=6$ .
- Higher dimensional generalizations are possible, e.g. a stable sextic scalar theory in  $2.8056 < d < 3$ , which is solvable in the large  $N$  limit.
- In  $3-\varepsilon$  dimensions it may be studied for finite  $N$  using standard perturbation theory.



- **Vector:** CFTs are dual to higher spin quantum gravity in AdS; e.g. the  $O(N)$  Wilson-Fisher Model coupled to Chern-Simons is dual to the Vasiliev theory in  $AdS_4$ . One Regge trajectory.
- **Matrix:**  $\mathcal{N}=4$  Super-Yang-Mills is dual string theory on  $AdS_5 \times S^5$ . An infinite number of Regge trajectories.
- **Tensor:** Vastly more operators than in the matrix case. Hagedorn temperature vanishes for large  $N$ .  
What quantum gravity theories are they dual to?