Regular colored graphs of positive degree

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Two "discrete \rightarrow continuum" approaches for D=3 (I know of):

- Lorenzian geometries, D=2+1: layers of triangulations? Experimental results with random sampling, no exact results (?)
- Euclidean geometries, D=3: arbitrary pure simplicial complexes? Partial results following the Tensor Track (survey©Rivasseau)

To learn more: workshop Quantum gravity in Paris-Orsay in march.

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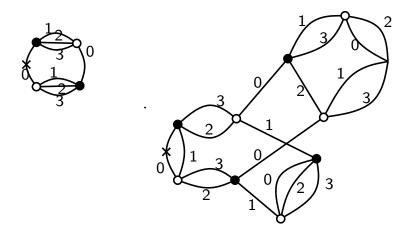
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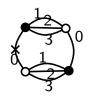
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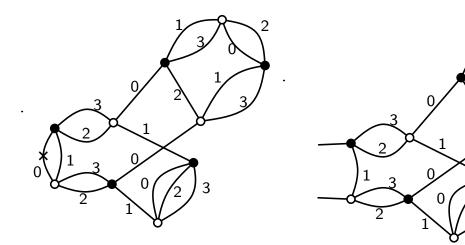
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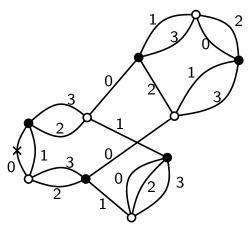


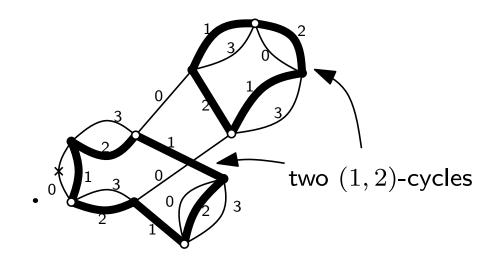
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Equivalently, a graph is open, if one edge is broken into two half edges.

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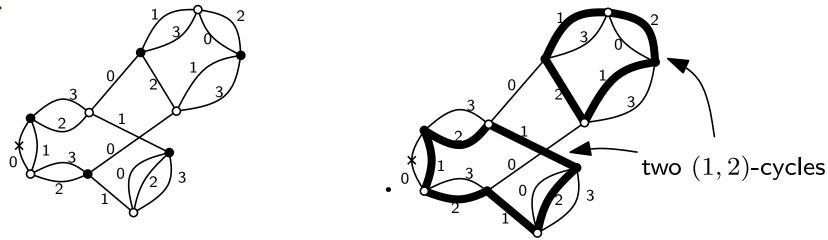
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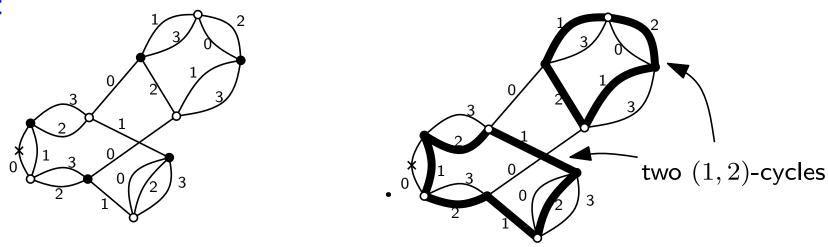
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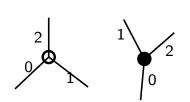
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In the case D=2, there are 3-colors, and faces are the faces of a canonical embedding of the graph as a map.



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For $D \geq 4$, coefficient of F_2 positive \Rightarrow finitely many graphs if δ and F_1 are fixed.

Same hold for D=3 but non trivial.

Summary of the first episode

Matrix integral expansions



3-regular colored maps

k black vertices, F faces

$$2g = k - F + 2$$

(colored triangulations)

D-tensor integral expansions



D-regular colored graphs

k black vertices, F "faces"

$$\delta = \binom{D}{2}k - F + D$$

(D-dimensional pure colored complexes)

Classification by degree:

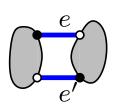
degree is not a topological invariant of underlying D-manifold: it depends on the colored complex used to triangulate it but it governs the expansion of the integral

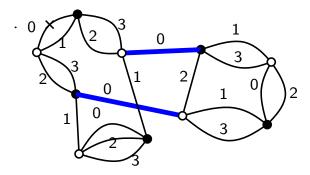
Why this precise integral / family of graph?

More representative than simpler models: barycentric sub-division of any manifold complex is colored.

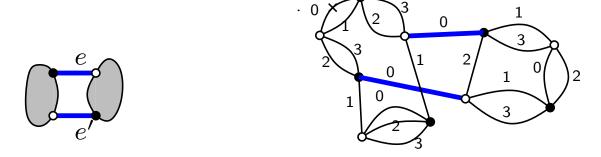
There are richer models for D=3, but this model works for any D.

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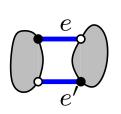


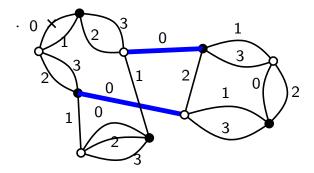
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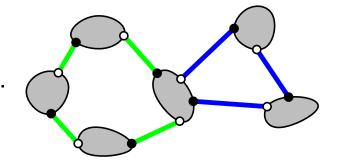
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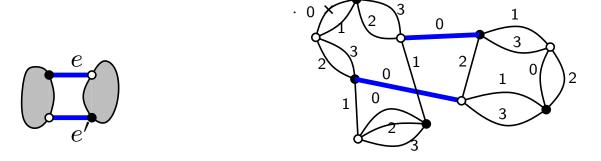


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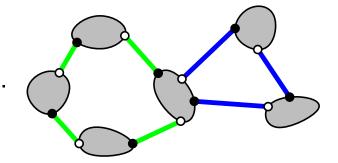


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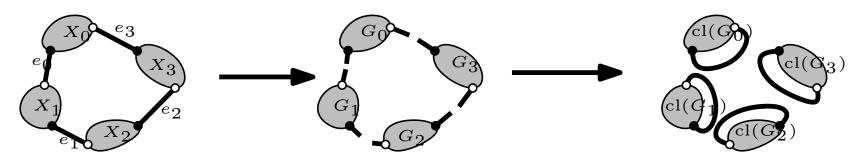


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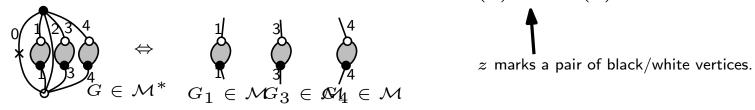
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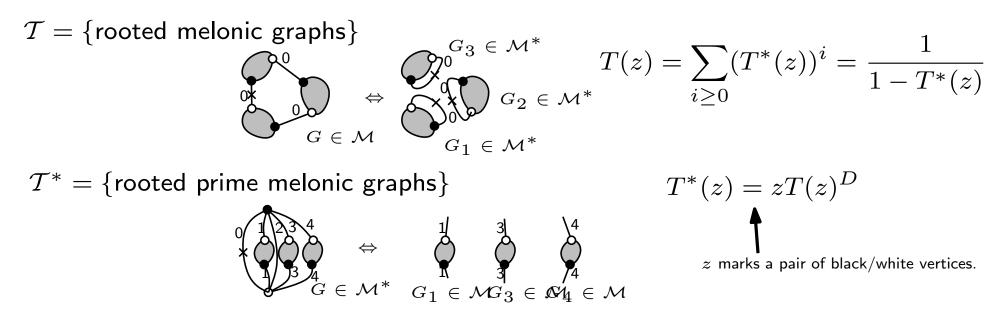


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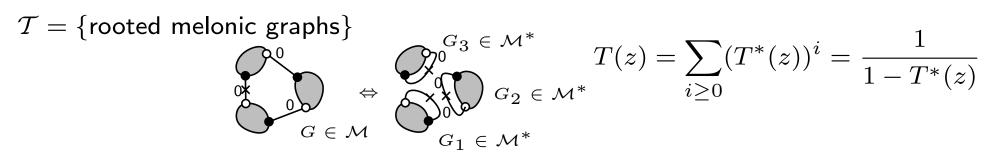
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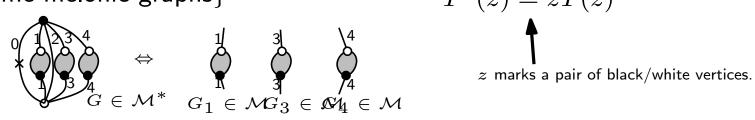
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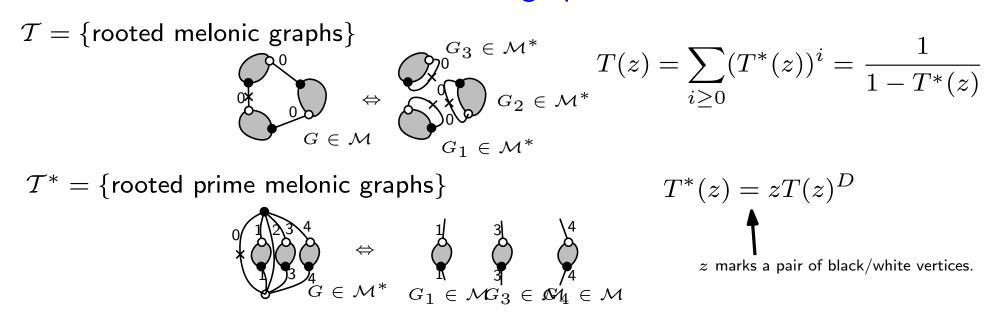
The gf of rooted melonic graphs has a square root dominant singularity.

$$T(z) = a - b\sqrt{1 - z/z_0} + O(1 - z/z_0)$$
 where $z_0 = \frac{D^D}{(D+1)(D+1)}$

For future ref we observe that: $z_0T(z_0)^{D+1}=\frac{1}{D}$

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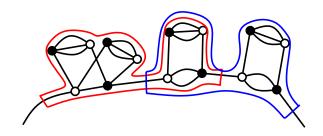


Melonic graphs have degree 0: direct proof by induction.

Graphs with degree 0 are melonic: two step proof...

- a graph is melonic iff it can be decomposed by deleting melons
- any graph of degree 0 contains a melon.

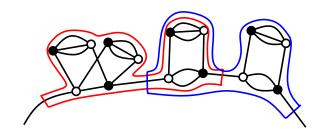
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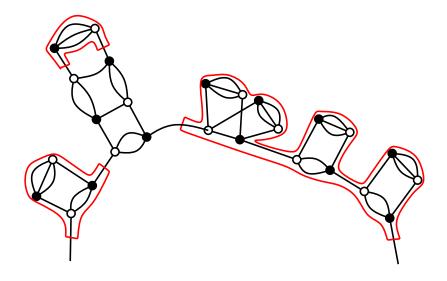
Proof: In view of the degree constraint, the boundary of an open melonic subgraph consists of its two open edges.

Therefore the open edges of the two components belong to a same open cut-cycle of the union, which is melonic by induction.

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Corollary Maximal open melonic subgraphs are disjoint.



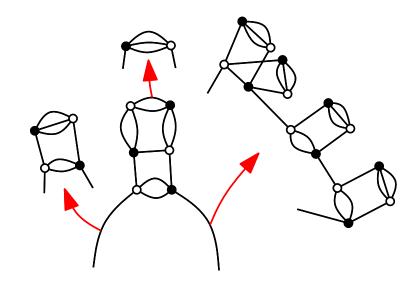
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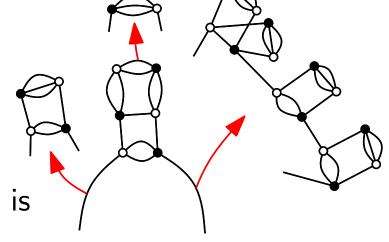
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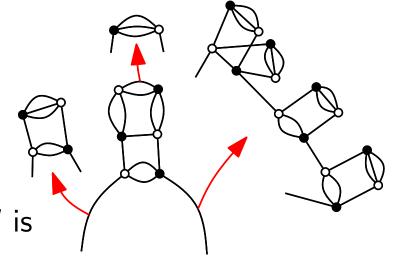
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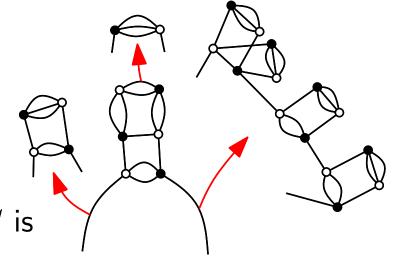
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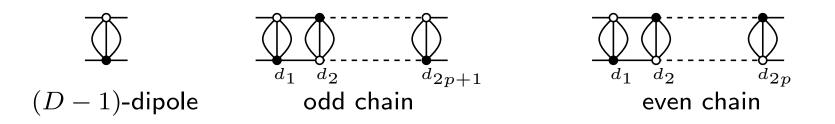
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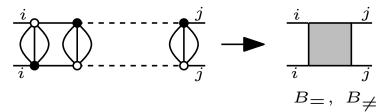
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Some configurations can be repeated without increasing δ . In particular, chains of (D-1)-dipoles:



A chain is proper if it contains at least two (D-1)-dipoles. Lemma. Maximal proper sub-chains are disjoints.

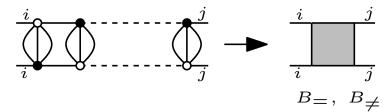
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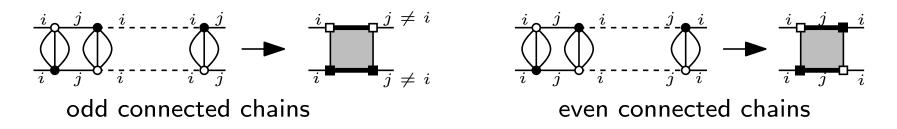
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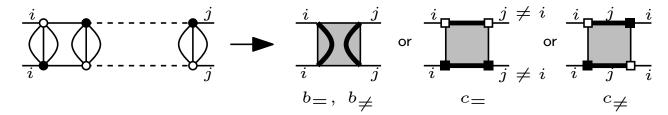


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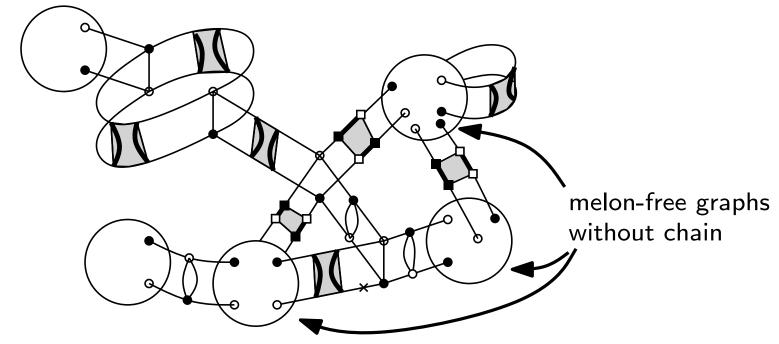


broken chains
$$\underbrace{\frac{i}{i} \underbrace{-\frac{k}{k} - \frac{j}{j}}_{k \neq i, j}}_{k \neq i, j} \longrightarrow \underbrace{\frac{i}{i} \underbrace{\frac{j}{j}}_{j}}_{i}$$

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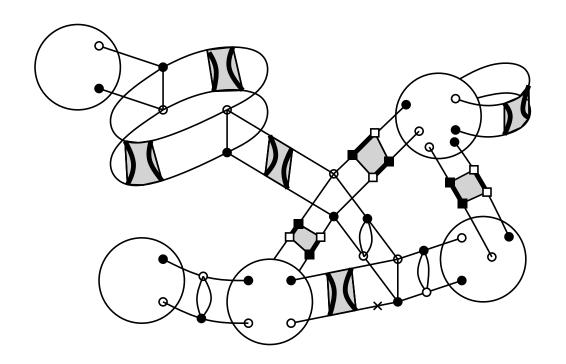


The scheme of a melon-free graph: do all replacements.



By construction, 2 graphs with same scheme have the same degree. \Rightarrow this common degree is the degree of the scheme.

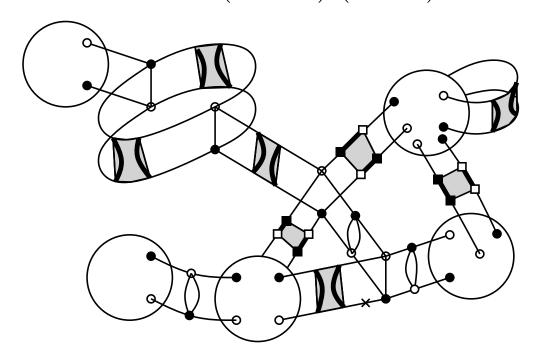
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Proposition. Let S be a scheme with $b_{\neq}, b_{=}, c_{\neq}, c_{=}$ chain-vertices of each type. The gf of melon-free graphs with scheme S is

$$G_S(u) = \frac{u^p D^{b=} (D-1)^b u^{b=+c_{\neq}+2b+2c}}{(1-Du)^b (1-u^2)^{b+c}} \qquad b = b_{=} + b_{\neq}$$
$$c = c_{=} + c_{\neq}$$



Theorem. The number of schemes with degree δ is finite.

Lemma. The number of chain-vertices, (D-1)-dipoles and, for $D\geq 4$, (D-2)-dipoles in a scheme of degree δ is bounded by 5δ .

Idea: The deletion of a dipole in a melon-free graph has in general the effect of decreasing the genus or disconnecting the graph in parts that all have positive genus. Actual proof is a bit technical.

Lemma. For D=3 the number of graphs with a fixed number of 2-dipoles is finite. For $D\geq 4$, the number of graphs with fixed numbers of (D-1)-dipoles and (D-2)-dipoles is finite.

Idea: For D=3, ad-hoc argument.

For $D \ge 4$, refine the counting argument of earlier slides.

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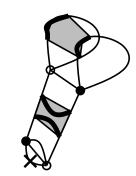
Exact formulas

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$$F_{\delta}(z) = T(z) \sum_{s \in S_{\delta}} G_{S}(zT(z)^{D+1}) \quad \text{where } G_{s}(u) = \frac{u^{p} D^{b} = (D-1)^{b} u^{b} = +c \neq +2b+2c}{(1-Du)^{b} (1-u^{2})^{b+c}}$$

and
$$T(z) = 1 + zT(z)^D$$

Corollary (Kaminski, Oriti, Ryan). For $\delta = D - 2$, $F_{D-2}(z) = \binom{D}{2} \frac{z^2 T(z)^{2D+3}}{1-z^2 T(z)^{2D+2}} \frac{1}{1-Dz T(z)^{D+1}}$



Explicit next term, for $\delta = D$, is already a mess...

Theorem. Let $\delta \geq 1$. The gf of rooted colored graphs of degree δ w.r.t. black vertices has the asymptotic development

$$F_{\delta}(z) = \sum_{s \in S_{\delta}} f_{p,b,D}^{c_{\neq},c} (1 - z/z_0)^{-b/2} + O(1 - z/z_0)$$

where $f_{p,b}^{c \neq ,c}(D)$ is a simple rational fraction in D: $f_{p,b,D}^{c \neq ,c} = \frac{D^{3b/2-p-c} \neq -1}{2^{b/2}(D-1)^c(D+1)^{c+b/2}}$

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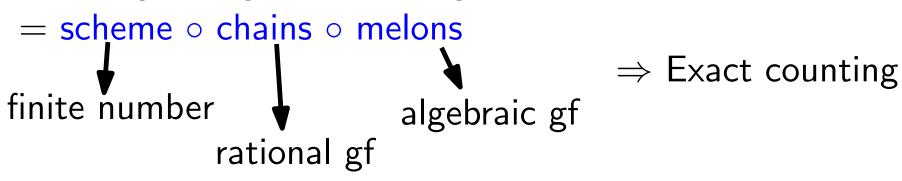
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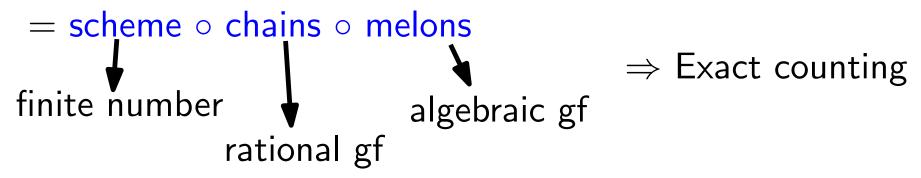
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Fixed degree regular colored graphs



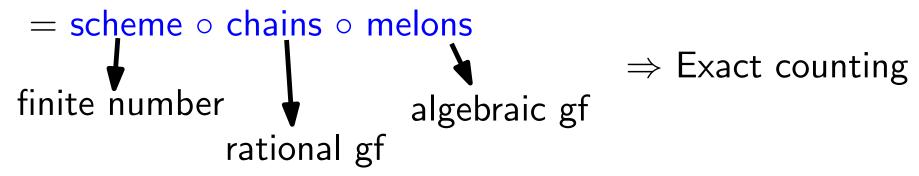
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Extend the D=3 results to uncolored models? (cf next talk)

Scaling limits: δ fixed, size n going to infinity Melonic graphs rescaled by $n^{-1/2}$ cv to CRT (cf Ryan's talk) For $\delta \geq 1$, expect something similar to Addario-Berry, Broutin, Goldschmidt's critical random graphs (work in progress with Albenque)

Double scaling limits: compute $\sum_{\delta} N^{-\delta} domin(F_{\delta}(z))$ Upon sending $N \to \infty$ with $N(1-z/z_0)=cte$, limit exists for $D \le 5$

- resum lower order terms and look for a triple scaling limit?
- for $D \ge 6$, is it possible to say something about the divergent series?

These computations should probabily be done first for the simpler model of Dartois, Gurau, Rivasseau.