

Multiple scaling limits of $U(N)^2 \times O(D)$ multi-matrix models

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- **Matrix models** → random surfaces.
 - large N expansion indexed by the **genus g** ;
 - planar sector → **Brownian sphere / Liouville Quantum Gravity** at criticality;
 - higher-genus contributions included in a **double-scaling**.
- **Tensor models** → higher-dimensions.
 - large N expansion indexed by the **Gurau degree ω** ;
 - $\omega = 0$ sector → melon diagrams → **continuous random tree / branched polymers** at criticality;
 - $\omega > 0$ contributions included in a **double-scaling**.

Hybrid situation of **large D multi-matrix models**: [Ferrari '17; Ferrari, Rivasseau, Valette '17;...]

- large collection of D **$N \times N$ matrices**, viewed as a $D \times N \times N$ tensor;
- generate **decorated surfaces**;
- large N → **genus expansion**;
- large D → planar sector dominated by **melon diagrams** → **branched polymers**.

How do higher genus contributions behave? Is it possible to escape the universality class of branched polymers in a suitable multiple-scaling limit?

- 1 The model and its double-scaling limit
- 2 Recursive characterization of all contributing graphs
- 3 Triple-scaling limit of the connected generating function: more random trees
- 4 Triple-scaling limit of the 2PI generating function: random planar maps
- 5 Summary and discussion

1. The model and its double-scaling limit

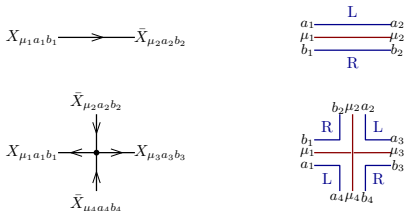
Model

[Ferrari '17]

$$\mathcal{F}(\lambda) = \log \int [dX] e^{-S[X, X^\dagger]}$$

$$S[X, X^\dagger] = ND \left(\text{Tr} [X_\mu^\dagger X_\mu] - \frac{\lambda}{2} D \text{Tr} [X_\mu^\dagger X_\nu X_\mu^\dagger X_\nu] \right)$$

- X_μ $N \times N$ complex matrix, $\mu \in \{1, \dots, D\}$;
- For all $O \in O(D)$, and $U_L, U_R \in U(N)$: $X_\mu \rightarrow X'_\mu = O_{\mu\mu'} U_{(L)} X_{\mu'} U_{(R)}^\dagger$
- Propagator and vertex:



- Feynman graphs \rightarrow ribbon graphs / quadrangulations decorated by $O(D)$ -loops.

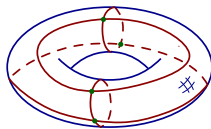
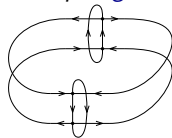
- Double asymptotic expansion at large N and large D :

$$\mathcal{F}(\lambda) = \sum_{g \in \mathbb{N}} N^{2-2g} \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{N}} D^{1+g-\frac{\ell}{2}} \mathcal{F}_{g,\ell}(\lambda)$$

where the *grade* $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ is defined by

$$\frac{\ell}{2} = 1 + g + \frac{v}{2} - \varphi$$

Example. $g = 1$, $v = 4$, $\varphi = 4 \Rightarrow \ell = 0$.



- Relation to familiar combinatorial quantities in tensor models:

$$\omega - g = \frac{\ell}{2} = g_L + g_R$$

Double-scaling

$$\mathcal{F}(\lambda) = \sum_{g \in \mathbb{N}} N^{2-2g} \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{N}} D^{1+g-\frac{\ell}{2}} \mathcal{F}_{g,\ell}(\lambda) = D^2 \sum_{g \in \mathbb{N}} \left(\frac{N}{\sqrt{D}} \right)^{2-2g} \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{N}} D^{-\frac{\ell}{2}} \mathcal{F}_{g,\ell}(\lambda)$$

Introduce a new **double-scaling parameter** $M := \frac{N}{\sqrt{D}}$:

$$\mathcal{F}^{(0)}(M, \lambda) := \lim_{\substack{N, D \rightarrow \infty \\ M < \infty}} \frac{1}{D^2} \mathcal{F}(\lambda) = \sum_{g \geq 0} M^{2-2g} \mathcal{F}_{g,0}(\lambda)$$

- 1 Characterization of $\ell = 0$ graphs?
- 2 Critical behaviour of $\mathcal{F}_{g,0}(\lambda)$?
- 3 Triple-scaling by tuning simultaneously $\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_c$ and $M \rightarrow \infty$?

For convenience, we will focus on the **two-point function**:

$$\mathcal{G}^{(0)}(\lambda) \equiv \frac{N}{D} \left\langle \text{Tr} \left[X_\mu^\dagger X_\mu \right] \right\rangle = \sum_{g \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{G}_g(\lambda) M^{2-2g}$$

with $\mathcal{G}_g(\lambda) = \#\{\text{rooted } \ell = 0 \text{ graphs of genus } g\}$.

2. Recursive characterization of $\ell = 0$ graphs

Methodology

Same as in enumeration of Feynman graphs of fixed degree ω .

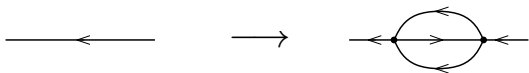
[Gurau, Schaeffer '13; Fusy, Tanasa '15]

- Organize the Feynman diagrams into equivalent classes, modulo insertion/deletion of infinite families of subgraphs that do not change ℓ .
- This defines the notion of **scheme** S_G of a Feynman graph G .
- Classify the schemes with $\ell = 0$, order by order in the genus g .

The two relevant families of subgraphs in our context are: two-point **melon subgraphs** and four-point **ladder diagrams**.

Interesting feature: in contrast to the construction of graphs of fixed degree ω , the construction of $\ell = 0$ graphs of fixed genus g will be **entirely recursive**.

Melons



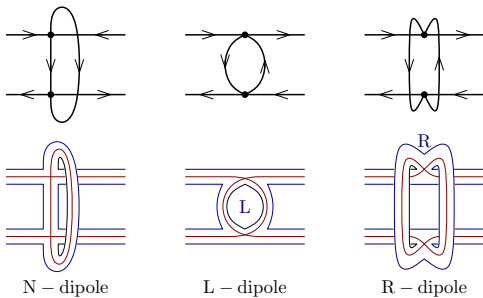
- If $g(G) = 0 = \ell(G)$, then $\omega = g + \frac{\ell}{2} = 0$ and therefore G is melonic.
- Moreover, melonic insertions/deletions preserve both ℓ and $g \rightarrow$ consider graphs up to melonic insertions.
- Generating function of two-point melonic graphs: [Bonzom, Gurau, Riello, Rivasseau '11...]

$$T(\lambda) = 1 + \lambda^2 T(\lambda)^4$$

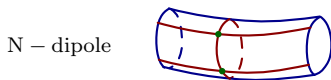
Develops a square-root singularity at the critical value $\lambda_c = (3^3/4^4)^{1/2}$:

$$T(\lambda) \underset{\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_c^-}{\approx} \frac{1}{3} \left(4 - \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda_c^2}} \right)$$

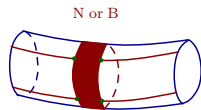
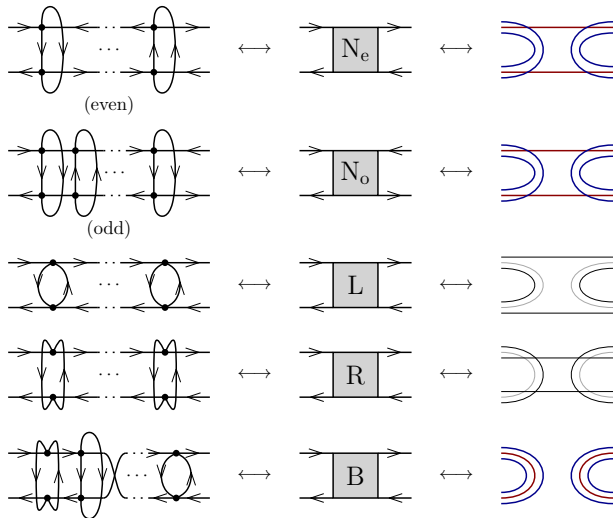
Dipoles



Topological visualisation



Ladders and ladder-vertices



ℓ and g are invariant under addition/removal of rungs in a ladder of a given type.

Schemes

Definition

The *scheme* S_G of a (rooted, connected) graph G is the graph obtained by:

- replacing any melonic 2-point function by a propagator;
- replacing any maximal ladder by the ladder-vertex of the corresponding type.

Proposition

If $S_{G_1} = S_{G_2}$, then:

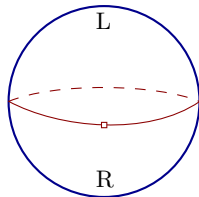
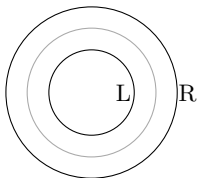
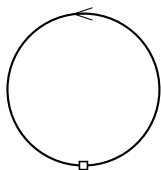
$$g(G_1) = g(G_2) \quad \text{and} \quad \ell(G_1) = \ell(G_2).$$

Theorem

Any $\ell = 0$ scheme of *genus* g can be reconstructed from $\ell = 0$ schemes of *genus* $g' < g$.

\Rightarrow straightforward (though quickly impractical) algorithm to generate all $\ell = 0$ schemes of fixed genus. To be contrasted with classification of schemes of fixed degree ω .

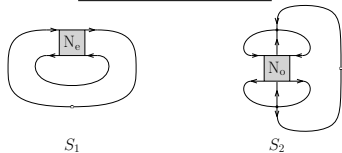
$\ell = 0$ scheme of genus 0



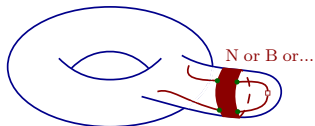
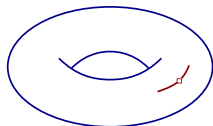
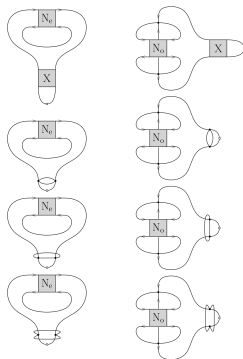
Represents all melonic two-point functions.

$l = 0$ schemes of genus 1

\exists two 2PI schemes

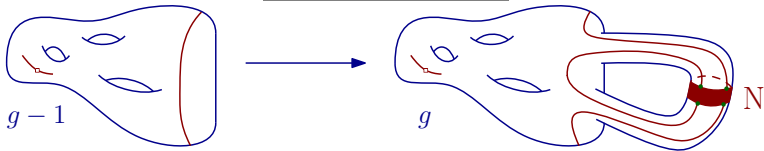


\exists sixteen 2PR schemes

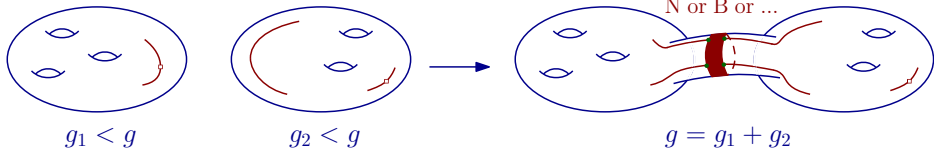
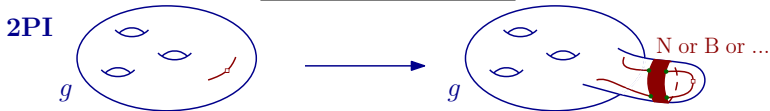


$\ell = 0$ schemes of genus $g \geq 2$

Generating 2PI schemes



Generating 2PR schemes



3. Triple-scaling limit of the connected generating function

Connected generating function

$$\mathcal{G}^{(0)}(\lambda) = \sum_{g \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{G}_g(\lambda) M^{2-2g}$$

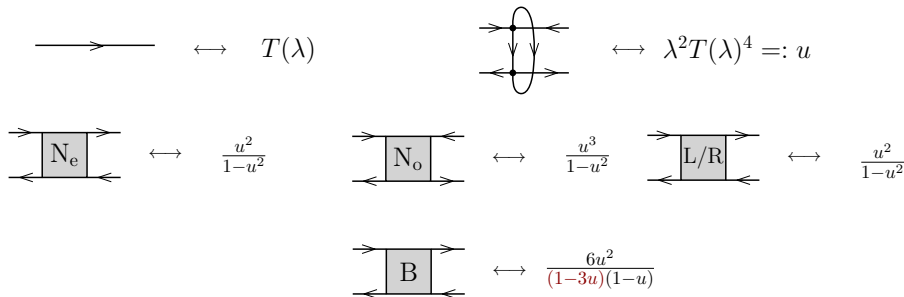
with $\mathcal{G}_g(\lambda) = \#\{\text{rooted } \ell = 0 \text{ graphs of genus } g\}$.

- Decompose \mathcal{G}_g into a sum over a **finite number of schemes**:

$$\mathcal{G}_g(\lambda) = \sum_{\ell=0 \text{ scheme } S} \hat{\mathcal{G}}_S(\lambda)$$

- Still too hard to resum all schemes of genus g .
- Focus on the subclass of schemes that contribute to the **dominant singularity** of \mathcal{G}_g
→ *dominant schemes*.
- Singularities can only arise from the resummation of melon and ladder diagrams.

Dominant schemes

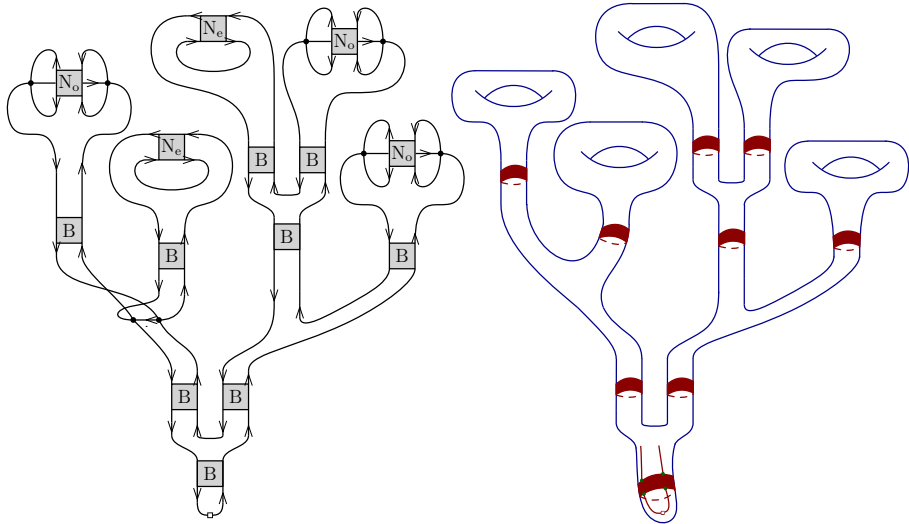


Dominant singularity: $\lambda_c = (3^3/4^4)^{1/2} \Leftrightarrow u_c = 1/3$

The **dominant schemes** are those that **maximize the number of B-vertices** at fixed g .

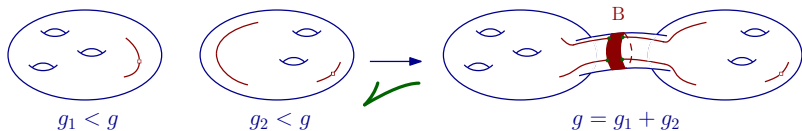
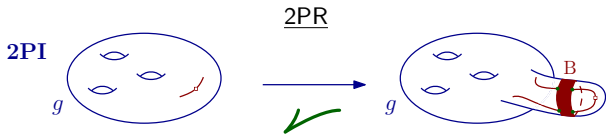
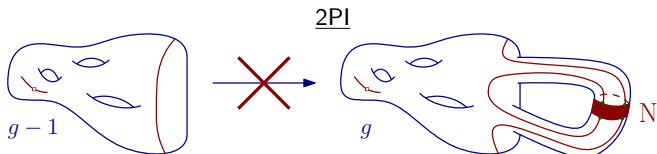
Theorem

*Dominant schemes of genus g have $2g - 1$ B-vertices, and are in one-to-one correspondence with decorated **plane binary trees**.*



Dominant scheme of genus $g = 5$: there are $2g - 1 = 9$ B-vertices.

Idea of proof:



Show that those B-vertices must be glued along specific six-point functions. □

Resummation of dominant schemes

- The trees can be enumerated exactly: for any $g \geq 1$

$$\mathcal{G}_g(\lambda) \underset{\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_c^-}{\sim} \sum_{\text{dominant scheme } S} \hat{\mathcal{G}}_S(\lambda) \sim \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} \mathcal{T}_g \left(\frac{5}{48} \right)^g \left(\sqrt{1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda_c^2}} \right)^{1-2g}$$

where $\mathcal{T}_g = \frac{1}{2^{g-1}} \binom{2g-1}{g-1}$.

- The **critical exponent** is linear in the genus

\Rightarrow **triple-scaling limit**, with parameter: $\kappa^{-1} := M \left(1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda_c^2} \right)^{1/2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(\kappa) &:= \frac{\kappa}{M} \left(\mathcal{G}^{(0)}(\lambda) - M^2 \mathcal{T}(\lambda) \right) \sim \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} \sum_{g \geq 1} \mathcal{T}_g \left(\frac{5}{48} \right)^g \kappa^{2g} \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{5}{12} \kappa^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Near $\kappa_c = \sqrt{\frac{12}{5}}$, **large random trees** (representing surfaces with large g) dominate:

$$\langle g \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \kappa \partial_\kappa \ln \mathcal{D}(\kappa) \simeq \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{1 - \kappa^2 / \kappa_c^2}}$$

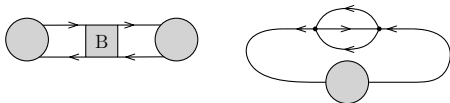
4. Triple-scaling limit of the 2PI generating function

Main idea

To avoid tree-like structures, one needs to:

- avoid the $\lambda = \lambda_c$ singularity of the melonic generating function;
- avoid the $u = 1/3$ singularity of the B-ladder generating function.

Melon diagrams and B-ladders have a common feature: they generate **two-edge cuts** / **2PR components**.



⇒ **restricting the sum to 2PI graphs** kills these contributions, while still allowing N-ladders to proliferate.

⇒ this restriction allows to reach the $u = 1$ singularity of **N-ladders**, and tune them to criticality.

2PI generating function

- Define theory with modified covariance:

$$S[X, X^\dagger; m] = ND \left((1 - m) \text{Tr} [X_\mu^\dagger X_\mu] - \frac{\lambda}{2} \sqrt{D} \text{Tr} [X_\mu^\dagger X_\nu X_\mu^\dagger X_\nu] \right)$$

$$\left\langle \text{Tr} [X_\mu^\dagger X_\mu] \right\rangle_m = \frac{\int [dX] e^{-S[X, X^\dagger; m]} \text{Tr} [X_\mu^\dagger X_\mu]}{\int [dX] e^{-S[X, X^\dagger; m]}}$$

- Define $m(\lambda)$ as the solution of:

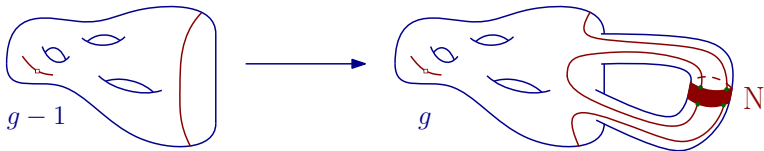
$$\left\langle \text{Tr} [X_\mu^\dagger X_\mu] \right\rangle_{m(\lambda)} = N, \quad \text{with} \quad m(0) = 0.$$

- Claim: $m(\lambda)$ is the generating function of **rooted 2PI Feynman diagrams**.
- In the **double-scaling limit**:

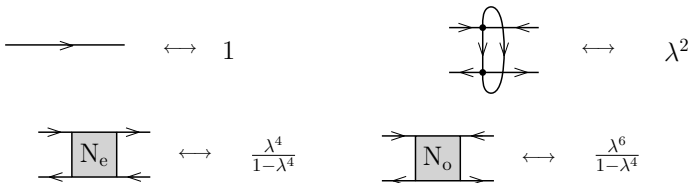
$$\mathcal{G}_{2\text{PI}}^{(0)}(\lambda) = \lim_{\substack{N, D \rightarrow \infty \\ M < \infty}} \frac{N^2}{D} m(\lambda) = \sum_{g \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{G}_g^{2\text{PI}}(\lambda) M^{2-2g}$$

with $\mathcal{G}_g^{2\text{PI}}(\lambda) = \#\{\text{rooted and 2PI } \ell = 0 \text{ graphs of genus } g\}$.

\exists only one way of increasing the genus of a $\ell = 0$ 2PI graph:



2PI-dominant schemes

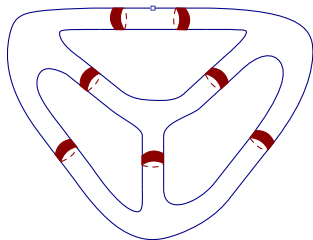
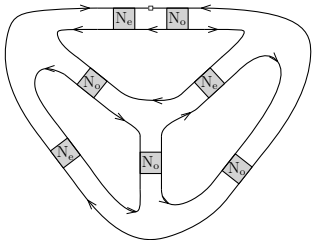


Dominant singularity: $\lambda_* = 1$

The **2PI-dominant schemes** are those that **maximize the number of N-vertices** at fixed g .

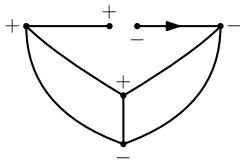
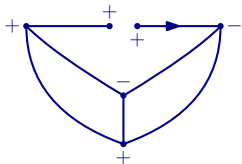
Theorem

*2PI-dominant schemes of genus g have $3g - 2$ N-vertices, and are in one-to-one correspondence with decorated **rooted, cubic and bridgeless** (i.e. 1PI) **planar maps**.*



2PI-dominant scheme of genus $g = 3$: there are $3g - 2 = 7$ N-vertices. The N-ladders encode **non-separating cuffs** in a **pants decomposition** of the manifold.

Claim. 2PI-dominant schemes are in one-to-one correspondence with **Ising states** on **rooted, cubic and bridgeless planar maps**:



Resummation of 2PI-dominant schemes

- The combinatorial mapping to Ising yields: for any $g \geq 1$

$$\mathcal{G}_{2\text{PI}}^{(0)}(\lambda) \underset{\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_*^-}{\sim} M^{2/3} \left(Z_{++}(\mathcal{C}_{N_o}(\lambda^2)M^{-2/3}, \lambda^{-2}) + \lambda^2 Z_{+-}(\mathcal{C}_{N_o}(\lambda^2)M^{-2/3}, \lambda^{-2}) \right)$$

where

$$Z_{++}(t, x) = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_{++}} t^{\epsilon(T)} x^{m(T)}$$

is the **grand-canonical partition function** for the **Ising model on random, cubic and bridgeless planar maps** with boundary condition $(++)$. $(x = e^{2\beta}, t = ze^{-2\beta})$

- Such Ising partition functions are explicitly solvable in general:

- by matrix-integral methods (effective two-matrix model);

[Kazakov '86; Boulatov, Kazakov '87]

- by bijective methods (Tutte equations with 2 catalytic variables).

[Bernardi, Bousquet-Mélou '11]

- Here, we are only interested in the high-temperature limit:

$$\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_* = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \beta \rightarrow 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad x \rightarrow 1$$

\Rightarrow the evaluation **reduces to an enumeration problem**, solvable by a one-matrix model or a Tutte equation with one catalytic variable.

- One finds:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{D}}(\kappa) := (1 - \lambda) \mathcal{G}_{2\text{PI}}^{(0)}(\lambda) \underset{\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_*^-}{\sim} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left(\frac{\kappa^2}{16} \right)^n \mathcal{M}_n$$

where the **triple-scaling** parameter $\kappa^{-1} = M(1 - \lambda)^{3/2}$ is kept fixed, and $\mathcal{M}_n = \#\{\text{rooted, bridgeless and planar cubic maps with } 2n \text{ vertices}\}$ (OEIS A000309)

- Well-known enumeration:

[Tutte '62]

$$\mathcal{M}_n = \frac{2^n (3n)!}{(n+1)! (2n+1)!} \sim \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{3}{\pi}} \left(\frac{27}{2} \right)^n n^{-5/2}$$

- Singularity at $\kappa_c = \frac{8}{3\sqrt{6}}$:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{D}}(\kappa) \underset{\kappa \rightarrow \kappa_c^-}{\sim} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \left(1 - \frac{\kappa^2}{\kappa_c^2} \right)^{3/2}$$

- Near $\kappa_c = \sqrt{\frac{12}{5}}$, **large random planar maps** (representing surfaces with large g) dominate:

$$\langle g \rangle = \langle n+1 \rangle < \infty, \quad \langle g^2 \rangle \underset{\kappa \rightarrow \kappa_c^-}{\sim} K \left(1 - \frac{\kappa^2}{\kappa_c^2} \right)^{-1/2}$$

5. Summary and discussion

Summary

- Multi-matrix model generating **random surfaces decorated by loops**.
- The large N parameter controls the genus of the surfaces. The large D parameter controls the loops.
- **Double-scaling** $M = N/\sqrt{D} \rightarrow$ retains non-trivial contributions at arbitrary genus, on top of the melonic genus 0 sector.
- Result 1: **combinatorial characterization** of all graphs contributing to the double-scaling limit.
- Result 2: the **connected** partition function admits a **triple-scaling** limit dominated by surfaces of **large genus** proliferating like **random trees**.
- Result 2: the **2PI** partition function admits a **triple-scaling** limit dominated by surfaces of **large genus** proliferating like **random planar maps**.

Outlook

- Arbitrary n -point functions: loop equations and topological recursion?
- SYK-like models and QFT: tractable higher-genus corrections to the melonic behaviour?
- Connection to recent works on Euclidean wormholes and the Page curve in 2d quantum gravity?
[Saad, Shenker, Stanford, Witten, Penington, Almheiri, Engelhardt, Maxfield, Marolf,...]