

Title: Melonic large N limit of 5-index irreducible random tensors

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Abstract: The main feature of tensor models is their melonic large N limit, leading to applications ranging from random geometry and quantum gravity to many-body quantum mechanics and conformal field theories. However, this melonic limit is lacking for tensor models with ordinary representations of  $O(N)$  or  $Sp(N)$ . We demonstrate that random tensors with sextic interaction transforming under rank-5 irreducible representations of  $O(N)$  have a melonic large N limit. This extends the recent proof obtained for rank-3 models with quartic interaction. After giving an introduction to random tensors, I will present the main ideas of our proof relying on recursive bounds derived from a detailed combinatorial analysis of the Feynman graphs.

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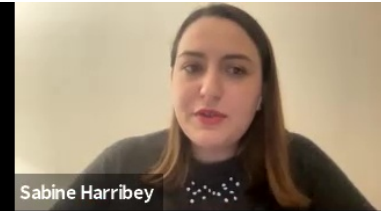
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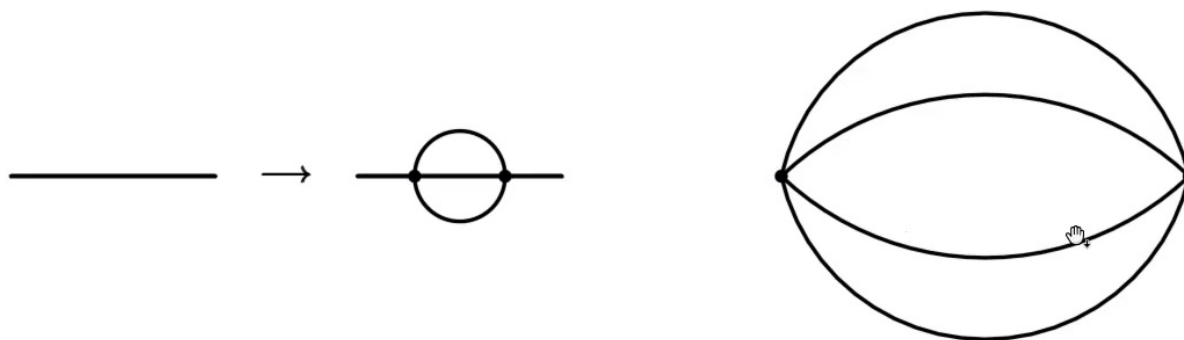
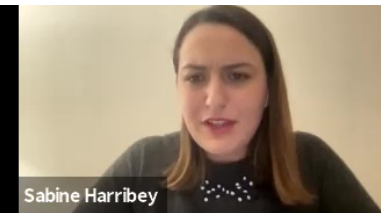
- No large  $N$  limit
- Very degenerate ways of gluing tetrahedra are allowed

⇒ Revived when a large  $N$  expansion was found [Gurau, Bonzom, Rivasseau, '10, ...]



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# Melon diagrams



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## Different types of melonic limit

- **Colored** tensor models: 4 tensor fields,  $O(N)^6$  symmetry

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- **Uncolored** tensor models: 1 tensor field,  $O(N)^3$  symmetry

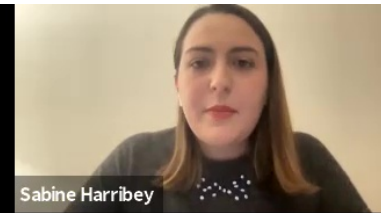
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- SYK model

$$J_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \psi_{i_1} \psi_{i_2} \psi_{i_3} \psi_{i_4}$$

- Multi matrix models with a large number of matrices [Ferrari, Schaposnik Massolo, Valette ...], models in higher rank [Bonzom, Lionni, ...]

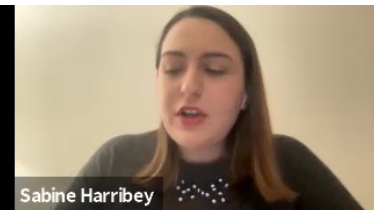
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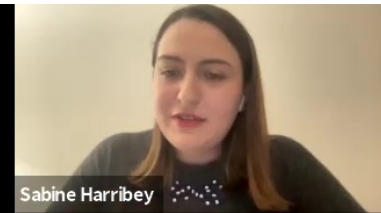
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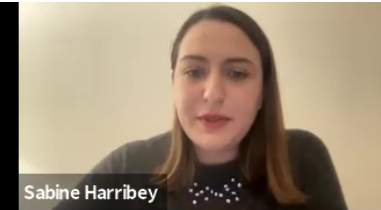


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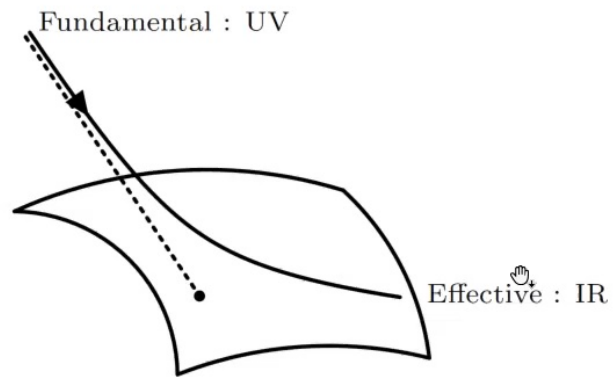




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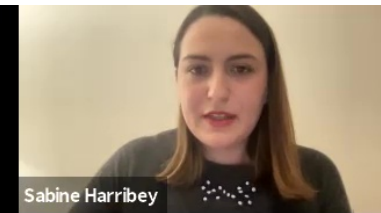
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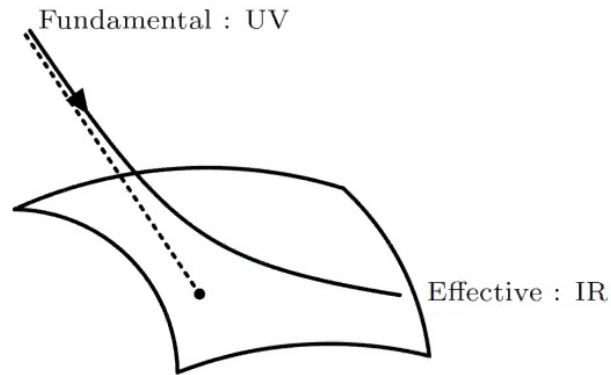


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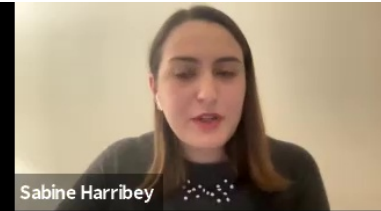
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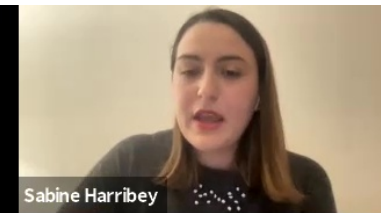


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- Vast array of applications: statistical mechanics, QCD, quantum gravity

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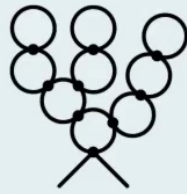
# From vector to tensor models



## Vector $\phi_a$

$$\frac{\lambda}{N} (\phi_a \phi_a)^2$$

Cactus diagrams

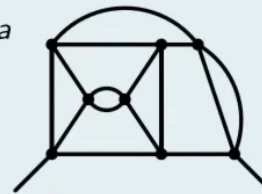


→ Easy

## Matrix $M_{ab}$

$$\frac{\lambda}{N} M_{ab} M_{bc} M_{cd} M_{da}$$

Planar diagrams

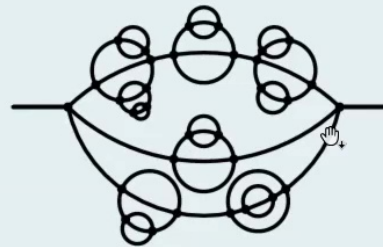


→ Hard

## Tensor $T_{abc}$

$$\frac{\lambda}{N^{3/2}} T_{aeb} T_{cfb} T_{ced} T_{afd}$$

Melon diagrams



→ Tractable

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# Melonic quantum mechanics



- Strongly coupled QFTs and holography ( $d = 1$ ): SYK model without disorder [Witten, Klebanov, Tarnopolsky, ...]
  - Tensor models in higher dimension: new class of conformal field theories
- Problem: divergences
  - Renormalization group: computation of beta functions, stable IR fixed point? Unitarity ?



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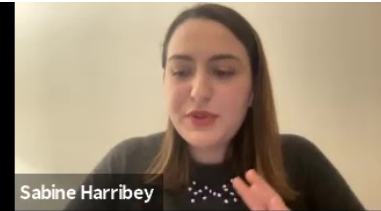
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- Two fixed points mechanisms:
  - Usual  $d = 4 - \epsilon$  regularization for short-range models
  - Exact marginality for long-range models
- Unitarity range: real scaling dimensions above unitarity bounds and real OPE coefficients



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## Irreducible tensor models

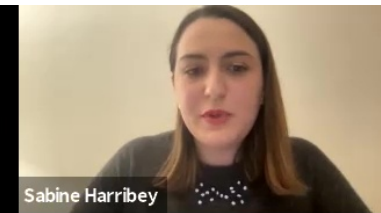
- Random geometry: colored tensor models
- Field theory: uncolored tensor models
- What about other tensor representations ?
- Completely symmetric tensors: no melonic large  $N$  limit
- Conjecture: melonic large  $N$  limit for irreducible representations of  $O(N)$  or  $Sp(N)$  [Klebanov, Tarnopolsky]
- Proof in rank 3 [Benedetti, Carrozza, Gurau, Kolanowski]
- Generalization in higher rank ?  
⇒ Here for rank 5



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# Outline

- 1 The model
- 2 Perturbative expansion
- 3 Sketch of the proof



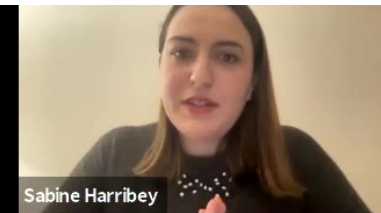
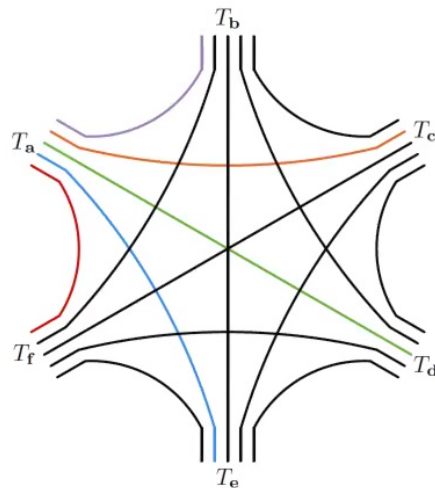
# The model

Free energy:

$$F_P(\lambda) = \frac{6}{N^5} \lambda \partial_\lambda \ln \left\{ \left[ e^{\frac{1}{2} \partial_T P \partial_T} e^{\frac{\lambda}{6N^5} \delta_{abcdef} T_a T_b T_c T_d T_e T_f} \right]_{T=0} \right\}$$

- $P$  one of seven orthogonal projectors on irreducible representations
- Interaction vertex

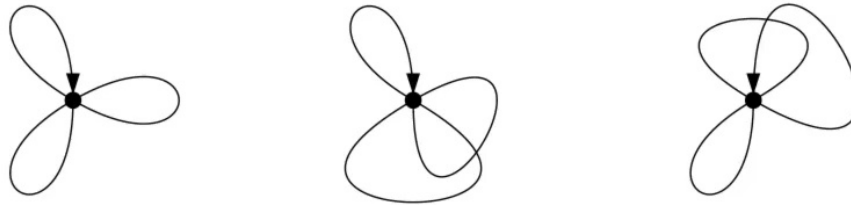
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# Perturbative expansion

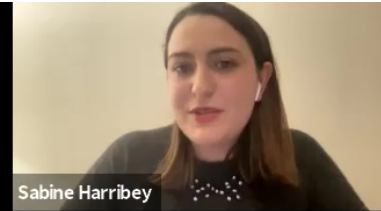
- $F_P(\lambda)$ : sum over rooted connected combinatorial maps  $\mathcal{G}$



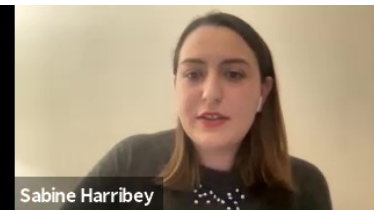
- Half-edge: represented with five strands
- 945 ways to connect two half-edges
- Projector: combination of those terms with different weights and signs
- Stranded map  $G$ : combinatorial map with a choice of one term per edge

$$F_P(\lambda) = \sum_{G \text{ connected, rooted}} \lambda^{V(G)} \mathcal{A}(G)$$

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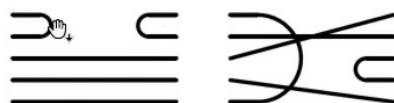
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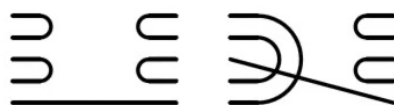
- Unbroken: all strands traverse



- Broken: a pair of corners is connected by a strand at each end of the edge. Rescaled by  $1/N$



- Doubly broken: two pairs of corners are connected by a strand at each end of the edge. Rescaled by  $1/N^2$



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## 1/N expansion

Amplitude of a stranded map:

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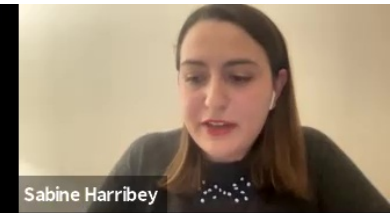
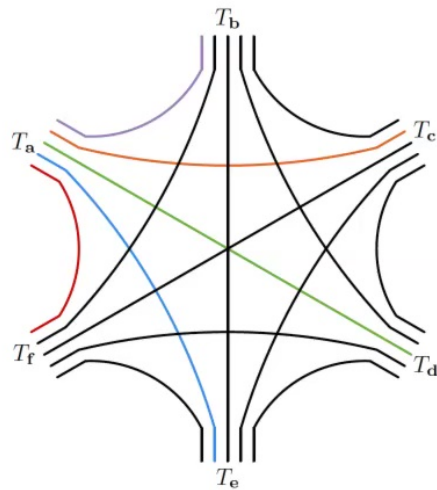
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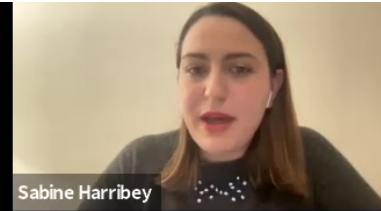
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Goals:

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- Maps of zero degree are melonic



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## Problematic cases



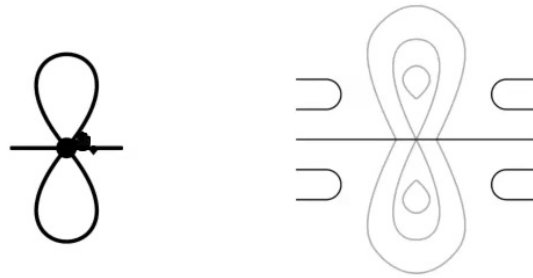
- Graphs with only long faces: positive degree
- Simplify the degree by considering number of faces of length  $p$

$$\omega(G) = 5 + B(G) + 2B_2(G) + \sum_p F_p \left( \frac{p}{3} - 1 \right)$$

→ Can be negative iff faces of length  $p = 1$  or  $p = 2$  (short-faces):

- $p = 1$ : Tadpoles, double-tadpoles
- $p = 2$ : Melons, dipoles

## Bad double tadpoles



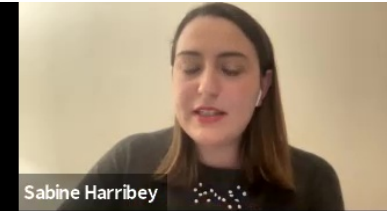
Chain of  $p$  double tadpoles:

- 4 faces per vertex
- Factor  $N^{-5}$  per vertex
- 2 faces when we glue two double-tadpoles

$$\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^p N^{2p-1} = N^{p-1}$$

Unbounded from above

→ non-trivial cancellations



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- Need to subtract both melons and double-tadpoles



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## Main theorem

### Theorem

We have (in the sense of perturbation series):

$$F_{\mathbf{P}}(\lambda) = \sum_{\omega \in \mathbb{N}} N^{-\omega} F_{\mathbf{P}}^{(\omega)}(\lambda). \quad (1)$$

- Subtract double-tadpoles and melons
- Restrict to unbroken edges
- Induction: remaining graphs have positive degree



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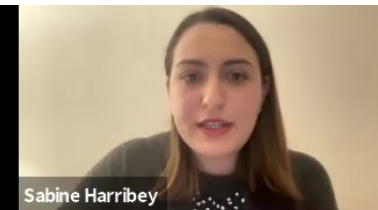


- Consider a theory with modified covariance  $KP$  and subtracted interaction
- Show that we can choose  $K$  s.t. this is our original theory
- Partial resummation of the perturbative series: closed and algebraic SDE
- New perturbative expansion in terms of graphs with no double-tadpoles or melons

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Remove broken edge:

- decrease the number of faces by at most one
- decrease the number of broken edges by one
- the degree can only decrease

## Step 3: Remaining graphs



*Let  $G$  be a stranded graph. If  $G$  has no double-tadpole and no melon, then  $\omega(G) \geq 0$ .*

→ proof by induction

- Look for a strict subgraph that can be deleted without increasing the degree and preserving the constraints
- Exhaustive graph-theoretic distinction of cases
- High number of particular two-point subgraphs to consider

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## Leading order



Stranded graphs with no melon can have vanishing degree

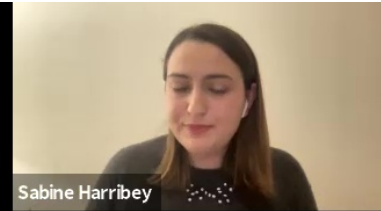
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- Bounds on combinatorial maps
- Maps with no melons are subleading
- **Conclusion: A Feynman map is leading order iff it is melonic**

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