

SYK-like tensor quantum mechanics with $\mathrm{Sp}(N)$ symmetry

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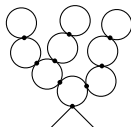
Three generic large N limits

Vector ϕ_a

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



Bubble diagrams



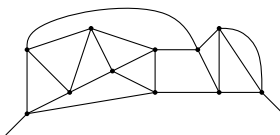
Easy

Matrix M_{ab}

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



Planar diagrams



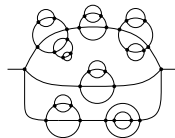
Hard

Tensor T_{abc}

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Tensor models and random geometry:

in 2018, somehow feels like an attempt to cook a fancy meal with *one* ingredient



Main challenge: diversify our diet.

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- since 2010: (un)colored tensor models i.e. **no** symmetry on the indices, in arbitrary rank
[Gurau, Bonzom, Rivasseau,...]
- 2017: conjecture and numerical evidence for a **rank-3 symmetric traceless tensor**
[Klebanov, Tarnopolsky]
- 2018: rigorous proof for any **irreducible rank-3 tensor**
[Gurau '17; Benedetti, SC, Gurau, Kolanowski '17; SC '18; SC, Poszgay '18]

Main features of **Gurau-Witten** and **Klebanov-Tarnopolsky** models:

① **SYK-like** properties:

- solvable at large N and strong-coupling;
- emergent reparametrization symmetry;
- same pattern of symmetry breaking as in AdS_2 JT gravity;
- quantum chaos...

② **extra IR modes** e.g. $O(N)^3$ NLSM

③ **large number of states** \rightarrow not easy to study numerically. Example: KT model

N	Number of singlets
2	2
4	36
6	595 354 780

Questions:

- freedom in choice of **symmetry group** ?
 \rightarrow unitary groups $U(N)$, $O(N)$ and $Sp(N)$
- somewhat fewer states if we restrict to **irreducible tensors** ?

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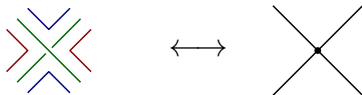
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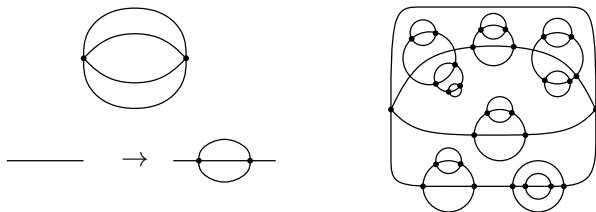
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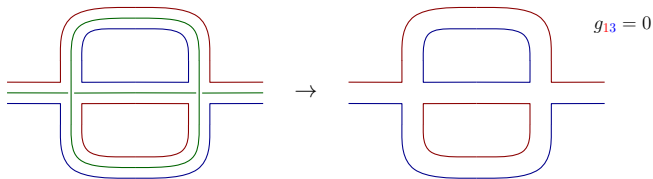
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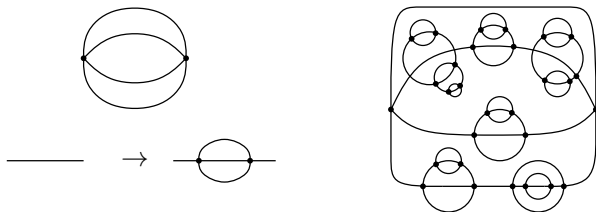
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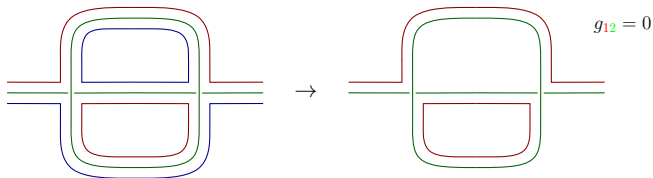
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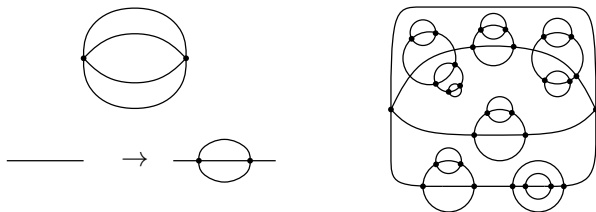
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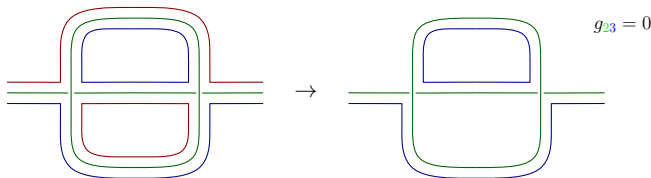
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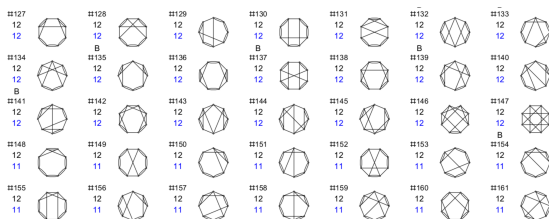


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- Conjecture and numerical evidence for $O(N)$ symmetric traceless tensor models:



...explicit numerical check of all diagrams up to order λ^8 ...

...cancellations but no obvious pattern.

[Klebanov, Tarnopolsky, JHEP '17]

- Full rigorous proof for arbitrary irreducible rank-3 tensors:

① Simplified model with two symmetric tensors

[Gurau '17]

② $O(N)$ symmetric traceless or antisymmetric

[Benedetti, SC, Gurau, Kolanowski '17]

③ $O(N)$ mixed symmetric traceless

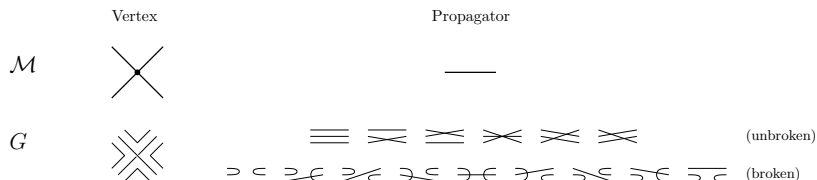
[SC '18]

④ $Sp(N)$ irreducible

[SC, Pozsgay '18]

Synthetic explanation of the cancellations: irreducibility of the representation.

Feynman amplitudes



- Perturbative expansion of the **free energy**:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{free}}(\lambda) = \sum_{\text{connected maps } \mathcal{M}} \frac{\lambda^{V(\mathcal{M})}}{s(\mathcal{M})} A(\mathcal{M})$$

- The amplitude of a map decomposes into up to $15^{E(\mathcal{M})}$ **stranded graphs** G :

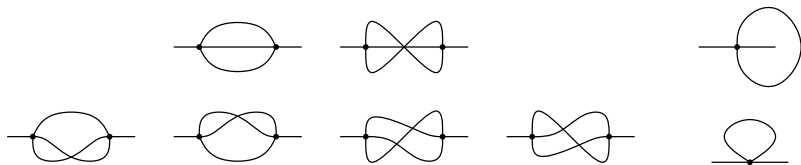
$$A(\mathcal{M}) = \sum_G \frac{\epsilon(G)}{R(G)} \lambda^{-\omega(G)}$$

$$\omega(G) = 3 + \frac{3}{2} V(G) + B(G) - F(G)$$

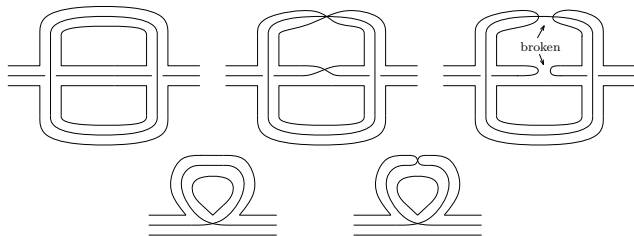
$$V = \#\{\text{vertices}\}, B = \#\{\text{broken edges}\}, F = \#\{\text{faces}\}$$

Examples of maps and stranded graphs

- Maps \mathcal{M} : (also called "graphs on surfaces", "embedded graphs", "ribbon graphs")



- Stranded graphs (or simply *graphs*) G :



Natural conjecture:

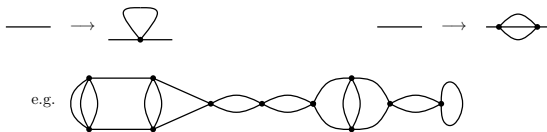
For any stranded graph G , $\omega(G) \geq 0$.

× **Not true !** × Counter-example: chain of "bad tadpoles"

$$\text{Diagram of a bad tadpole} \sim \frac{1}{N^{3/2}} \text{Diagram of a tadpole} \sim \frac{1}{N^{1/2}} \text{Diagram of a tadpole}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{N^{1/2}}\right)^p \underbrace{\text{Diagram of a chain of } p \text{ bad tadpoles}}_p \sim \frac{N^{p/2}}{N} \text{Diagram of a chain of } p \text{ bad tadpoles}$$

More generally, ω is unbounded from below in the family of **melon-tadpoles**:



- ① Prove that:

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- 2 Define a new perturbative expansion in terms of maps \mathcal{M} with no melon-tadpole:

$$\mathcal{F}_N(\lambda) = \sum_{\substack{\text{connected } \mathcal{M} \\ \text{no melon} \\ \text{no tadpole}}} \frac{\lambda^{V(\mathcal{M})}}{s(\mathcal{M})} K(\lambda, N)^{2V(\mathcal{M})} A(\mathcal{M})$$

- ③ Prove that:

$$\forall \text{ stranded graph } G \text{ without melon-tadpole}$$

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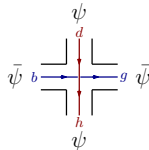


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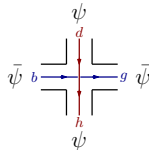


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	$O(N)$ irreducible	$Sp(N)$ irreducible
Bosonic	$\neq 0$	$= 0$
Fermionic	$= 0$	$\neq 0$

Irreducible $\mathrm{Sp}(N)$ representation

- $\mathrm{Sp}(N) := \mathrm{U}(2N) \cap \mathrm{Sp}(2N, \mathbb{C})$ preserves: $\bar{\psi}_a \delta_{ab} \psi_b$ and $\psi_a \epsilon_{ab} \psi_b$

$$U \in \mathrm{Sp}(N), \quad \psi_{a_1 a_2 a_3} \rightarrow U_{a_1 b_1} U_{a_2 b_2} U_{a_3 b_3} \psi_{b_1 b_2 b_3}$$

- Two commuting operations: **permutations** of indices and **ϵ -traces**

$$\psi_{a_1 a_2 a_3} \rightarrow \psi_{a_{\sigma(1)} a_{\sigma(2)} a_{\sigma(3)}} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_{a_1 a_2 a_3} \rightarrow \psi_{a_1 b c} \epsilon_{bc}, \psi_{ba_2 c} \epsilon_{bc}, T_{bca_3} \epsilon_{bc}$$

- Three irreducible tensor representations:

- completely *symmetric*

(S)

$$n^{(S)} = \frac{2N}{3} (2N^2 + 3N + 1)$$

- completely *antisymmetric traceless*

(A)

$$n^{(A)} = \frac{2N}{3} (2N^2 - 3N - 2)$$

- mixed traceless*

1	2
3	

(M)

$$n^{(M)} = \frac{8N}{3} (N^2 - 1)$$

$$S[\bar{\psi}, \psi] = \int dt \left(i\bar{\psi}_{abc} \partial_t \psi_{abc} - \frac{g}{2} \epsilon_{bg} \epsilon_{dh} \bar{\psi}_{abc} \bar{\psi}_{fge} \psi_{ade} \psi_{fhc} \right) \quad g = \frac{\lambda}{N^{3/2}}$$

- $U(1)$ symmetry \rightarrow 1 conserved charge:

$$Q = \frac{1}{2} [\bar{\psi}_{abc}, \psi_{abc}]$$

- $Sp(N)$ symmetry $\rightarrow N(2N + 1)$ conserved charges:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{I}_{k,l} &:= [i (\bar{\psi}_{(2k-1)bc} \psi_{(2l-1)bc} + \bar{\psi}_{(2k)bc} \psi_{(2l)bc}) + \text{c.c.}] + (1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3), \\ \hat{\Sigma}_{k,l}^{(1)} &:= [(\bar{\psi}_{(2k-1)bc} \psi_{(2l)bc} + \bar{\psi}_{(2k)bc} \psi_{(2l-1)bc}) + \text{c.c.}] + (1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3), \\ \hat{\Sigma}_{k,l}^{(2)} &:= [i (\bar{\psi}_{(2k-1)bc} \psi_{(2l)bc} - \bar{\psi}_{(2k)bc} \psi_{(2l-1)bc}) + \text{c.c.}] + (1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3), \\ \hat{\Sigma}_{k,l}^{(3)} &:= [(\bar{\psi}_{(2k-1)bc} \psi_{(2l-1)bc} - \bar{\psi}_{(2k)bc} \psi_{(2l)bc}) + \text{c.c.}] + (1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3), \quad 1 \leq k < l \leq N, \\ \hat{\Sigma}_m^{(1)} &:= (\bar{\psi}_{(2m-1)bc} \psi_{(2m)bc} + \bar{\psi}_{(2m)bc} \psi_{(2m-1)bc}) + (1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3), \\ \hat{\Sigma}_m^{(2)} &:= i (\bar{\psi}_{(2m-1)bc} \psi_{(2m)bc} - \bar{\psi}_{(2m)bc} \psi_{(2m-1)bc}) + (1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3), \\ \hat{\Sigma}_m^{(3)} &:= (\bar{\psi}_{(2m-1)bc} \psi_{(2m-1)bc} - \bar{\psi}_{(2m)bc} \psi_{(2m)bc}) + (1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3), \quad 1 \leq m \leq N. \end{aligned}$$

$$C_2 := \sum_{1 \leq k < l \leq N} \left((\hat{I}_{k,l})^2 + \sum_{p=1}^3 (\hat{\Sigma}_{k,l}^{(p)})^2 \right) + 2 \sum_{1 \leq m \leq N} \sum_{p=1}^3 (\hat{\Sigma}_m^{(p)})^2$$

$$\langle T(\bar{\psi}_{abc}(t)\psi_{a'b'c'}(t')) \rangle = G(t, t') \mathbf{P}_{abc, a'b'c'}$$

- Large N limit \rightarrow closed Schwinger-Dyson equation

$$G = G_0 + \lambda_{\text{eff}}^2 G_0 * G^3 * G$$

- Further simplification at strong coupling

$$G * G^3 = \frac{-1}{\lambda_{\text{eff}}^2}$$

- Emergent conformal invariance: reparametrization $t \mapsto f(t)$

$$G(t_1, t_2) \mapsto |f'(t_1)f'(t_2)|^{1/4} G(f(t_1), f(t_2))$$

- Conformal solution:

$$G(t_1, t_2) = - \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\lambda_{\text{eff}}^2} \right)^{1/4} \frac{\text{sgn}(t_1 - t_2)}{|t_1 - t_2|^{1/2}}$$

Four-point function

$$\langle \bar{\psi}_{abc}(t_1) \psi_{abc}(t_2) \bar{\psi}_{def}(t_3) \psi_{def}(t_4) \rangle = n^2 G(t_1, t_2) G(t_3, t_4) + n \Gamma(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) + \dots$$

$$\Gamma = \text{---} + \text{---} \text{---} + \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} + \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} + \dots$$

- Ladder operator:

$$\mathcal{K}(t_1, t_2; t_3, t_4) = -\lambda_{\text{eff}}^2 [2G(t_1, t_3)G(t_2, t_4) - G(t_1, t_4)G(t_2, t_3)] G(t_3, t_4)^2$$

$$-\mathcal{K}(t_1, t_2; t_3, t_4) = 2 \left(\text{---} + \text{---} \right)$$

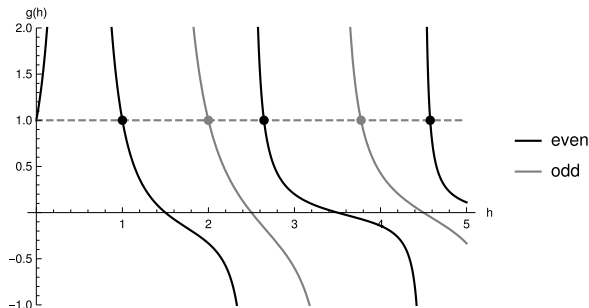
- IR conformal spectrum from Bethe-Salpeter equation:

$$v_k(t_0, t_1, t_2) = g(h_k) \int dt_3 dt_4 \mathcal{K}(t_1, t_2; t_3, t_4) v_k(t_0, t_3, t_4) \quad \text{with} \quad g(h_k) = 1$$

with

$$v_k(t_0, t_1, t_2) := \langle \mathcal{O}_2^k(t_0) \psi_{abc}(t_1) \bar{\psi}_{abc}(t_2) \rangle$$

Conformal dimensions



$$h_0 = 1, \quad h_1 = 2, \quad h_2 \approx 2.65, \quad h_3 \approx 3.77, \quad \text{etc.}$$

→ identical to complex SYK model and $SU(N) \times O(N) \times SU(N)$ tensor model

Main difference: $Sp(N)$ pseudo-Goldstone modes in the IR.

- 1 Large N limit of irreducible tensors
- 2 $\mathrm{Sp}(N)$ SYK-like model – large N
- 3 $\mathrm{Sp}(N)$ SYK-like model – small N

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- For a fermionic Fock representation $\wedge(\rho)$:

$$\chi(U) = \chi_{\wedge}(\rho)(U) = \sum_{k=0}^n \text{Tr}[\wedge^k(\rho(U))] = \det[1 + \rho(U)]$$

and therefore

$$I_N = \int_{\text{Sp}(N)} dU \det[1 + \rho(U)] = \int_{\text{Sp}(N)} dU \exp\left(-\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k} \chi_{\rho}(U^k)\right)$$

- In our case $\rho = S, A$ or M :

$$\chi_S(U) = \frac{1}{6} \text{tr}(U)^3 + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(U^2) \text{tr}(U) + \frac{1}{3} \text{tr}(U^3)$$

$$\chi_A(U) = \frac{1}{6} \text{tr}(U)^3 - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(U^2) \text{tr}(U) + \frac{1}{3} \text{tr}(U^3) - \text{tr}(U)$$

$$\chi_M(U) = \frac{1}{3} \text{tr}(U)^3 - \frac{1}{3} \text{tr}(U^3) - \text{tr}(U).$$

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2nd ingredient: integration formula for a class function f on $\mathrm{Sp}(N)$:

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\Rightarrow explicit integral formula for I_N

e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} I_N^{(S)} &= 2^{\frac{2N}{3}} (2N^2 + 3N + 1) \int_{[-\pi, \pi]^N} d\mu(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) \left(\prod_{k=1}^N \cos \frac{3\theta_k}{2} \right)^2 \left(\prod_{k=1}^N \cos \frac{\theta_k}{2} \right)^{2N} \\ &\times \left(\prod_{1 \leq k < l \leq N} \cos \frac{2\theta_k + \theta_l}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_k + 2\theta_l}{2} \cos \frac{2\theta_k - \theta_l}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_k - 2\theta_l}{2} \right)^2 \\ &\times \left(\prod_{1 \leq k < l < m \leq N} \cos \frac{\theta_k + \theta_l + \theta_m}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_k + \theta_l - \theta_m}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_k - \theta_l + \theta_m}{2} \cos \frac{\theta_k - \theta_l - \theta_m}{2} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

The number of states grows extremely quickly in tensor models

N	Fock	Singlets
1	2^4	3
2	2^{20}	39
3	2^{56}	170640
4	2^{120}	$\sim 10^{14}$

Symmetric

N	Fock	Singlets
1	–	–
2	–	–
3	2^{14}	8
4	2^{48}	370

Antisymmetric traceless

N	Fock	Singlets
1	–	–
2	2^{16}	18
3	2^{64}	169826605
4	2^{160}	$\sim 10^{26}$

Mixed traceless

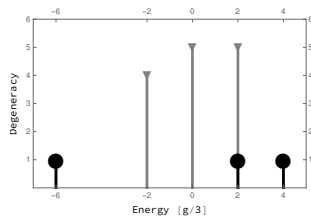
As usual: numerically challenging, except at very small N

But interesting target: symmetric, $N = 3$

$\sim 10^5$ states, compared to $\sim 10^8$ in KT $O(6)$ model.

Explicit diagonalization 1

$N = 1$, symmetric \rightarrow **16** Fock states, **3** singlets.

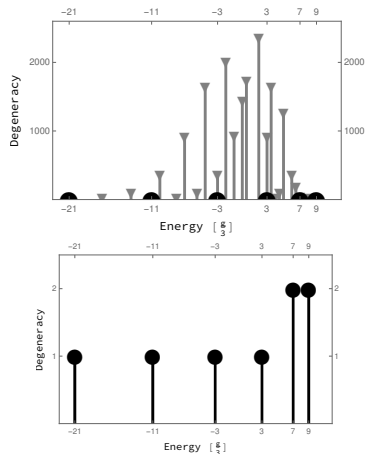


Energy $\tilde{H} [g/3]$	U(1) charge Q
-6	2
2	-2
4	0

3 singlets

Explicit diagonalization 2

$3 = 3$, antisymmetric traceless \rightarrow **16384** Fock states, **8** singlets.



Energy \tilde{H} [$g/3$]	U(1) charge Q
-21	7
-11	5
-3	3
3	1
7	-7
7	-1
9	-5
9	-3

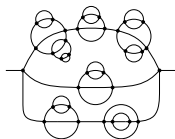
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Tensor T_{abc}

$$\frac{\lambda}{N^{3/2}} T_{aeb} T_{bfc} T_{ced} T_{dfa}$$



Melon diagrams



Tractable

- **Third universal class** of large N methods.
- Melons lie in a sweet spot: **both tractable and rich!**
- **Robust** methods:
colored \rightarrow **irreducible tensor models**
 $U(N), O(N) \rightarrow Sp(N)$

Future:

- enumeration of $Sp(N)$ invariants: algebraic methods ?
- spectrum of tensor QM: symmetric $Sp(3)$ model ?

- further extensions of the melonic limit ?
- landscape of **large N tensor QFTs** in higher d ?
- **holography**: higher spins ?