

# MATRICES, MEMBRANES AND BLACK HOLES

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# THIS IS A TALK ABOUT GEOMETRY

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- WHERE ARE OBJECTS LOCATED IN HOLOGRAPHIC MODELS?
- ARE THEY FUZZY?
- HOW DO WE BUILD BLACK HOLES IN HOLOGRAPHIC MODELS?
- WHAT DOES THE INTERIOR OF A BLACK HOLE LOOK LIKE?

# PLAN OF TALK

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- BFSS
- MEMBRANES FROM MATRICES
- BMN
- BUILDING BLACK HOLES

# BFSS MATRIX MODEL

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DIMENSIONAL  
REDUCTION OF  $U(N)$  SYM IN  $D=9+1$  TO  $0+1$

$$S_{BFSS} = \frac{1}{2g^2} \int dt \left( (D_t X^I)^2 + \frac{1}{2} [X^I, X^J]^2 \right) + \text{fermions}$$

BANKS, FISCHLER, SHENKER, SUSSKIND

THERE ARE 9 DYNAMICAL MATRICES AND  
ONE MATRIX CONSTRAINT.

# MODULI SPACE

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VACUA ARE COMMUTING MATRICES

$$[X^I, X^J] = 0$$

UP TO GAUGE TRANSFORMATIONS THE MATRICES  
ARE DIAGONAL: EIGENVALUES ARE POSITIONS OF  
D0-BRANES.

PRODUCES AN  $\mathbb{R}^9$

FOR EACH D0 BRANE

- THERE IS AN EFFECTIVE METRIC: OFF-DIAGONAL MODES HAVE A MASS THAT MEASURES THE EUCLIDEAN DISTANCE IN 9 FLAT DIMENSIONS.
- WHEN DO BRANES ARE **FAR**, OFF-DIAGONAL MODES ARE **INTEGRATED OUT** (HIGH COST IN ENERGY). WHEN THEY ARE NEAR EACH OTHER **THEY CAN BECOME ACTIVE**.

THE BFSS MATRIX MODEL CONTAINS MEMBRANES

MEMBRANE HAMILTONIAN IN LIGHTCONE (AFTER  
GAUGE FIXING) IS OF THE FORM

$$(\Pi^I)^2 + \{X^I, X^J\}_{PB}^2$$

J. HOPPE THESIS (1982)

POISSON BRACKETS CAN BE APPROXIMATED BY  
MATRICES!

SUPERSYMMETRIZED DE WITT, HOPPE, NICOLAI

# MEMBRANES

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ARE MEMBRANES SHARP GIVEN A CONFIGURATION  
OF  $X$  MATRICES?

OR

ARE THEY FUZZY SO THAT SHAPE CAN ONLY APPEAR  
IN LARGE  $N$  LIMIT FOR SMALL COMMUTATORS?



# REMARK

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THERE ARE THEOREMS:

$$Diff(\Sigma) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} U(N)$$

SUGGESTS THAT AT FINITE  $N$  ONE CAN'T TELL ONE RIEMANN SURFACE TOPOLOGY FROM ANOTHER.

# MOREOVER

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ONE IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO GET ALL  
EVEN D-BRANES FROM NON-COMMUTING  
CONFIGURATIONS.

CONFUSES THE ISSUE OF SHARPNESS OF  
MEMBRANES (2-BRANES)

**SIMPLIFY:** WORK IN 3 TRANSVERSE DIMS  
CAN BE ARRANGED BY ORBIFOLDING AND  
ONE CAN PRESERVE SOME SUSY

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WHAT IS ITS GEOMETRY?

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$$\begin{pmatrix} X & * \\ *^\dagger & x \end{pmatrix}$$

# FERMION MASS MATRIX

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$$\sum_i (X^i - x^i) \otimes \sigma^i$$

WHAT MATTERS IS THE SPECTRUM OF THIS ONE MATRIX (PROVIDED BY DYNAMICS)

DEFINES A SPECTRAL DISTANCE:

$$d(X, x) \simeq (\min(\text{Abs}(\text{Eigenvalues})))$$

D.B. + E. DZIENKOWSKI [arXiv:1204.2788](https://arxiv.org/abs/1204.2788)

- EIGENVALUES OF FERMION MATRIX CAN CHANGE SIGN
- WE CAN TRACK THE NUMBER OF EIGENVALUES THAT CROSS ZERO (DEFINES AN INDEX FUNCTION FOR EACH POINT IN 3 DIMENSIONS)

$$I(x) \simeq \frac{\dim(V+) - \dim(V-)}{2}$$

# INDEX

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**LOCALLY CONSTANT:** COUNTS HOW MANY  
LAYERS ONE HAS  
TO CROSS TO GET OUT.

THE LOCUS WHERE INDEX CHANGES ARE  
SURFACES: THE  
BEST NOTION OF THE GEOMETRIC EMBEDDING  
OF THE MATRICES (THEY ARE **SHARP**).

- THE SURFACES ARE ORIENTED.
- THEY CAN NOT BE CUT OPEN.
- IN STRING THEORY THIS HAS THE INTERPRETATION OF D-BRANE CHARGE AND THAT IT IS CONSERVED.
- ONE CAN BUILD A VECTOR BUNDLE ON SURFACE (PATCH THE NULL VECTORS FOR EACH POINT ON SURFACE)

- LOCAL INDEX PROVIDES A COUNTING OF THE HANANY-WITTEN EFFECT (STRINGS ARE CREATED ON CROSSING THESE SURFACES)
- IT ALSO COUNTS THE  $U(1)$  CHARGE OF THE GROUND STATE OF OFF-DIAGONAL FERMION MODES (WRT PROBE BRANE)
- **BONUS:** WE CAN USE SPECTRAL DISTANCE TO VISUALIZE ANY CONFIGURATION **EVERYWHERE.**

# BMN MODEL

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- MASS DEFORMATION OF BFSS
- DESCRIBES DLCQ ON A PLANE WAVE RATHER THAN FLAT SPACE (HAS FLUX)
- NO MODULI SPACE, BUT PRESERVE NUMBER OF SUSY.
- VACUA ARE FUZZY SPHERES.

# ACTION

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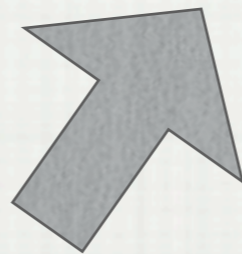
IT IS NATURAL TO IDENTIFY INITIAL CONDITIONS WITH SPACE.  
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# PLAY SAME GAME FOR GEOMETRY

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$$\sum_i (X^i - x^i) \otimes \sigma^i + \frac{3}{4} \sigma^{123}$$



FLUX CORRECTION TO FERMION GROUND STATES.

LOCUS FOR FERMION ZERO MODES MOVES:  
SURFACES ARE LOCATED ELSEWHERE (MYERS  
EFFECT)



# BONUS

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ALL GROUND STATES ARE DESCRIBED BY A  
DISCRETE SET OF CLASSICAL  
CONFIGURATIONS (FUZZY SPHERES), SO WE  
CAN IGNORE QUANTUM WAVE FUNCTIONS TO  
SETUP INITIAL CONDITIONS

A FUZZY SPHERE CAN ALSO BE INTERPRETED  
EITHER AS A GRAVITON OR AS A SPHERICAL  
M2 BRANE.

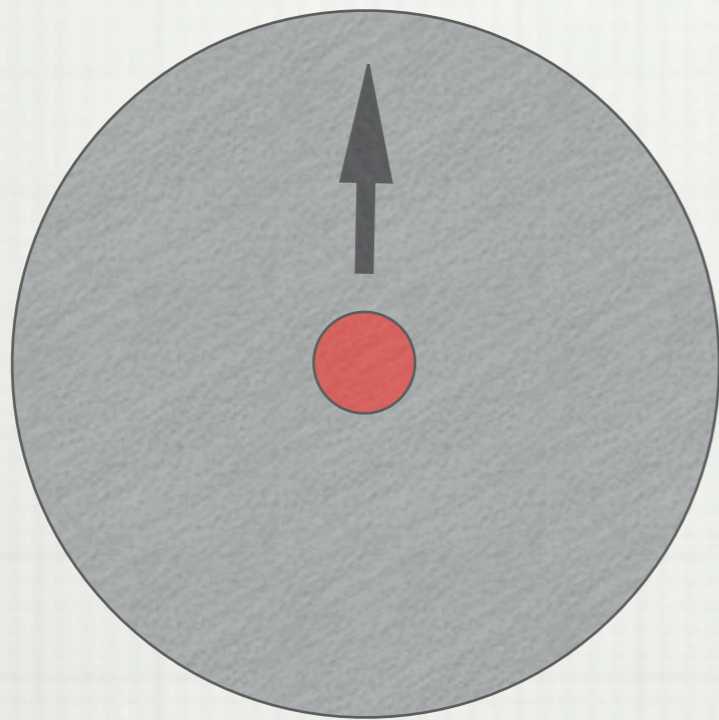
HOW TO LOOK AT IT DEPENDS ON THE  
STRENGTH OF INTERACTIONS.

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# MAKING BLACK HOLES

SETUP:  
COLLIDE BRANES IN BMN  
CHECK THERMALIZATION

- LOOK AT THERMALIZATION IN CLASSICAL DYNAMICS
- INPUT PLANCK'S CONSTANT IN INITIAL CONDITIONS FOR FLUCTUATING FIELDS (SMALL PERTURBATIONS OF A CLASSICAL INITIAL STATE)



TAKE FUZZY SPHERE +  
A D0 BRANE AND MAKE THEM COLLIDE.

# EXPECTATIONS

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OFF DIAGONAL MODES CONNECTING TWO FUZZY SPHERES GROW EXPONENTIALLY CLASSICALLY.

ONCE THEY GET LARGE ENOUGH THE REST OF THE SYSTEM BACK-REACTS.

HOPEFULLY ONE ENDS UP WITH AN INTERESTING EVOLUTION THAT THERMALIZES AFTER THAT.

# NUMERICS

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TRANCANELLI WORK IN PROGRESS



ADD QUANTUM FLUCTUATION SEEDS:  
 GENERATE RANDOMLY FROM  
 GAUSSIAN DISTRIBUTION  
 NORMALIZED TO HARMONIC  
 OSCILLATOR WAVE FUNCTIONS.

$$X^0 = \begin{pmatrix} L_n^0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad X^1 = \begin{pmatrix} L_n^1 & \delta x_1 \\ \delta x_1^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad X^2 = \begin{pmatrix} L_n^2 & \delta x_2 \\ \delta x_2^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$P^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v \end{pmatrix}, \quad P^{1,2} = 0 = Q^{1,\dots,6}, \quad Y^a = \delta y^a.$$

$$\delta x, \delta y \simeq \sqrt{\hbar/n}$$

# INTERPRETATION

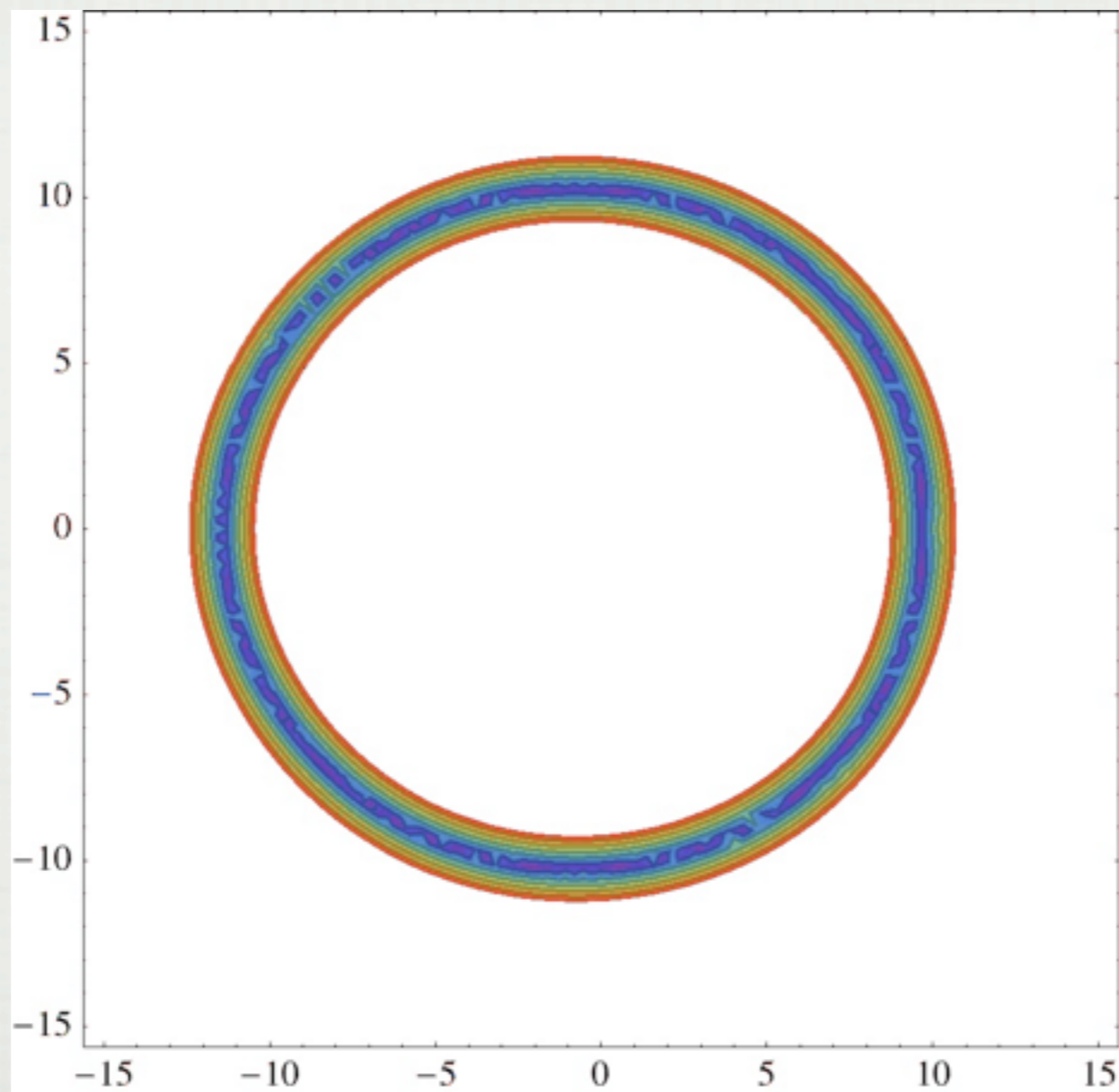
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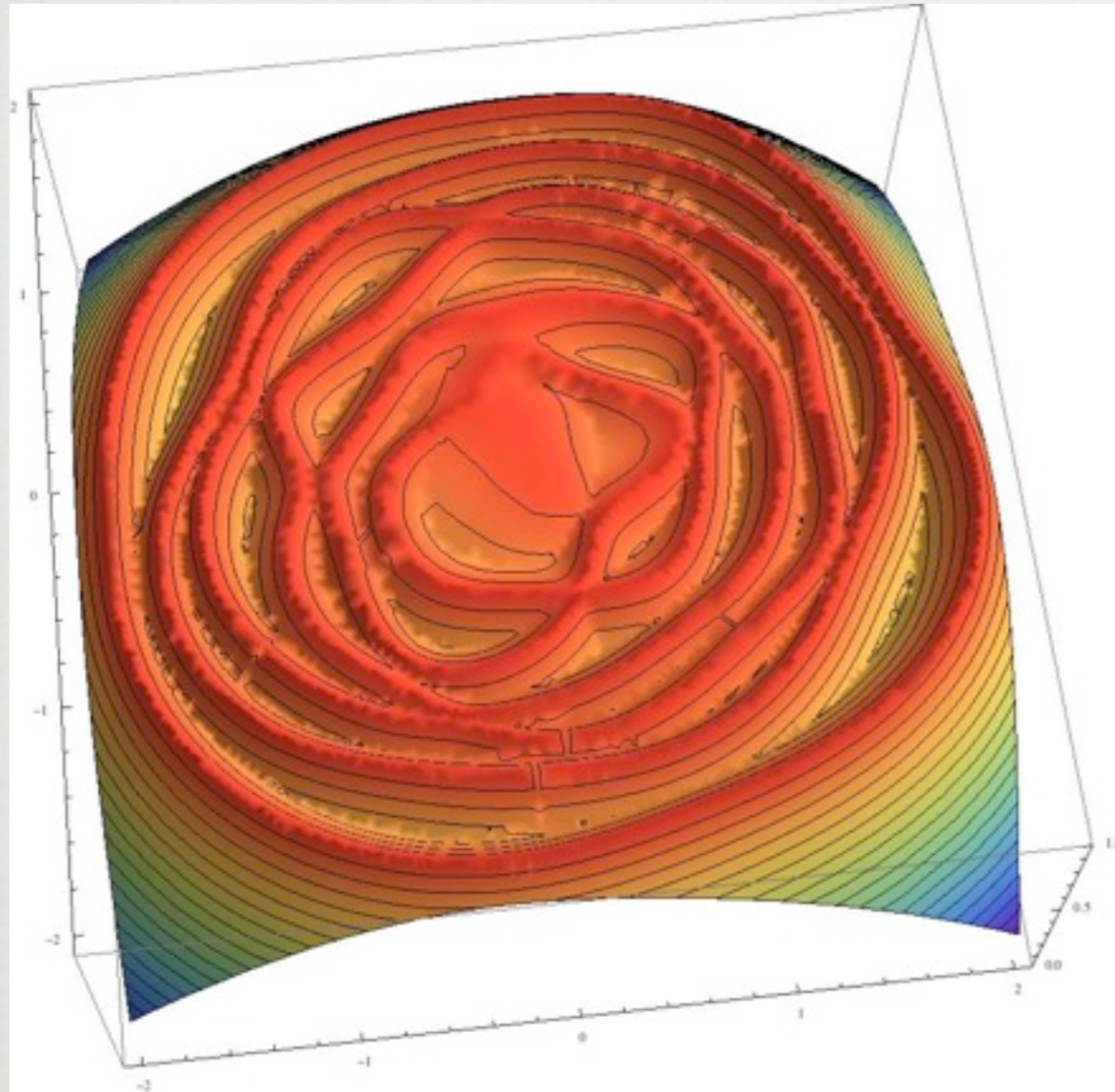
WE MAKE A ZERO BRANE COLLIDE WITH AN M2  
BRANE IN THE PLANE WAVE GEOMETRY.

THE COLLISIONS ARE PERIODIC IN TIME UNTIL  
SYSTEM BACK REACTS.

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HIGH-DEFINITION  
GRAPH SHOWS A LOT OF  
ZERO DISTANCE  
SURFACES: RIDGES

BRANE-ANTIBRANE  
POLARIZATION.

## THE ONION



THIS IS A SLICE OF A TRUE ONION:  
NOT COMPUTER GENERATED.

THIS IS THE IMAGE WE GET OF THE "INSIDE THE  
BLACK HOLE"

# THERMALIZATION

# TESTS OF THERMALITY

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$$H \simeq \frac{P^2}{2} + V(X)$$

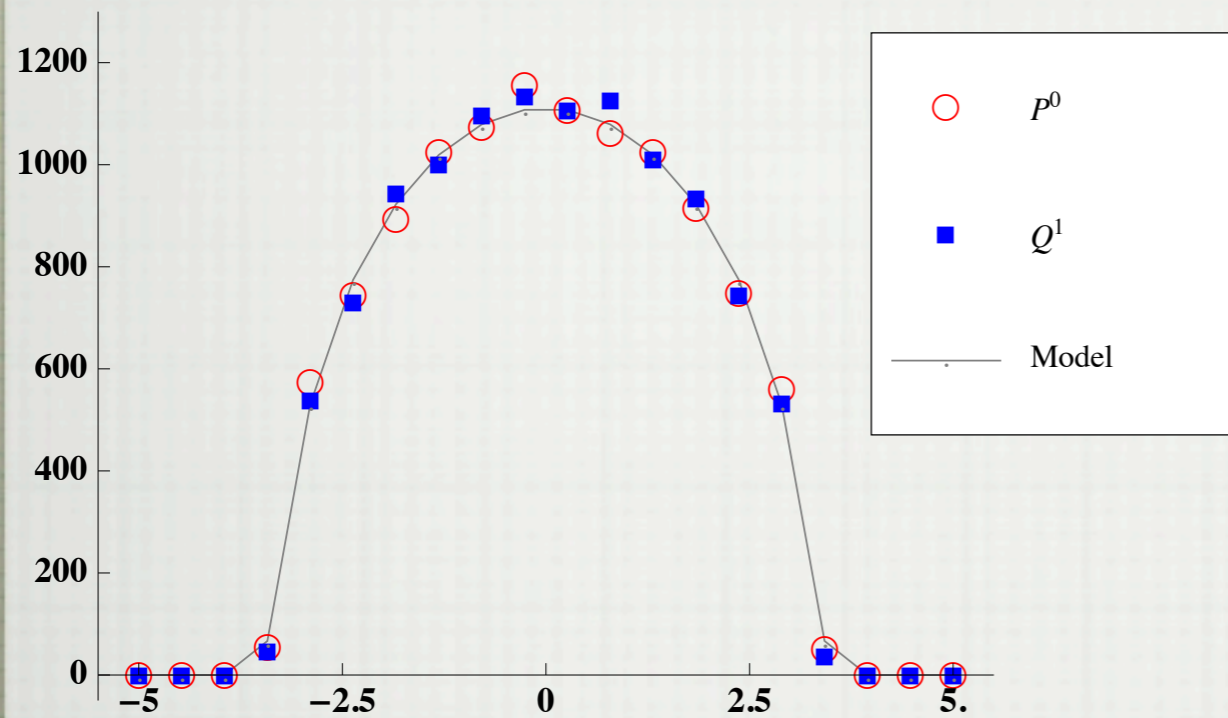
THERMAL IMPLIES TIME AVERAGED DISTRIBUTION  
OF SOME  
QUANTITIES SHOULD MATCH THE GIBBS  
ENSEMBLE.

$$\mathcal{P}(P) \simeq \exp\left(-\beta \frac{P^2}{2}\right)$$

THIS IS THE STANDARD GAUSSIAN MATRIX MODEL  
ENSEMBLE.



# SEMICIRCLE TESTS

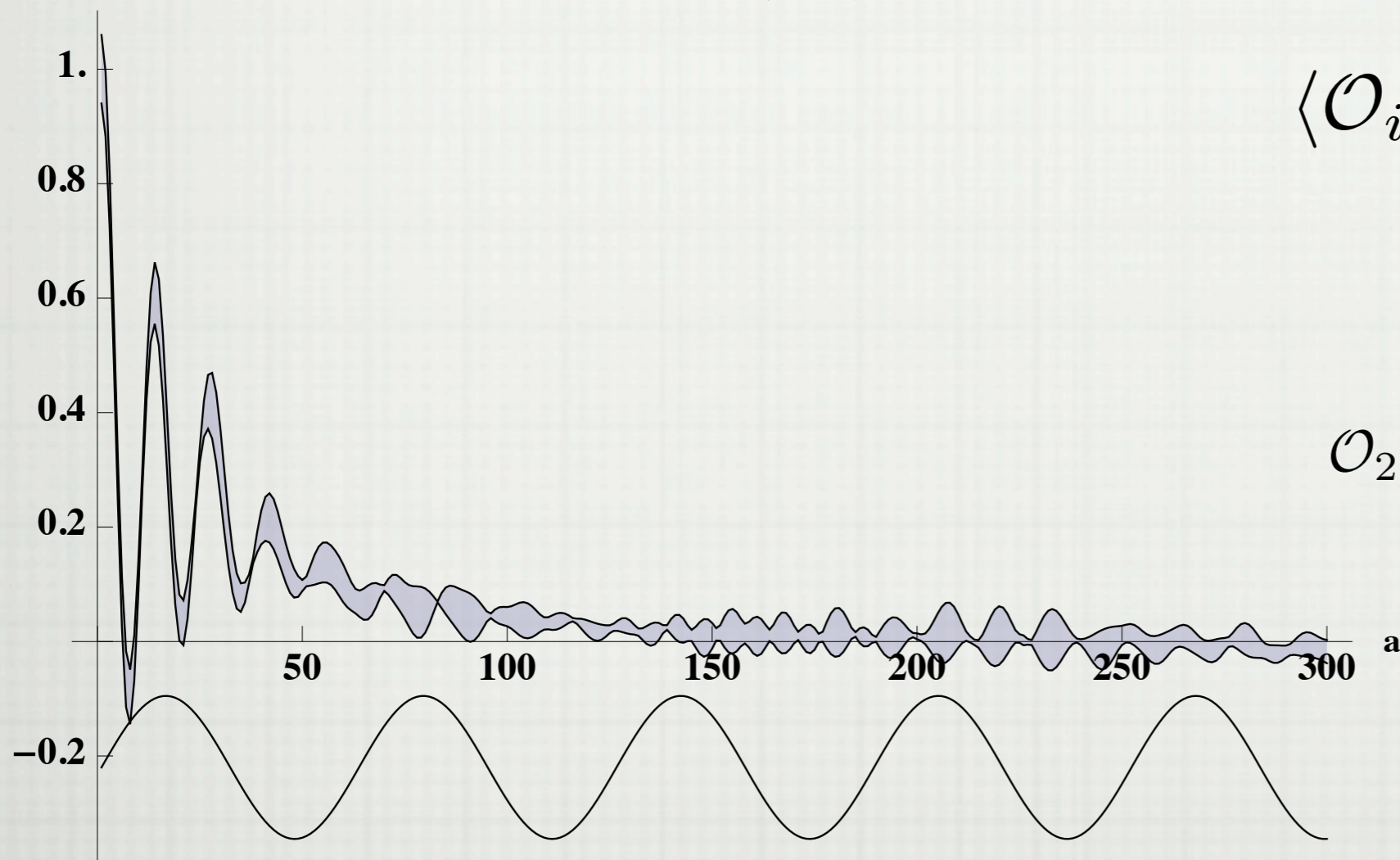


SEMICIRCLE DISTRIBUTION  
FOR MOMENTA  
EIGENVALUES:  
AVERAGE OVER TIME.

TEMPERATURE IN X AND Y MATCH

# FAST THERMALIZATION?

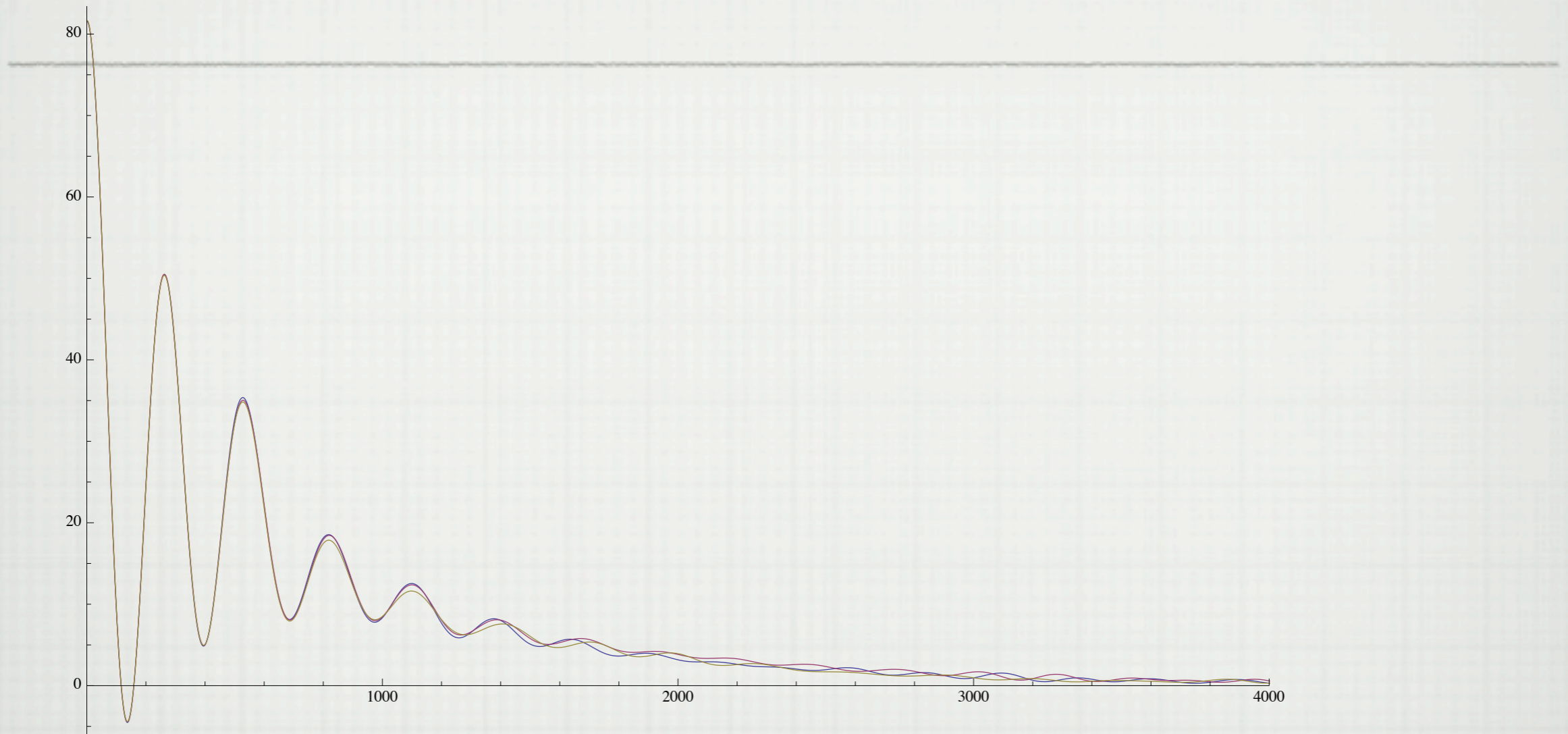
## TEST VIA NORMALIZED AUTOCORRELATION FUNCTIONS



$$\langle \mathcal{O}_i(t) \mathcal{O}_i^\dagger(t+a) \rangle$$

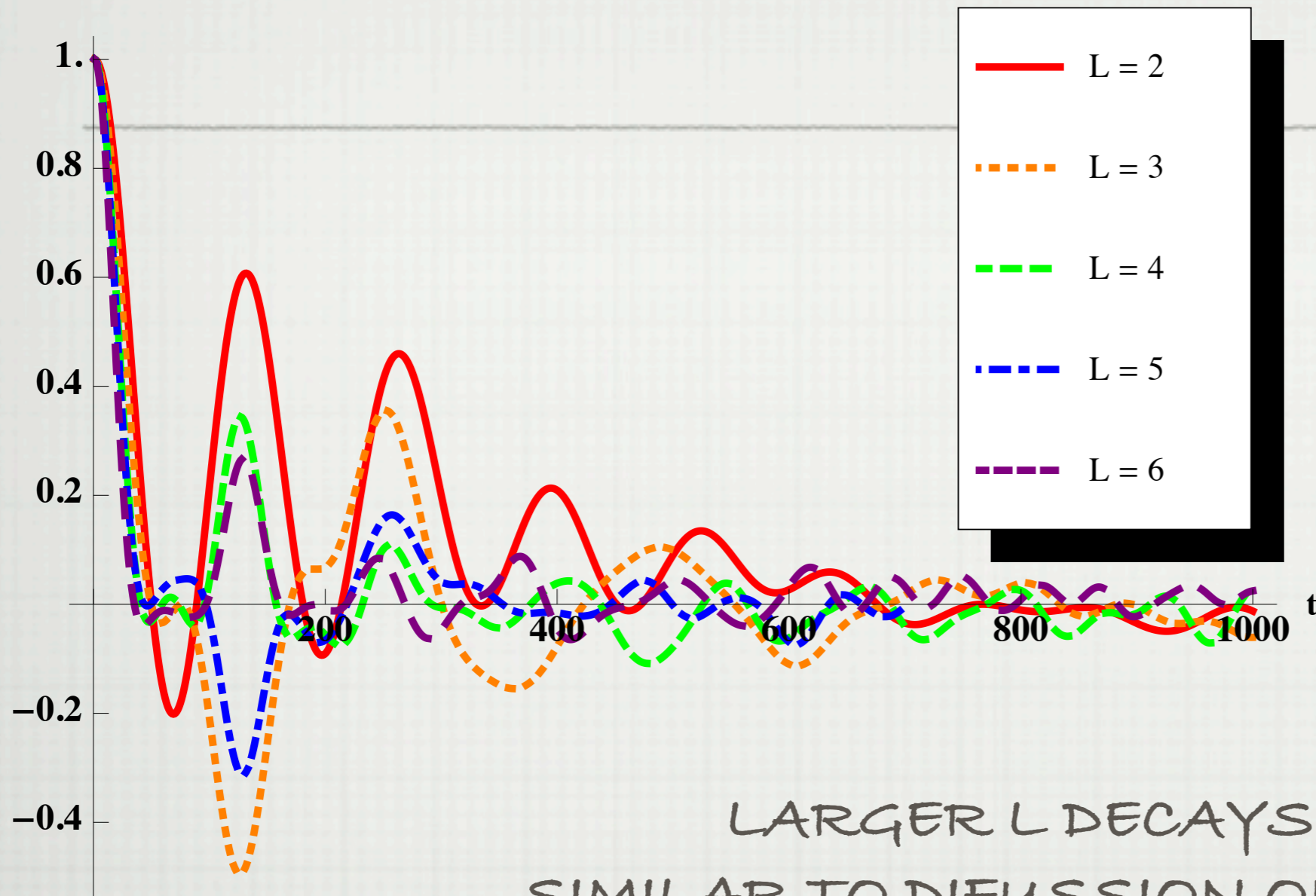
$$\mathcal{O}_2 = \text{tr}[(X^1 + iX^2)^2]$$

# IMPROVING STATISTICS



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$$\mathcal{O}_L = \text{tr}[(X^1 + iX^2)^L]$$



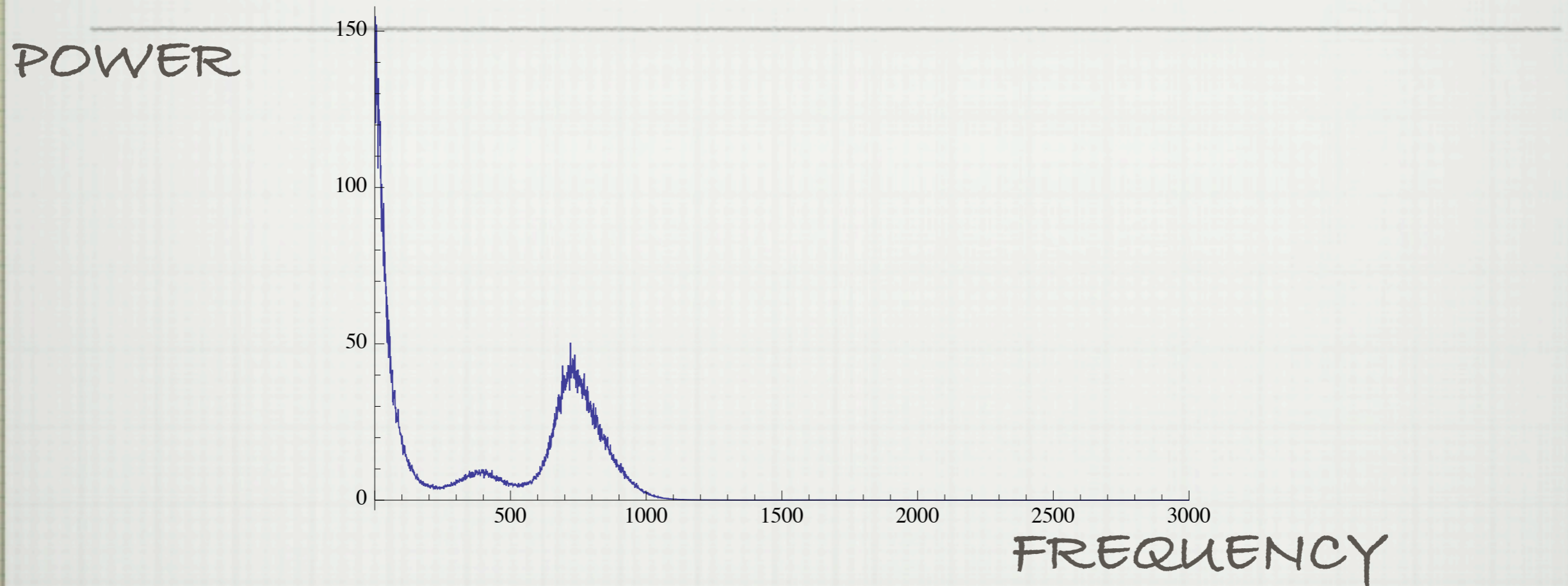
# AUTOCORRELATIONS

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BETTER IN FOURIER SPACE.

AUTOCORRELATION FUNCTION IS  
FOURIER TRANSFORM OF POWER SPECTRUM

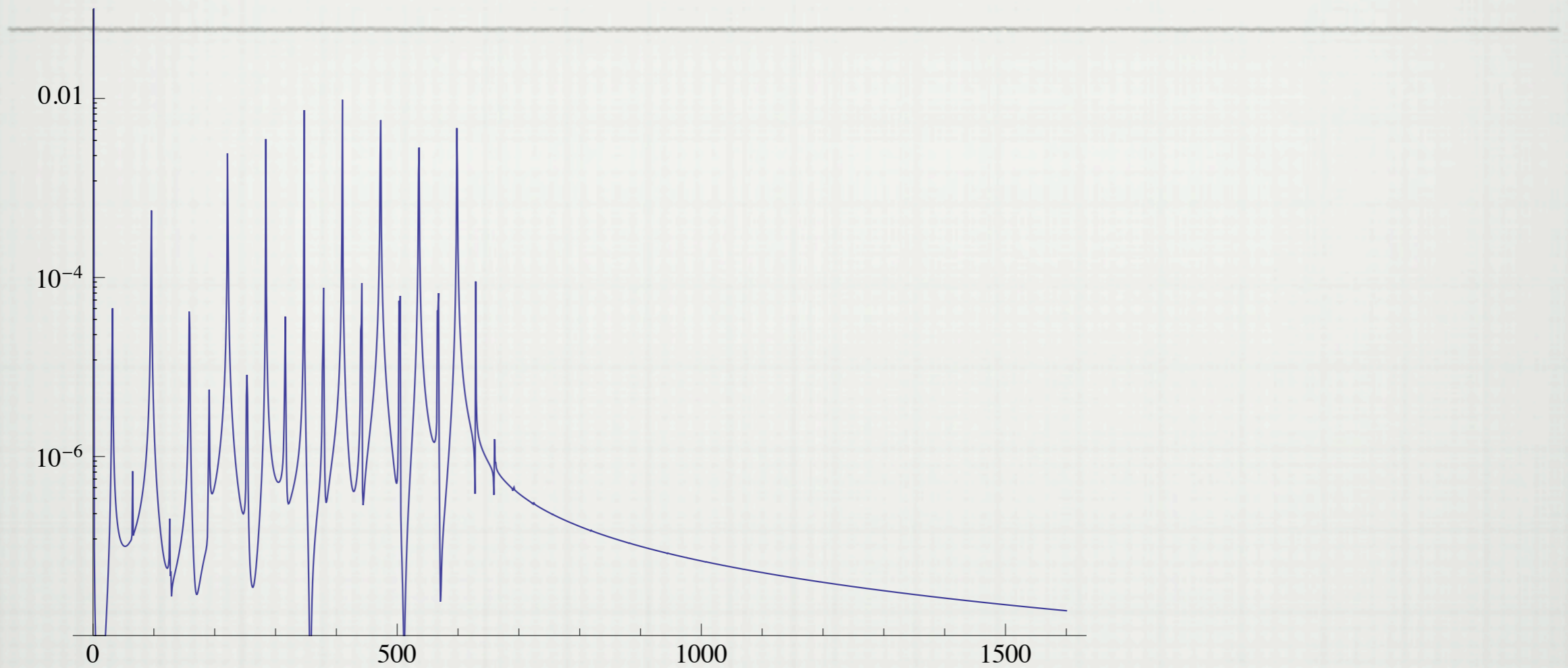
# HIGH QUALITY $L=2$ .



BROADBAND NOISE INDICATES CHAOS: VERY BROAD  
INDICATES FAST THERMALIZATION (NO NARROW  
RESONANCE).

INTEGRABILITY WOULD SHOW AS DELTA FUNCTION  
PEAKS

# SMALL PERT. ON FUZZY

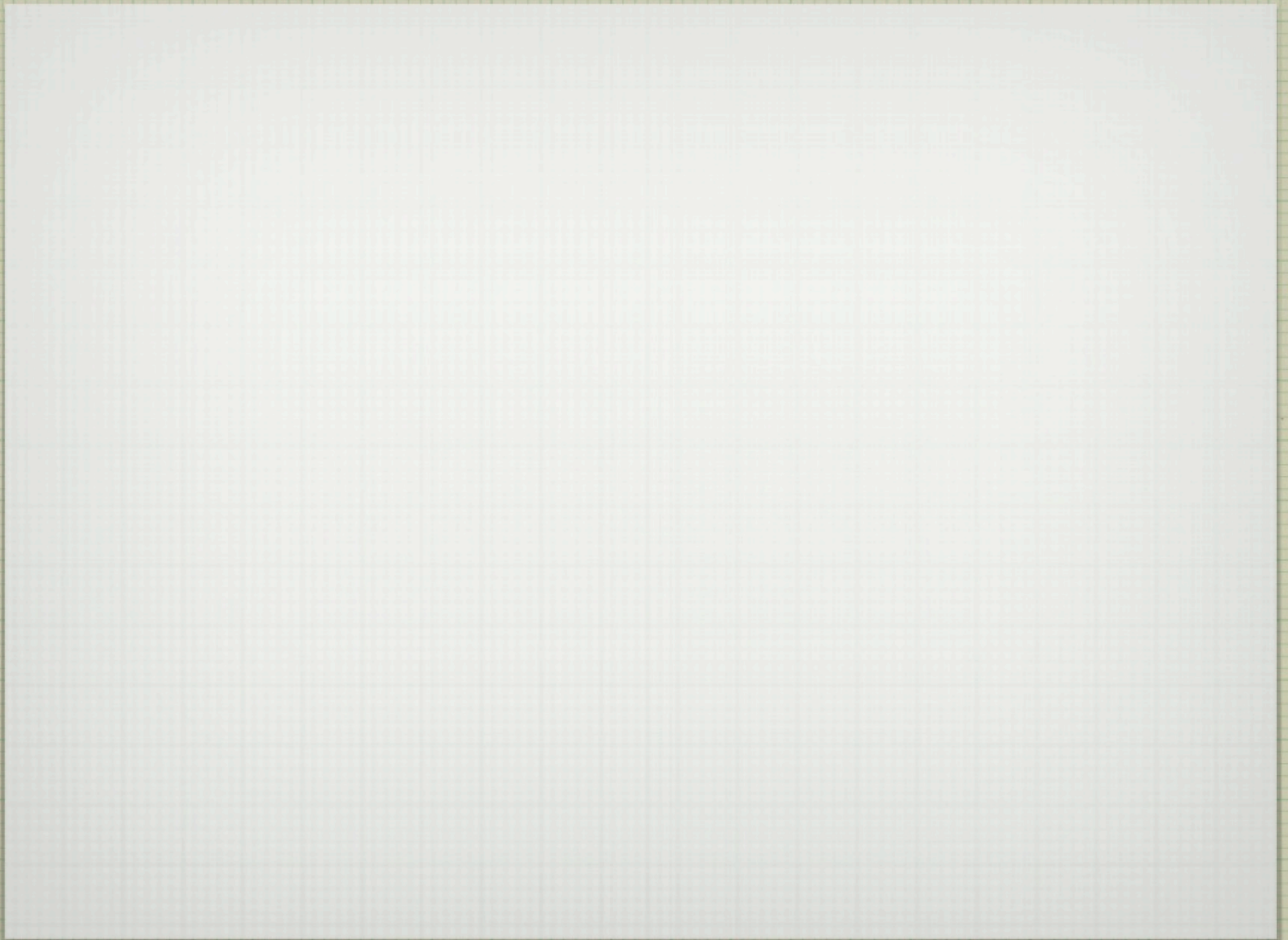


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- POWER SPECTRUM SEEMS ALMOST SINGULAR AT ZERO.
- THE LOG OF POWER SPECTRUM SEEMS TO HAVE AN ABSOLUTE VALUE SINGULARITY. SUCH SINGULARITY WOULD IMPLY POLYNOMIAL DECAY OF AUTOCORRELATION FUNCTIONS FOR ASYMPTOTICALLY LONG TIMES.
- STILL LOOKING FOR INTERPRETATION:  
HYDRODYNAMICS?





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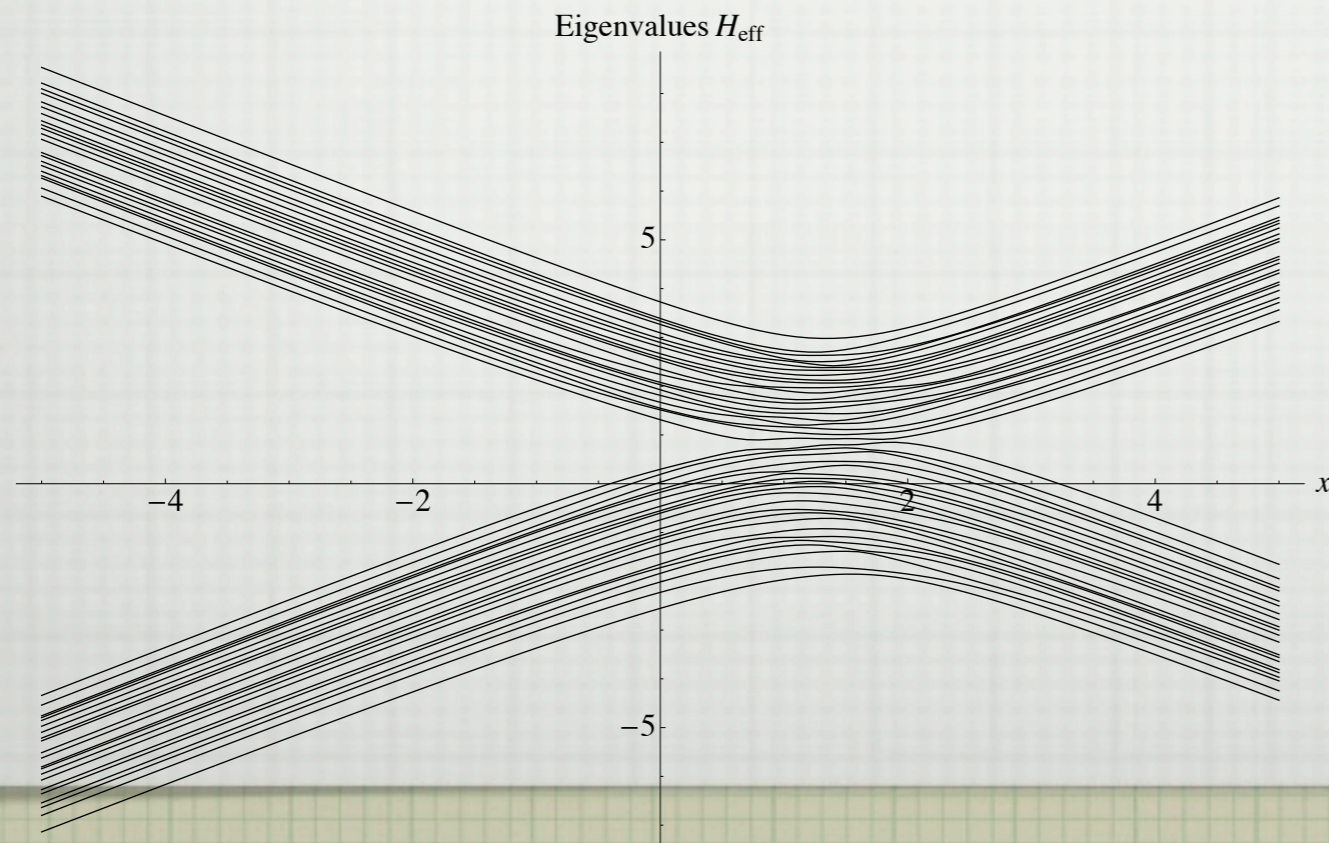
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THESE STOP THE STUFF THAT IS FALLING IN BLACK  
HOLE LIKE A SPIDERWEB.

# INSIDE

LOOK AT SPECTRAL DENSITY OF FERMIONIC MODES:  
DEFINES A NOTION OF DIMENSION

NATURAL NOTION OF  
DIMENSION **INSIDE A BH** IS 2 (1+1) AND  
SPECTRUM GOES ALL THE WAY TO ZERO (NO GAP)



EMERGENT 2D CFT?

# CONCLUSIONS

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- GEOMETRIC CONFIGURATIONS OF MATRICES DEFINE SHARP D-BRANES. FERMIONS REALLY MATTER.
- FAST THERMALIZATION (EVIDENCE)
- INTERESTING PATTERN OF AUTOCORRELATIONS WHEN SYSTEM THERMALIZES (LOTS OF QUESTIONS HERE)
- EMERGENT  $1+1$  CFT? (SAME TYPICAL DENSITY OF STATES)