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# Melonic Supertensor Models

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Melonic tensor model is a new type of solvable model, where the melonic Feynman diagrams dominate in the large  $N$  limit. I will also argue later that supersymmetry is inevitable for the model to be interesting in  $d \geq 2$ .

## Motivation and background

Solve QFT:

- perturbation theory - Feynman diagram

- resum to all orders

- 't Hooft large  $N$  limit

1. **vector (-like) models**  $\phi^i, i=1, \dots, N$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \partial \phi^i \partial \phi^i + \frac{1}{4} (\phi^i \phi^i)^2$$

$$N^0: \text{---} + \text{---} \cup \text{---} + \text{---} \cup \cup \text{---}$$

$$+ \dots + \text{---} \cup \cup \cup \text{---} + \dots$$

all bubble diagrams

$$N^1: \text{---} \cup \text{---} + \dots$$

Schwinger - Dyson equations

$$\text{---} \Sigma \text{---} = \text{---} \text{---} \cup \text{---} \text{---}$$

$$\text{---} G \text{---} = \text{---} + \text{---} \Sigma \text{---} + \text{---} \Sigma \Sigma \text{---} + \dots$$

Solvable in any dimensions! 😊

Other examples: Chern-Simons vector models

2. **Matrix (-like) models**, fixing  $\lambda = g^2 N$

$\phi: N \times N$  matrix

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\partial\phi\partial\phi) + \frac{1}{4} g \text{Tr}(\phi^4)$$

$N^0$ : planar diagrams



SD eqns do not truncate. Only solvable in special cases (by other techniques).

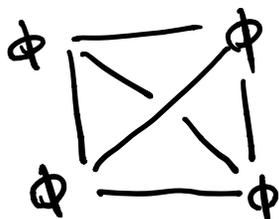
Solvable example:  $N=4$  SYM.  $d=0$  matrix model

• New large  $N$  limit Gurau - Witten  
Carrozza - Tanasa - Klebanov - Tarnopolsky

$$\phi^{\bar{i}_1 \bar{i}_2 \dots \bar{i}_{g-1}}, \quad \bar{i}_r = 1, \dots, N, \quad r = 1, \dots, g-1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{4} g [\phi^g]$$

$$g=4: [\phi^4] = \phi^{\bar{i}_1 \bar{i}_2 \bar{i}_3} \phi^{\bar{i}_1 \hat{i}_2 \hat{i}_3} \phi^{\hat{i}_1 \bar{i}_2 \hat{i}_3} \phi^{\hat{i}_1 \hat{i}_2 \bar{i}_3}$$

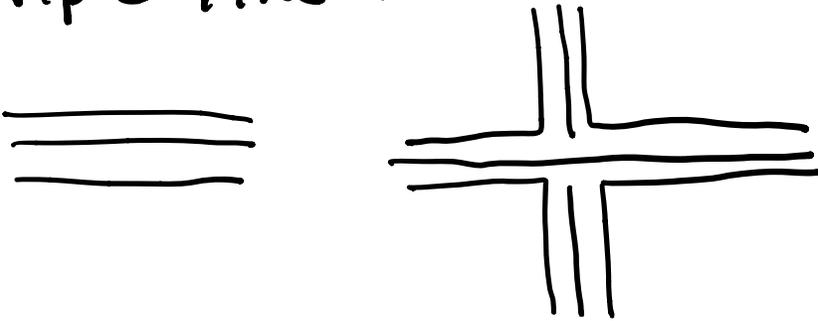


tetrahedron

Each pair of fields has one index contracted between them.

large  $N$  with  $g^2 N^3 \equiv J^2$  fixed

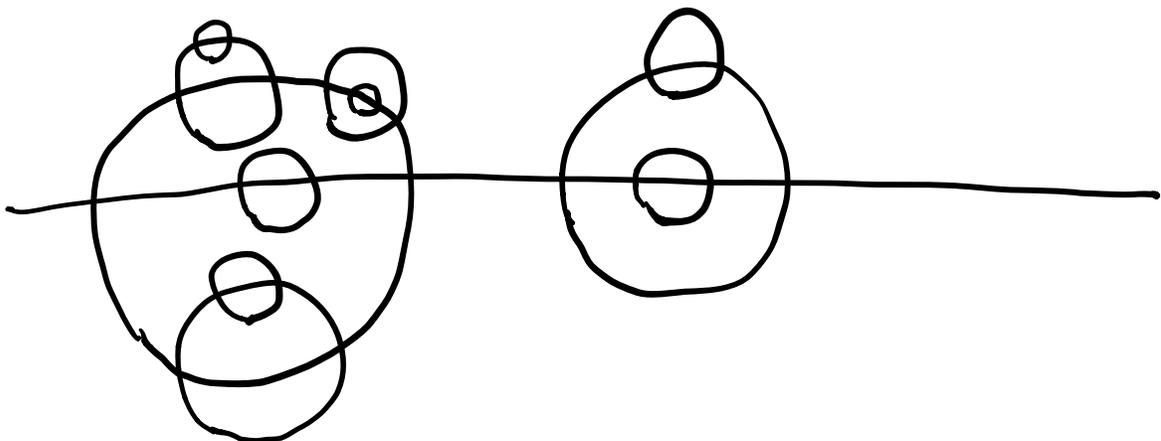
triple line notation:



$$N^0: \text{triple line} + \text{triple line with two loops} + \dots$$

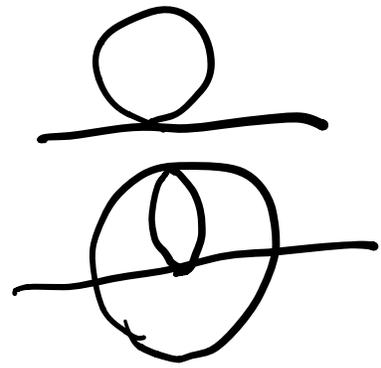
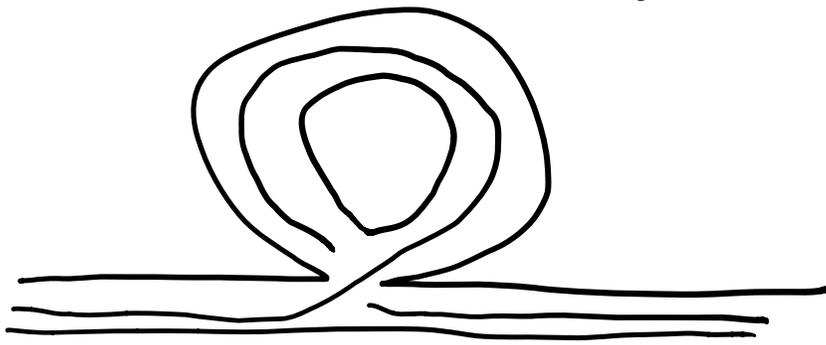
$\sim g^2 N^3 = J$

large  $N$  limit is dominated by melonic diagrams

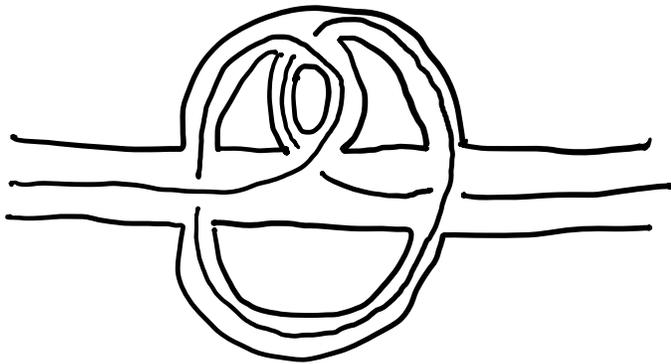


(single line notation)

Non melonic diagrams:

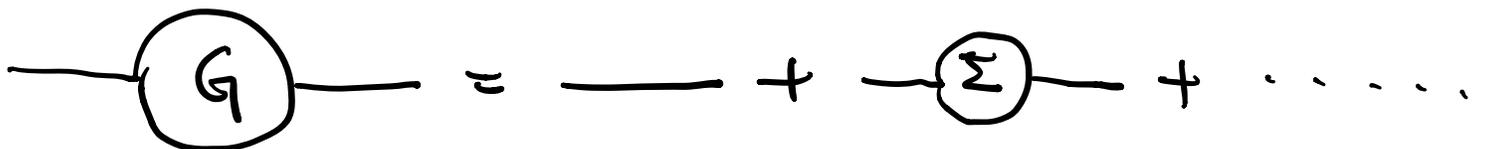
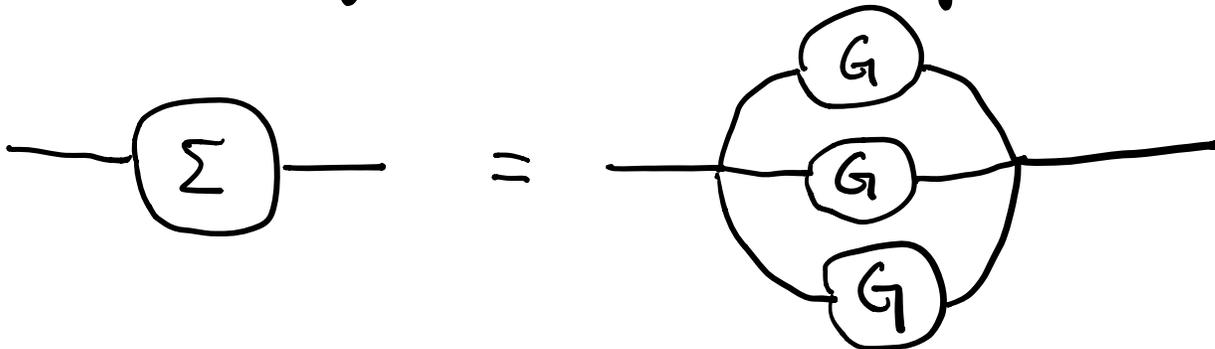


$$\sim g N = \sqrt{\frac{J}{N}}$$



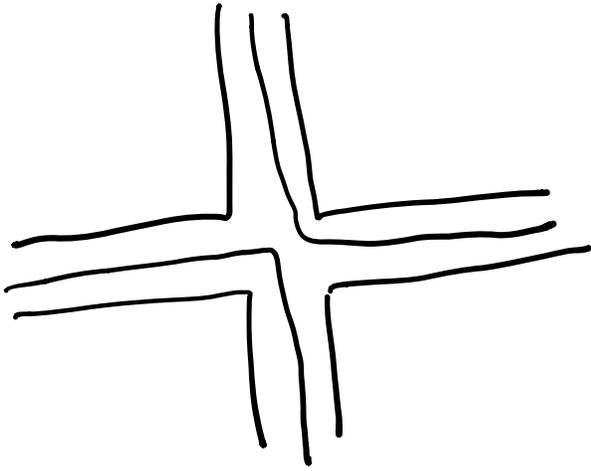
$$\sim g^4 N^4 = \frac{J^2}{N^2}$$

SD equation of 2-pt function

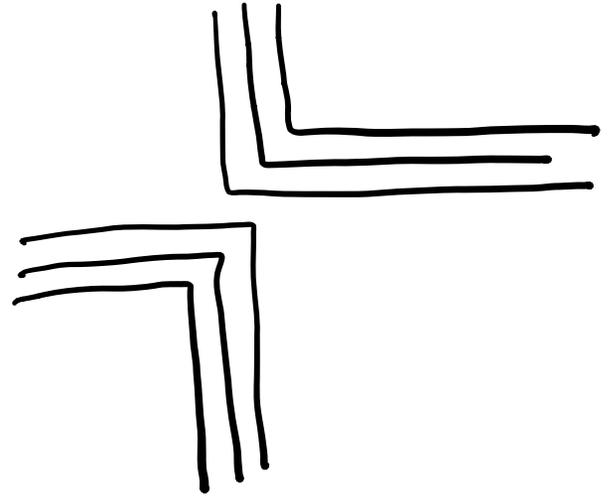


Other type of interactions:



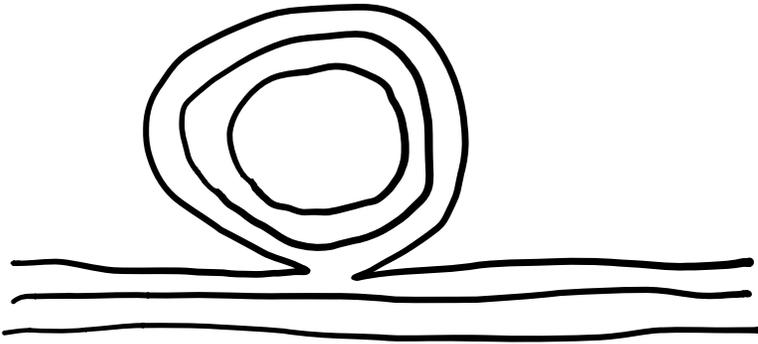


pillow



double-sum

pillow and double-sum ruin melonic dominance



$$\sim g N^2 = \sqrt{J N}$$

Lore of QFT:

RG flow generates all possible interactions allowed by symmetry.

resolution: supersymmetry!

# Non-renormalization theorem :

For theories with 4 supercharges, holomorphy prevents the superpotential being renormalized.

UV theory w/  
melonic superpotential  $\xrightarrow{RG}$  IR SCFT

want : marginal or relevant couplings

melonic : quartic and higher

4d : X

3d : quartic  $\rightarrow$  marginally irrelevant X

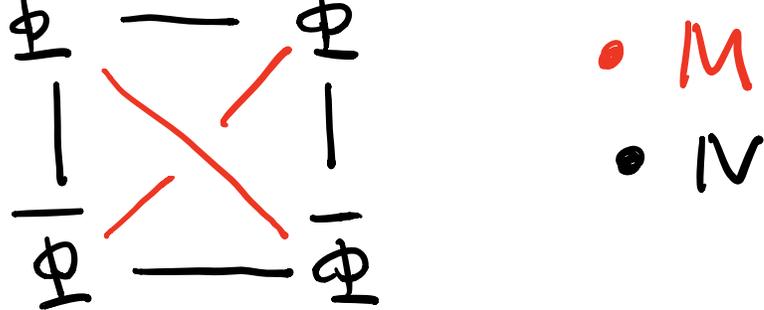
2d : quartic, sextic, ...

2d  $\mathcal{N} = (2, 2)$

chiral superfields :  $(\bar{\Phi}_i)_a^b$

$\bar{i} = 1, \dots, M, a, b = 1, \dots, N$

superpotential :  $W = g \sum_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} \text{Tr} (\bar{\Phi}_{\bar{i}} \bar{\Phi}_{\bar{j}} \bar{\Phi}_{\bar{i}} \bar{\Phi}_{\bar{j}})$



large  $N, M$  with  $J = g^2 N^2 M$  fixed  
 $\Rightarrow$  melonic dominance

## Comments

1. Same large  $N$  limit as the 2d susy SYK model (with random coupling)

studied by Marugan - Stanford -

Witten and Bullychever.

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2. Two-point function :

$$\Delta_\phi = \underset{\substack{= \\ \leftarrow \text{free theory}}}{0} + \frac{1}{4} \quad (\bar{\Phi} = \phi + \theta^+ \psi_+ + \dots)$$

3. Four-point function solved by ladder

Four point functions solved by radial diagrams

$$\text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \dots$$

central charge:  $c = \frac{3}{2} N^2 M$

double-twist operator spectrum:

$$E - J = 2n + 2\Delta_\phi + \varepsilon(n, J)$$

$$\varepsilon(n, J) \sim O(1), \quad \varepsilon(n, J) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty \text{ or } J \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$$

$$\bar{\Phi} (\partial \bar{\partial})^n \partial^m \Phi$$

4. Chaos exponent  $\lambda_L \approx 0.6 \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \leq \frac{2\pi}{\beta}$

$$\langle \bar{\Phi}(t, 0) \bar{\Phi}(0, x) \bar{\Phi}(t, 0) \bar{\Phi}(0, x) \rangle \sim f_0 - \epsilon e^{\lambda_L t}$$

## 5. IR SCFT

Bulk dual:  $AdS_3$  string theory with finite tension.

- Noncompact moduli space

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial \bar{\Phi}_i} = \sum_j \bar{\Phi}_j \bar{\Phi}_i \bar{\Phi}_j \quad (\text{F-term eq})$$

1.  $\bar{\Phi}_1$ : nilpotent matrix

$$\bar{\Phi}_2 = \bar{\Phi}_3 = \dots = \bar{\Phi}_M = 0$$

2.  $\bar{\Phi}_1 \propto \sigma_1$ ,  $\bar{\Phi}_2 \propto \sigma_2$

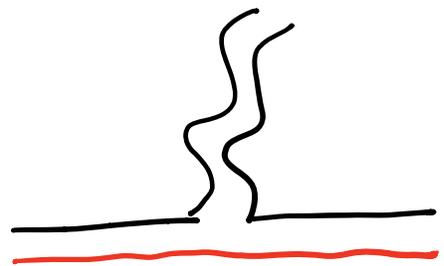
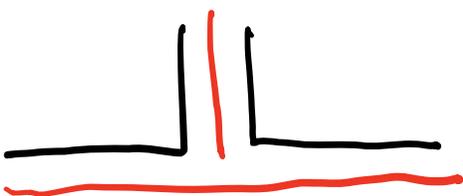
$$\bar{\Phi}_3 = \bar{\Phi}_4 = \dots = \bar{\Phi}_M = 0$$

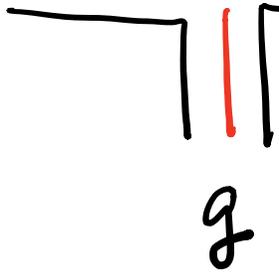
$\Rightarrow$  Continuum in the spectrum  
of IR CFT

lifting the flat directions requires  
1. gauge the  $SU(N)$  sym

2. break the  $O(M)$  sym  
by anisotropic deformation

Gauge the  $SU(N)$  sym





$g$

$g_{YM}$

Melonic coupling :  $J = g^2 N^2 M$

+ 't Hooft coupling :  $\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N$

$$[g] = [g_{YM}] = 1$$

Choosing  $g = g_{YM}$ , melonic coupling is much larger than 't Hooft coupling.

$$J = g^2 N^2 M \gg g_{YM}^2 N = \lambda$$

still melonic after gunging!

Anisotropic deformation

$$W = \sum_i a_i \text{tr}(\bar{\Phi}_i^4) + \sum_{i \neq j} a_{ij} \text{tr}(\bar{\Phi}_i \bar{\Phi}_j \bar{\Phi}_i \bar{\Phi}_j)$$

$a_i, a_{ij}$  : cx parameters

Melonic dominance : most of  $a_{ij} \neq 0$

• large IR conformal manifold.

Higgs branch :

$$F\text{-term eq : } a_i \bar{\Phi}_i^3 + \sum_{j \neq i} a_{ij} \bar{\Phi}_j \bar{\Phi}_i \bar{\Phi}_j = 0$$

$$D\text{-term eq : } \sum_i [\Phi_i^+, \bar{\Phi}_i] = 0$$

Higgs branch is a symplectic quotient :

$$\{ F\text{-term eq}, D\text{-term eq} \} / SU(N)$$

holomorphic quotient :

$$\{ F\text{-term eq} \} / SU(N)_C$$

$$(\text{holomorphic quotient}) = M_1 \sqcup \underbrace{M_2 \sqcup M_3 \cup \dots}_{\text{symplectic quotient}}$$

Conjecture: symplectic quotient is compact for generic  $a_{ij}$ .

example:  $N = M = 2$ ,  $a_1 = a_2 = 1$ ,  $a_{12} = a_{21} = a$

$$\begin{cases} X^3 + a Y X Y = 0 \\ Y^3 + a X Y X = 0 \end{cases} \quad a \neq \pm 1, 0, \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \det X = \det Y = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} (\text{Tr } X^2) X + a (\text{Tr } X Y) Y = 0 \\ (\text{Tr } Y^2) Y + a (\text{Tr } X Y) X = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \therefore X = Y = 0$$

$$2. X \propto Y \text{ and } X^2 = 0$$

$$X = x \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y = y \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e^{\eta \sigma_3} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-\eta \sigma_3} = e^{2\eta} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^1$$

holomorphic quotient =  $\mathbb{C}P^1 \sqcup *$

$$D\text{-term eq} : |x|^2 + |y|^2 = 0$$

symplectic quotient = \*

compact : generic  $a$

non-compact :  $a = 0, \pm 1, \infty$

## Coulomb branch:

twisted chiral superfield

$$\Sigma = \underbrace{\sigma}_{\text{cx scalar}} - i \theta^+ \overline{\lambda}_+ - i \theta^- \overline{\lambda}_- + \theta^+ \theta^- \left( \underbrace{D}_{\text{auxiliary}} - i \underbrace{F_{01}}_{\text{field strength}} \right) + \dots$$

$$V \sim |D|^2 + |F|^2 + \text{tr} [\sigma, \sigma^+]$$

$$+ \operatorname{tr}([\sigma, \phi][\sigma^\dagger, \bar{\phi}] + [\sigma^\dagger, \bar{\phi}][\sigma, \phi])$$

classical Coulomb branch:

$$\phi = \bar{\phi} = 0$$

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \sigma_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \sigma_N \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sum_i \sigma_i = 0$$

Non-compact,  $N-1$  dimension.

$$\text{assuming: } \sigma_i \neq \sigma_j \text{ for } i \neq j$$

$$\sigma_i \neq 0 \quad \forall i$$

integrating out  $W$ -bosons and charged matters

effective twisted superpotential Hori-Tong  
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$$\tilde{W} = (M+1) \sum_{i \neq j} (\sigma_i - \sigma_j) [\log(\sigma_i - \sigma_j) - 1]$$

$$= 2i(M+1)\pi \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} (N-i)\sigma_i$$

Theta angles for  $U(1)^{N-1}$

$$\theta_i = \text{Im} \frac{\partial \tilde{W}}{\partial \delta_i} = 2(M+1)\pi (N-i)$$

$$\theta_i \sim \theta_i + 2\pi$$

$\Rightarrow$  flat directions are preserved.

Kill the flat directions by consider  $SU(N)/\mathbb{Z}_N$

For example  $SU(2)/\mathbb{Z}_2 \cong SO(3)$

$$\tilde{W} = \pi i (M+1) \sigma_1 \quad 1104.2853 \text{ Hori}$$

compactness :  $\theta_{\text{bare}} = 0$  ,  $M$  even

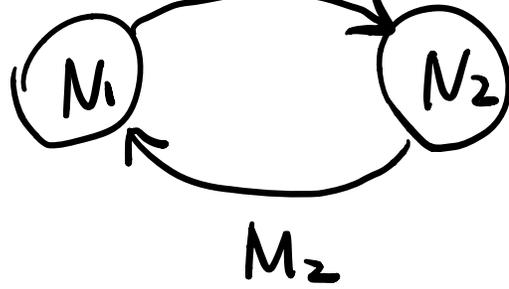
$\theta_{\text{bare}} = \pi$  ,  $M$  odd

Future directions :

1. compute elliptic genus

( $N=2$  done)

2. generalization  
 $M_1$



3. embed in string theory  
brane construction?