

# REAL TIME DYNAMICS IN A HOLOGRAPHIC MATRIX MODEL

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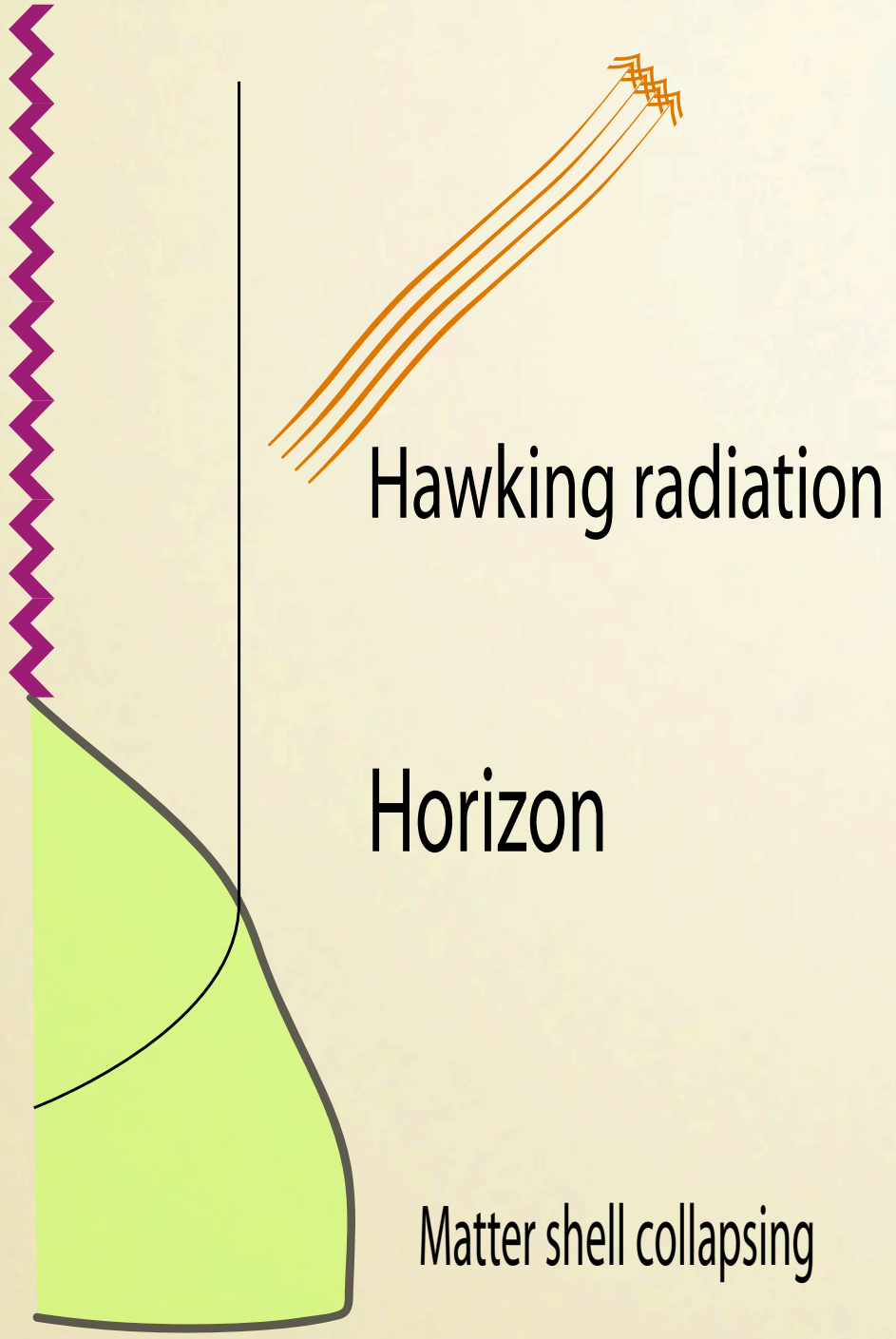


# Plan of talk

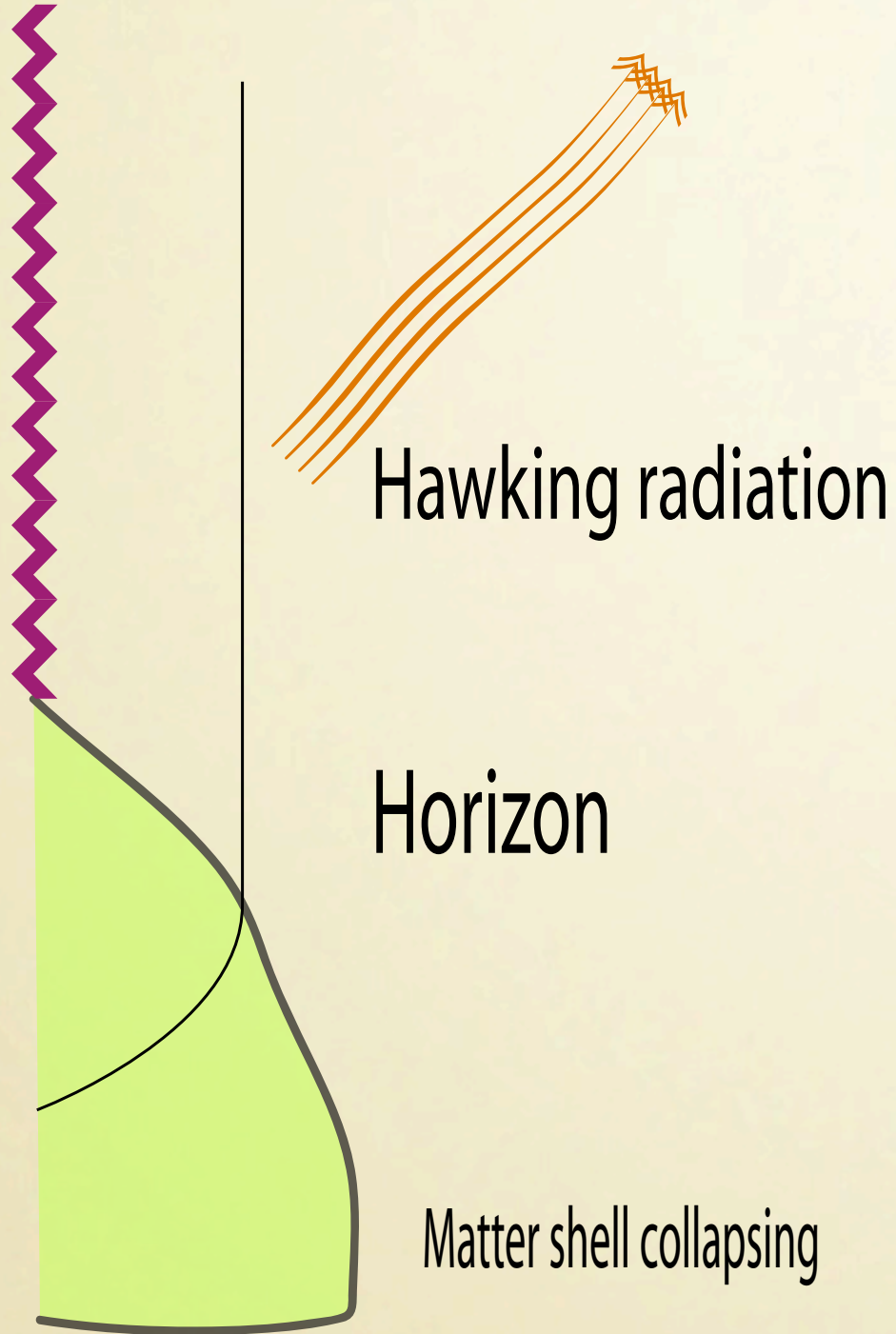
- \* Introduction
- \* BMN matrix model.
- \* Interesting initial conditions: brane collisions.
- \* Geometric objects in motion.
- \* Thermalization: tests and relevant dynamics.



- \* AdS/CFT ideas: to study (quantum) gravity one can solve field theory problems.
- \* Black hole formation problem is dual to a thermalization process. Requires a way to formulate geometric initial data (put a lot of matter **HERE**) on dual quantum theory.







Need to reproduce history of formation and evaporation of black hole on dual



- \* Real time dynamics in complicated quantum systems is too hard.
- \* On the other hand, classical time evolution dynamics is not too bad.
- \* Only chaotic systems thermalize: too simple a toy model (analytic solution) would not work.



# Goal: find system with following requirements

- \* Classical evolution is feasible.
- \* Quantum mechanics can be ignored (finitely many degrees of freedom at very high temperature).
- \* **Has a holographic dual.**
- \* **Has initial data that is easy to interpret, plus sufficiently well behaved dynamics.**



# BMN matrix model

Start from the BFSS matrix model: 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.



BFSS describes DLCQ of M-theory in flat space.

Rank of the matrices is identified with momentum in the periodically identified direction: **number of D-zero branes.**

Because of the discrete lightcone momentum condition one is effectively in type IIA string theory.



One can form charged black hole states and simulate them  
in the dual matrix model.

Catterall and Wiseman, Nishimura et al.

**Good match of statics!**



# The bad news

Really Interesting initial conditions correspond to scattering gravitons to form black hole. Gravitons are bound states at threshold and require full knowledge of details of wave functions.

Moduli space: makes canonical ensemble bad (runaway that gets fixed at infinite  $N$ )



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**BMN MODEL (2002)**

**SPLIT 9X INTO 3 X + 6 Y**

$$S_{BMN} = S_{BFSS} - \frac{1}{2g^2} \int dt \left( \mu^2 (X^i)^2 + \frac{\mu^2}{4} (Y^a)^2 + 2\mu i \epsilon_{\ell j k} X^\ell X^j X^k \right) + \text{fermions}$$



# Bonus

All ground states are described by classical configurations  
so we can ignore quantum wave functions to setup initial  
conditions

The system describes  $M$  theory on a maximally supersymmetric  
plane wave geometry in the DLCQ limit.



$$V_{BMN}^{(X)} = \frac{1}{2g^2} \text{tr} \left[ (i[X^2, X^3] + \mu X^1)^2 + (i[X^3, X^1] + \mu X^2)^2 + (i[X^1, X^2] + \mu X^3)^2 \right].$$

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**An irreducible is called a Fuzzy sphere.**

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The trace mode always decouples and follows the above equation.

Any object can be made to oscillate rigidly in space for free by exciting the trace mode (these motions are related to isometries of plane wave)

**More importantly: direct sums of solutions to equations of motion are solutions to equation of motion.**



Each fuzzy sphere of rank  $n$  is interpreted as a graviton with  $n$  units of momenta in the discrete lightcone direction.

A fuzzy sphere can also be interpreted as a spherical  $M2$  brane.

How to look at it depends on the strength of interactions.



# Aside

The BMN matrix model also results from the  $SU(2)$  invariant dimensional reduction of  $N=4$  SYM on a three sphere.

(Kim, Klose, Plefka)

Any trajectory found describes a classical trajectory of the  $N=4$  SYM theory.



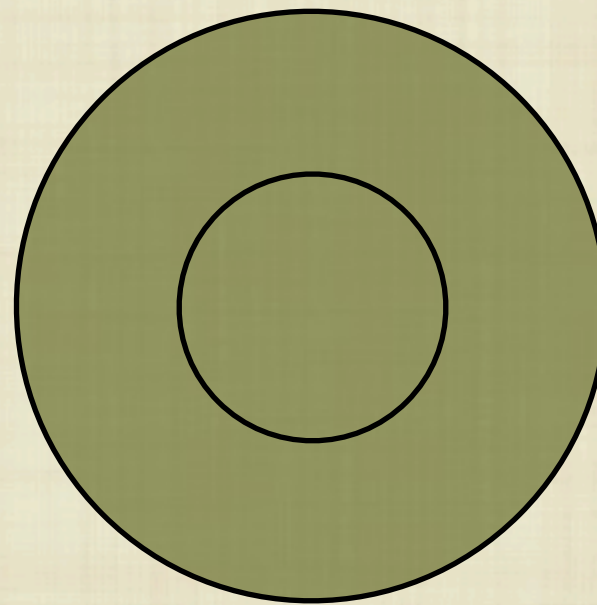
# INITIAL CONDITIONS



# WORK WITH D. TRANCANELLI

[arXiv:1011.2749](https://arxiv.org/abs/1011.2749)

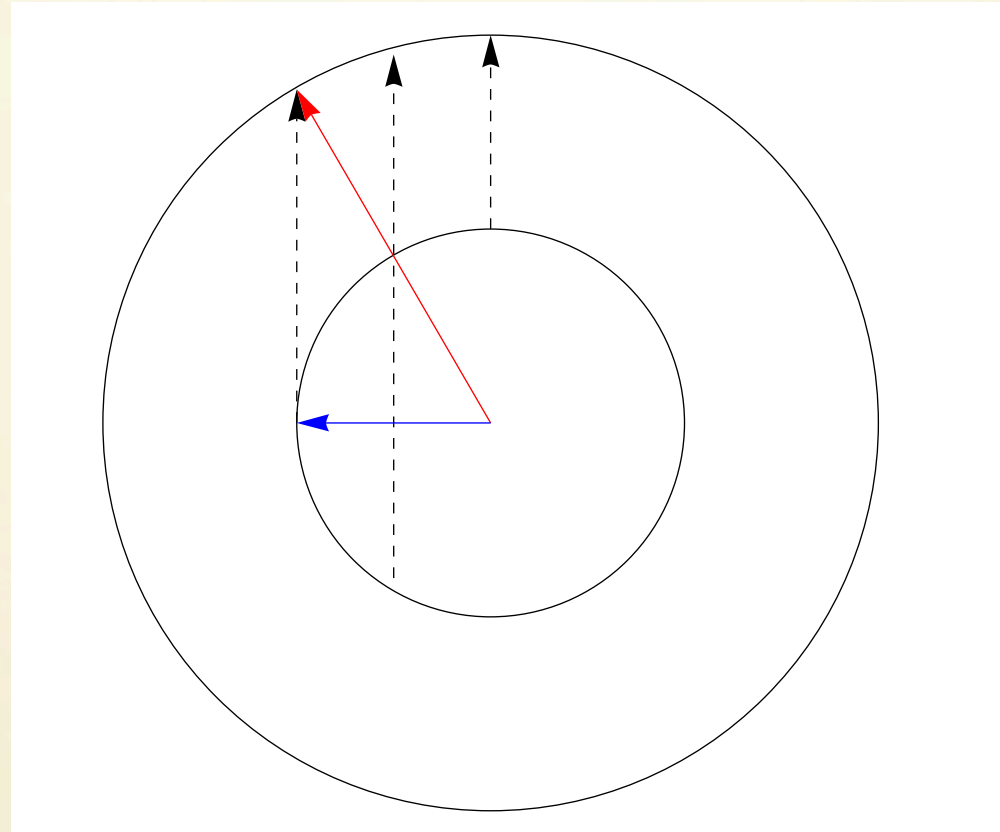
**GROUND STATE IS MADE OF CONCENTRIC FUZZY SPHERES.**



**SPHERES CAN BE KICKED INDEPENDENTLY:  
AFTER ALL, DIRECT SUMS OF SOLUTIONS ARE  
SOLUTIONS.**



Picture as D2-branes with D0 charge  
(magnetic flux)

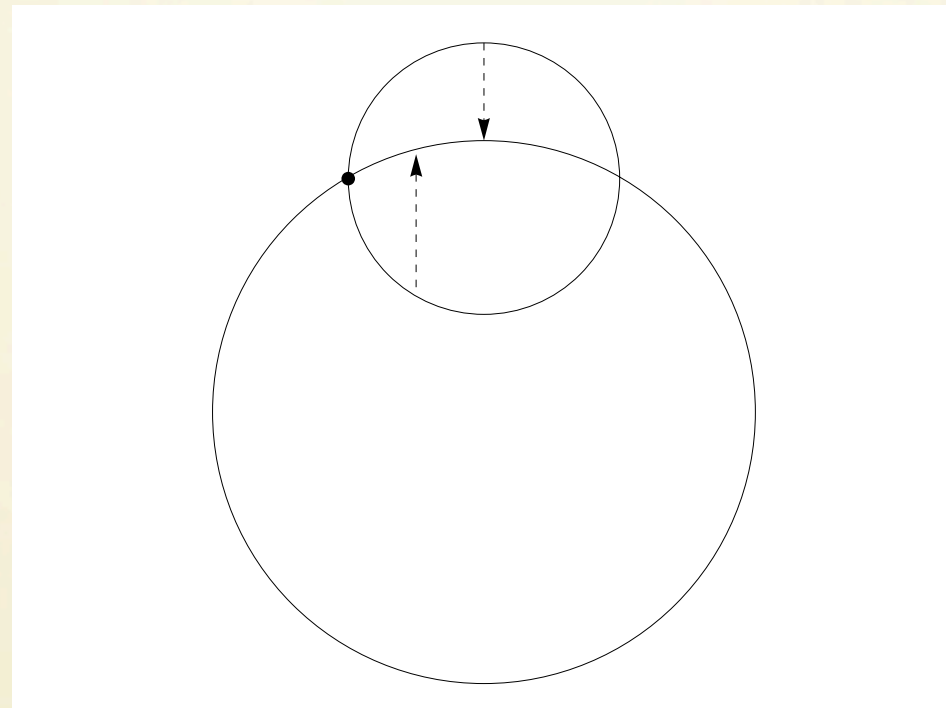


String ends carry angular momentum  
(highest weight states depicted)

Constant density of possible  
string ends on each sphere

Mass of off-diagonal modes proportional to distance.





Length of strings change  
as we displace fuzzy spheres

Where spheres intersect we get classical  
tachyon (great for simulations): these  
also carry angular momentum



# EXPAND IN FLUCTUATIONS: LINEARIZED ANALYSIS

$$X^3 \simeq L^3 + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \sum_{\ell,m} \delta x_{\ell m}^3 Y_{\ell m} + (\delta x_{\ell m}^3)^* Y_{\ell m}^\dagger,$$
$$X^+ \simeq L^+ + \sum_{\ell,m} \delta x_{\ell m-1}^+ Y_{\ell m} + (\delta x_{\ell m+1}^-)^* Y_{\ell m}^\dagger,$$

We use a basis of ‘fuzzy monopole spherical harmonics’

IMPORTANT:  $l, m$  labels don't mix.



## End result

$$\omega_{\ell m}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \ell + \ell^2 - m^2 & (b - m + 1)\Lambda_- & (b - m - 1)\Lambda_+ \\ (b - m + 1)\Lambda_- & b + (b - m)^2 + \Lambda_-^2 & -\Lambda_+\Lambda_- \\ (b - m - 1)\Lambda_+ & -\Lambda_+\Lambda_- & -b + (b - m)^2 + \Lambda_+^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Lambda_{\pm} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{(\ell \pm m)(\ell \mp m + 1)}{2}}.$$

+gauge projection.

Special case of no mixing:

$$\begin{aligned}(\omega_{\ell, \ell+1}^-)^2 &= -b + (b - \ell - 1)^2, \\(\omega_{\ell, -\ell-1}^+)^2 &= b + (b + \ell + 1)^2.\end{aligned}$$

These are modes of maximum angular momentum.

Tachyonic for some values of  $b$ .

Same instability as Nielsen-Olesen:

charged gluons in constant chromomagnetic field become tachyonic due to large magnetic moment.



‘Floquet’ or ‘Bloch’ analysis of time dependence.

$$\ddot{q}_\ell(t) + (m_\ell^\pm(t))^2 q(t) = 0.$$

$$b(t) = \tilde{b} \sin(t)$$

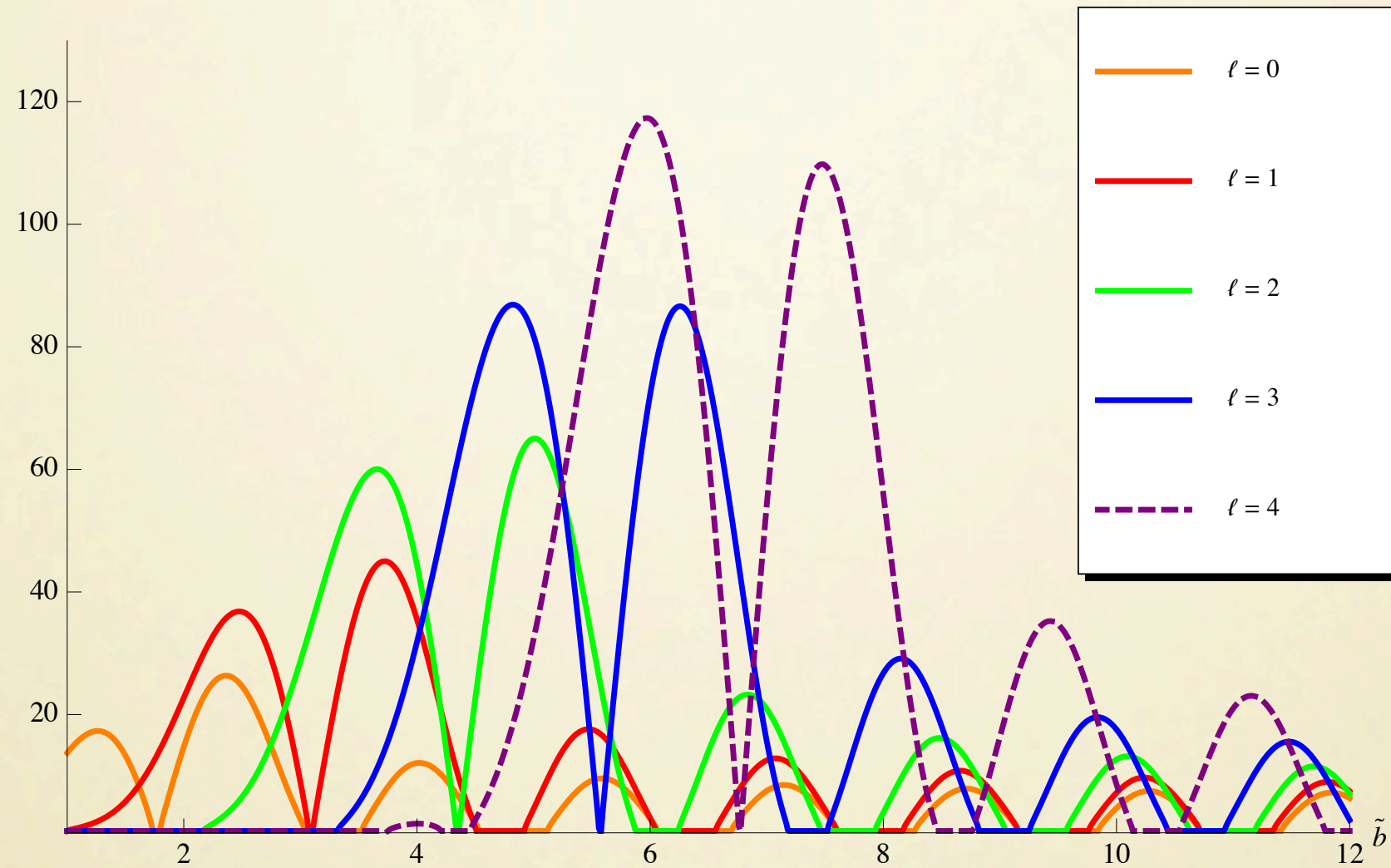
Like a Schrödinger problem in a 1-d periodic potential:  
leads to energy band analysis.

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_1(t + 2\pi) \\ q_2(t + 2\pi) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_1(t) \\ q_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues of matrix determine if stable (eigenvalue unitary = in energy band), or unstable (eigenvalues real = outside bands).



Most unstable mode typically has highest  $l$



Amplification after one oscillation

# Expectations

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

C. Asplund, D.B., D. Trancanelli **arXiv:1104.5469**  
C. Asplund, D.B., E. Dzienkowski, D. Trancanelli  
work in progress



Take same classical configurations as before.

Add quantum fluctuation seeds:  
generate randomly from gaussian  
distribution normalized to harmonic  
oscillator wave functions.

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

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

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



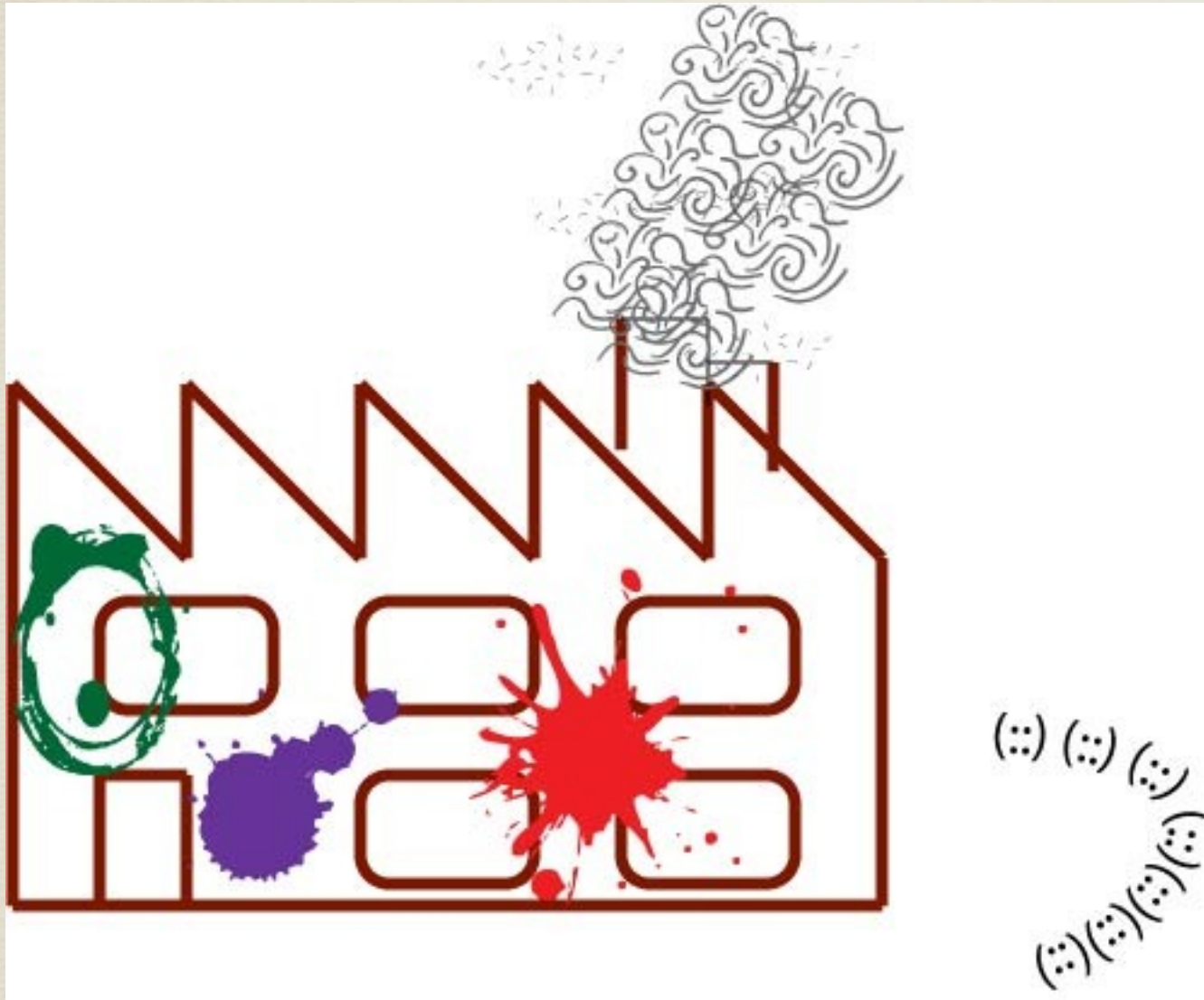
# Interepretation

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.



# Put it on a computer



Factory that spits out  
lists of matrices ordered  
in time.

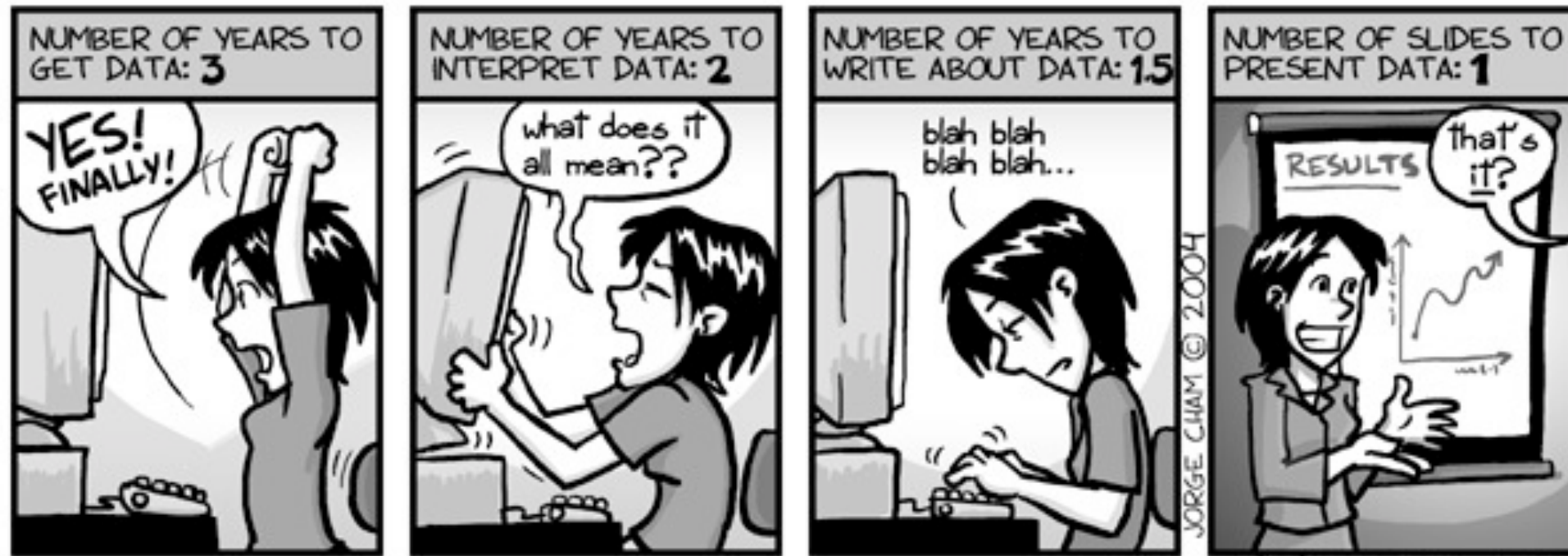


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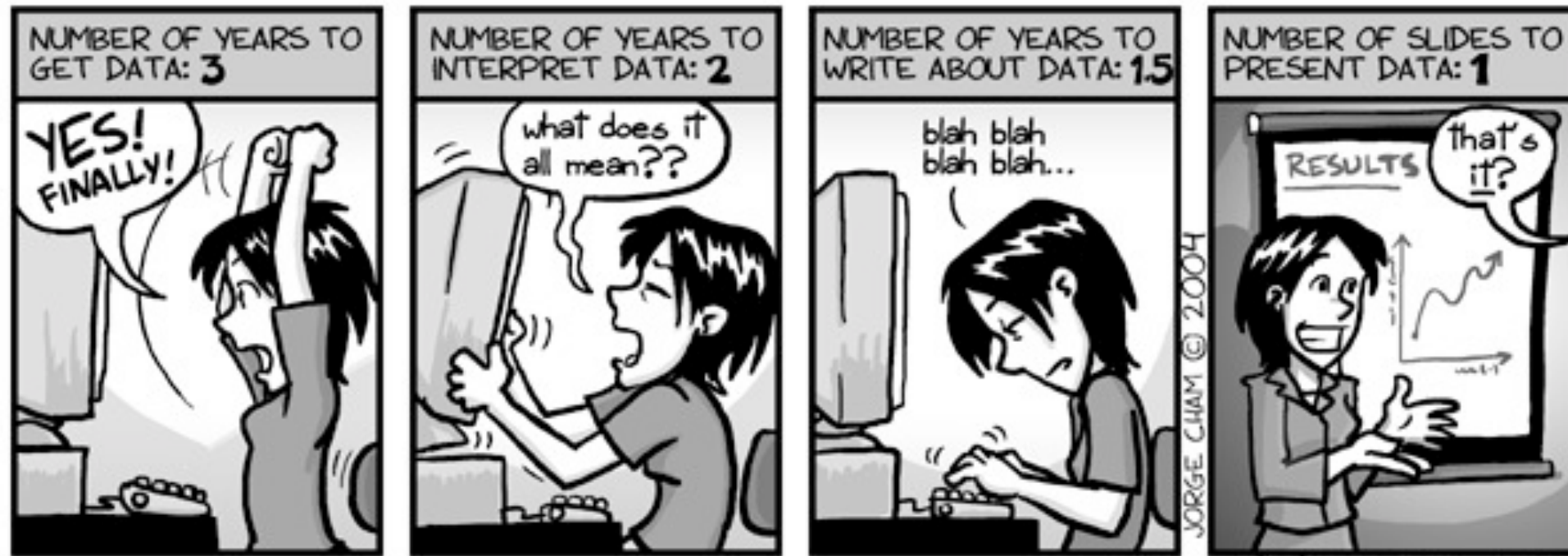


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Take eigenvalues.....



We go from order

to chaos and random matrices





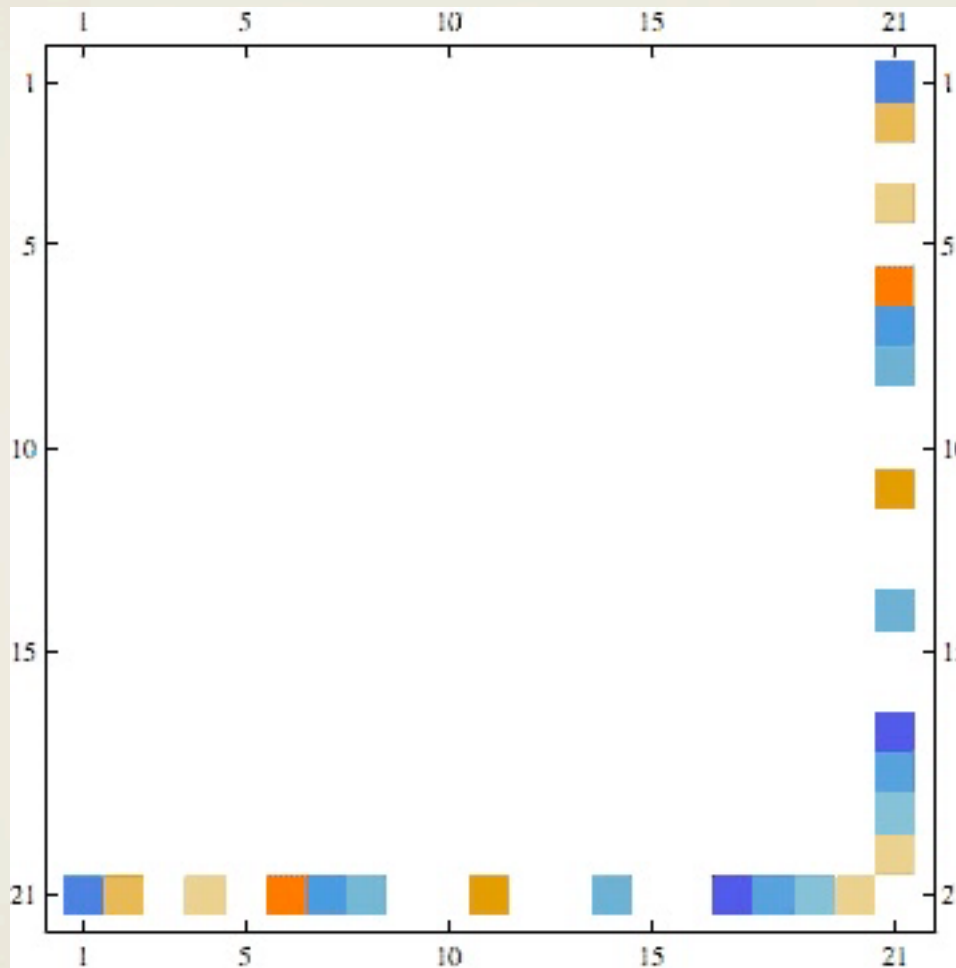
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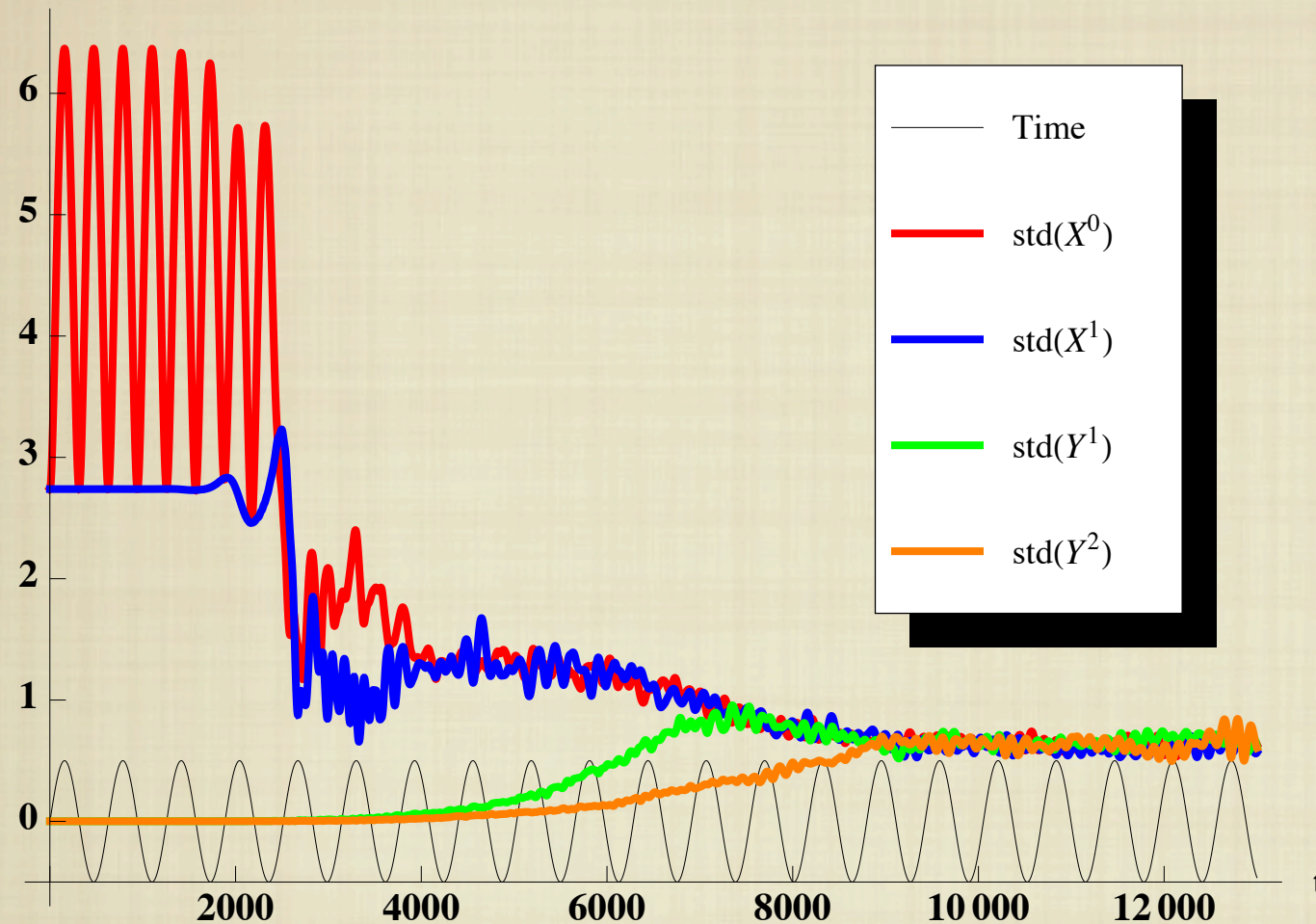
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# APPROXIMATELY CONVERGES TO SPHERICAL CONFIGURATION



TRACE OF X, Y  
DECOUPLED: SERVES  
AS PHYSICAL CLOCK.

SECONDARY SHRINKAGE IS FROM GROWTH  
OF Y MATRICES (PARAMETRIC RESONANCE)



# GEOMETRY?



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



# Fermion mass matrix

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

What matters is the spectrum of this one matrix.

Distance:

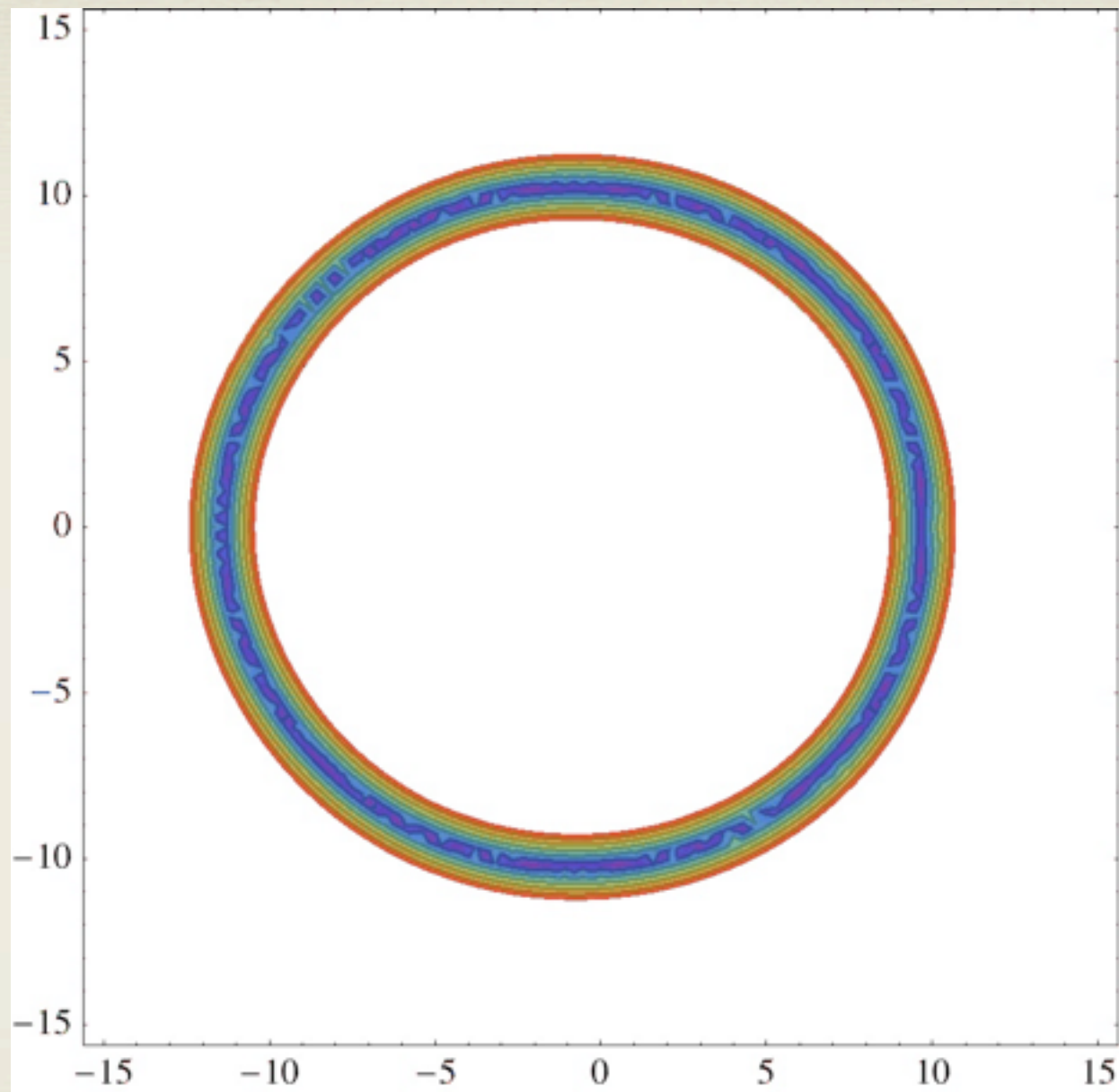
$$d(X, x) \simeq (\min(\text{Abs}(\text{Eigenvalues})))$$

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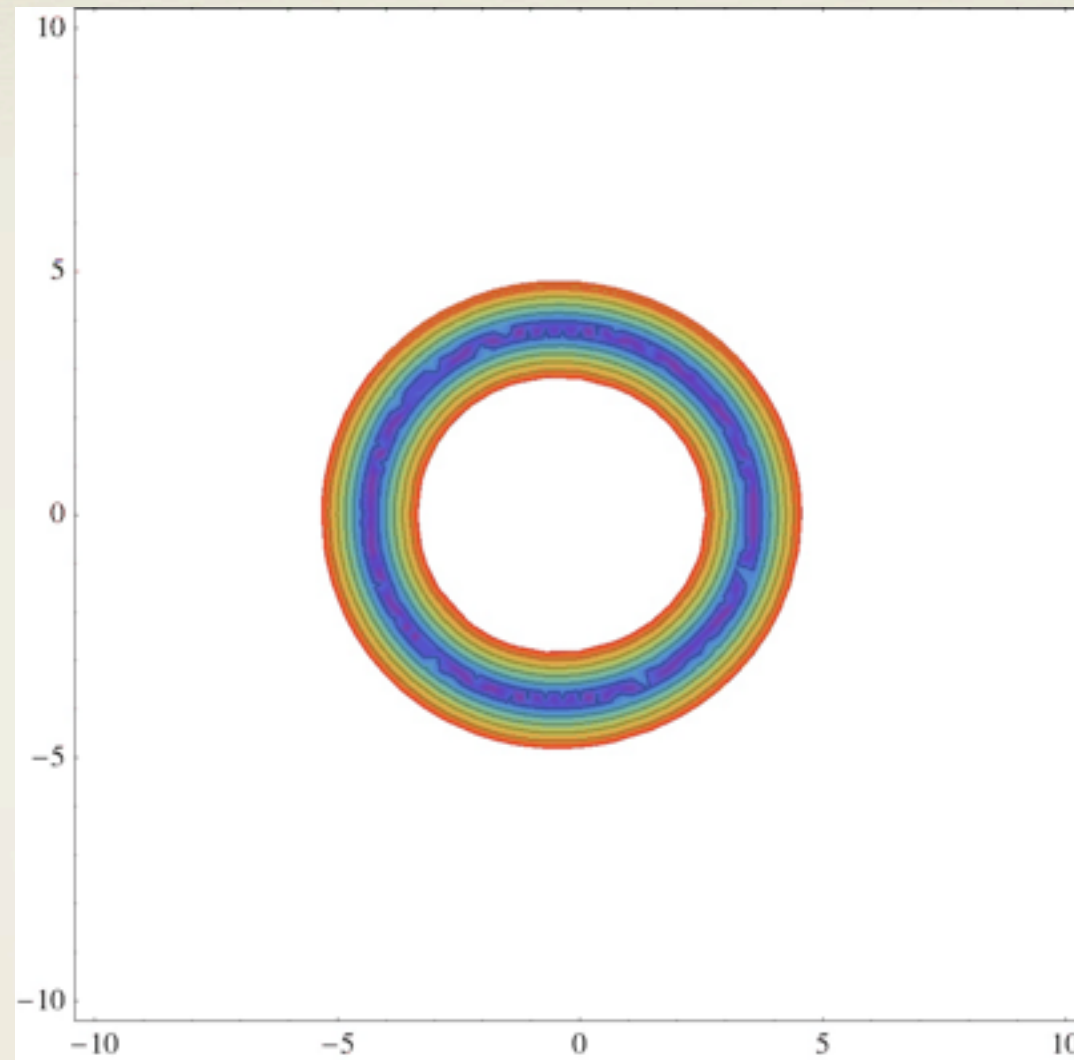




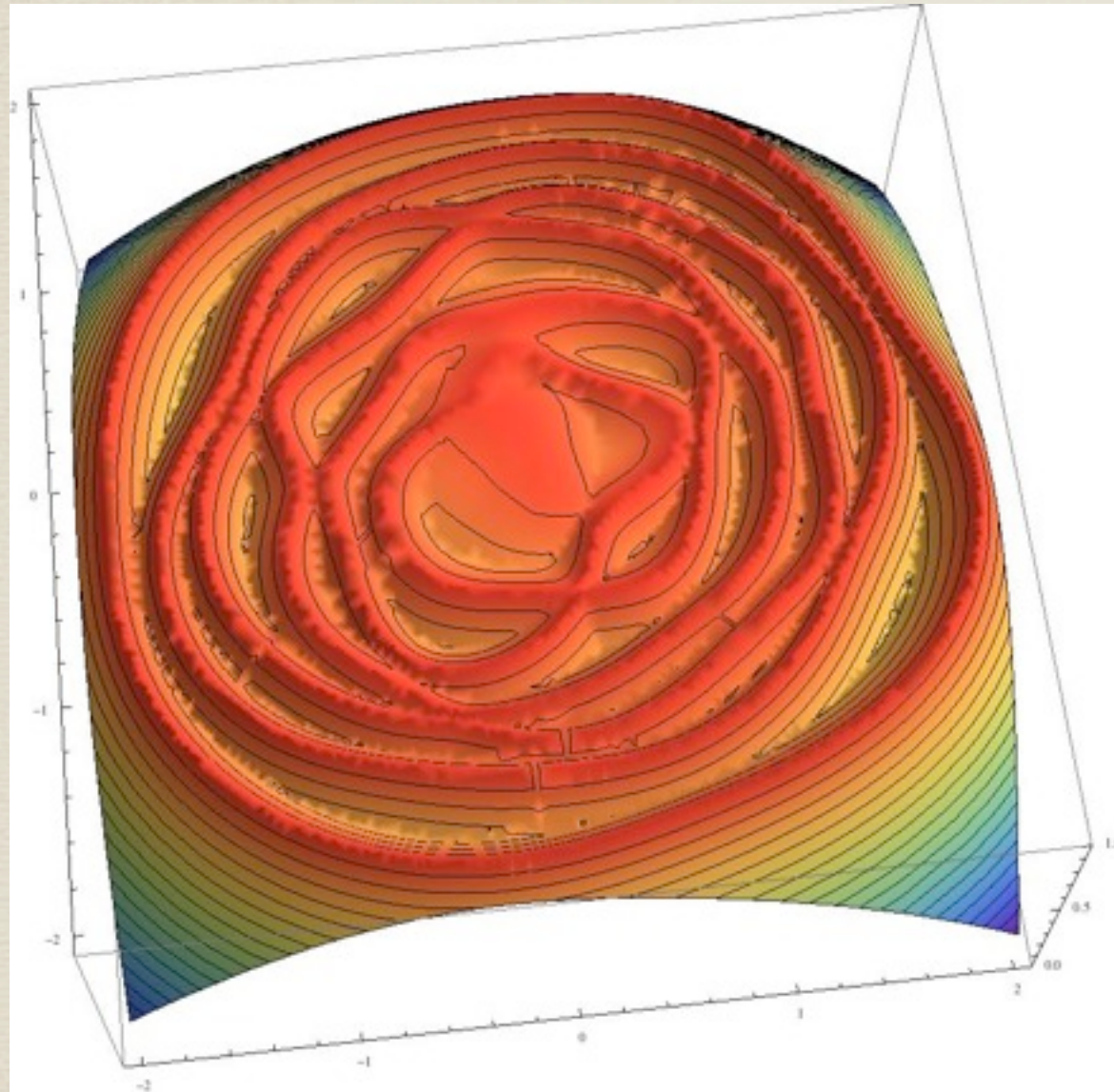
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High- definition  
graph shows a lot of zero  
distance: ridges



# The Onion



This is a slice of a true onion: not computer generated.

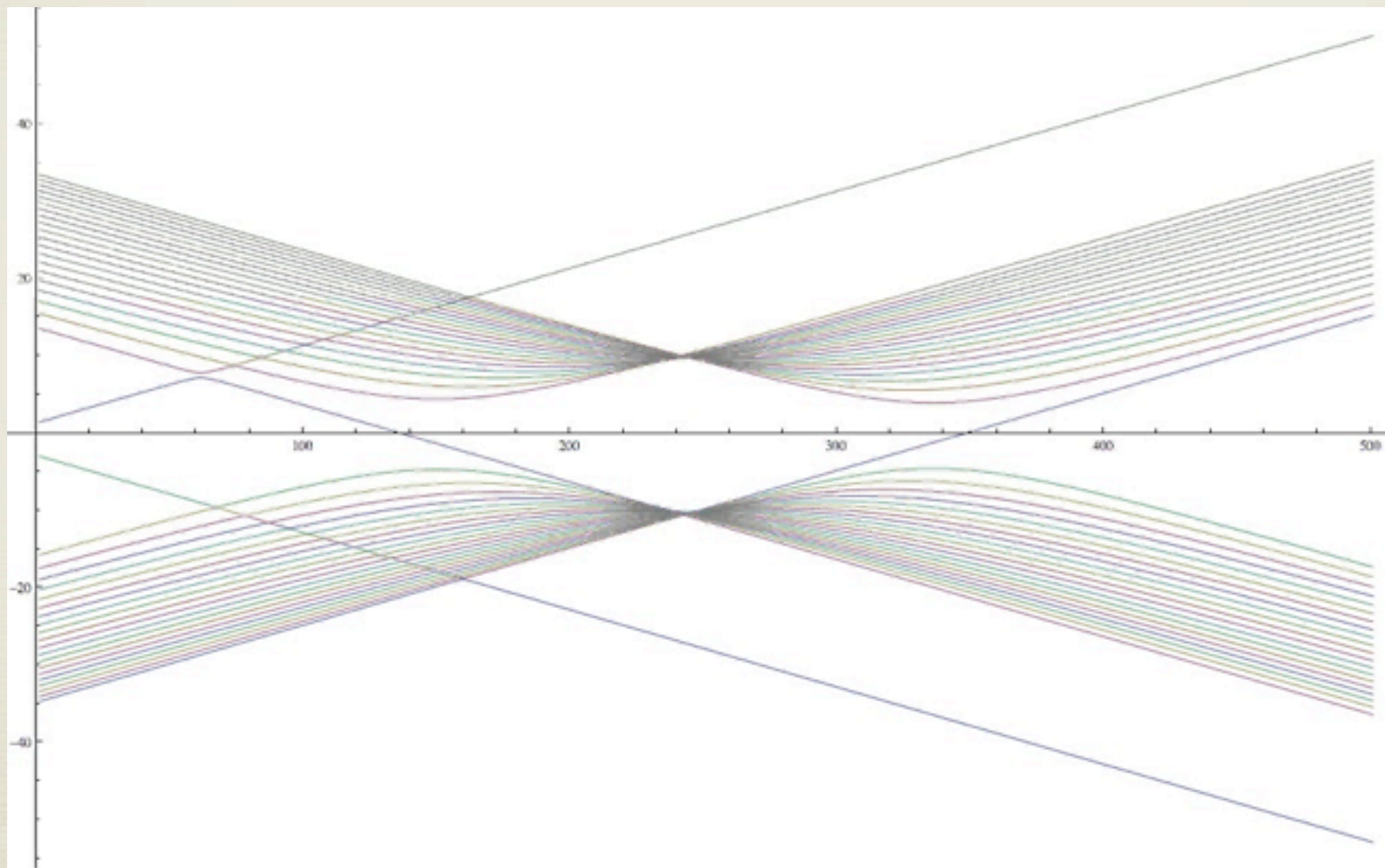
This is the image we get of the “inside the black hole”



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# Index

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

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.



# Dynamical interpretation

The system describes (random) embedded surfaces and points in 3 dimensions.

The index counts the onion rings.



- \* 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.



# THERMALIZATION



# TESTS OF THERMALITY

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

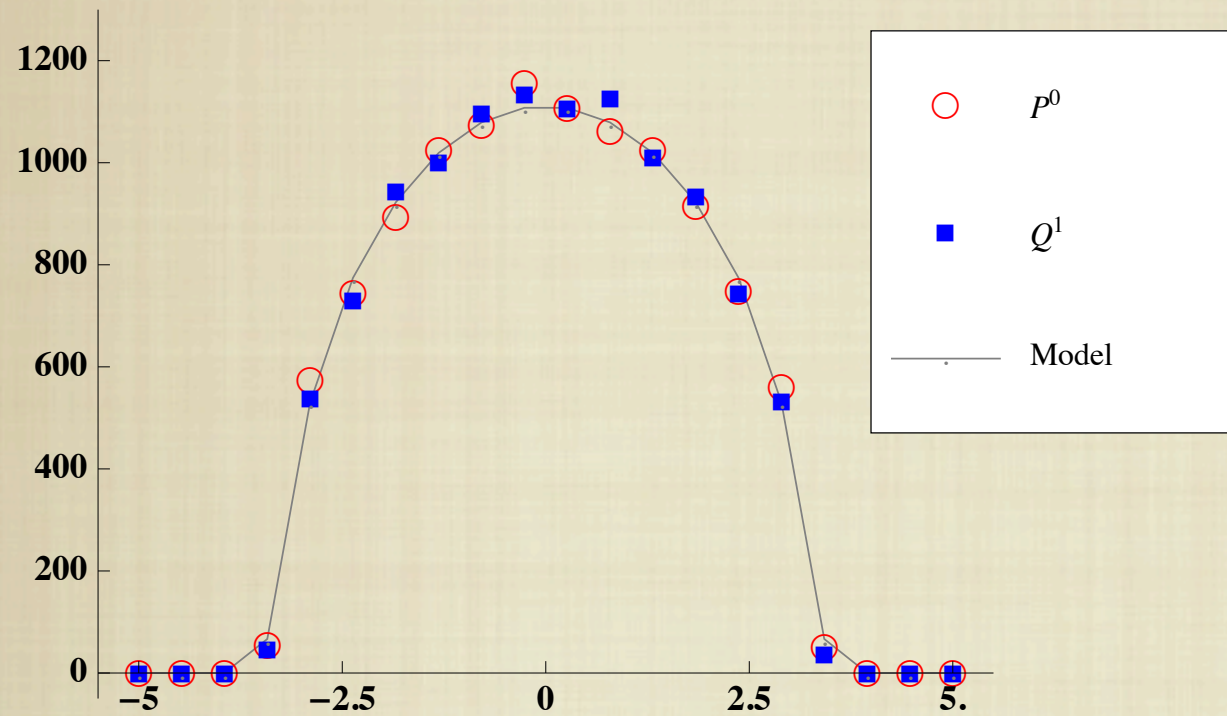
Thermal implies time averaged distribution of some quantities should match the Gibbs ensemble.

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

This is the standard gaussian matrix model ensemble.



# SEMICIRCLE TESTS



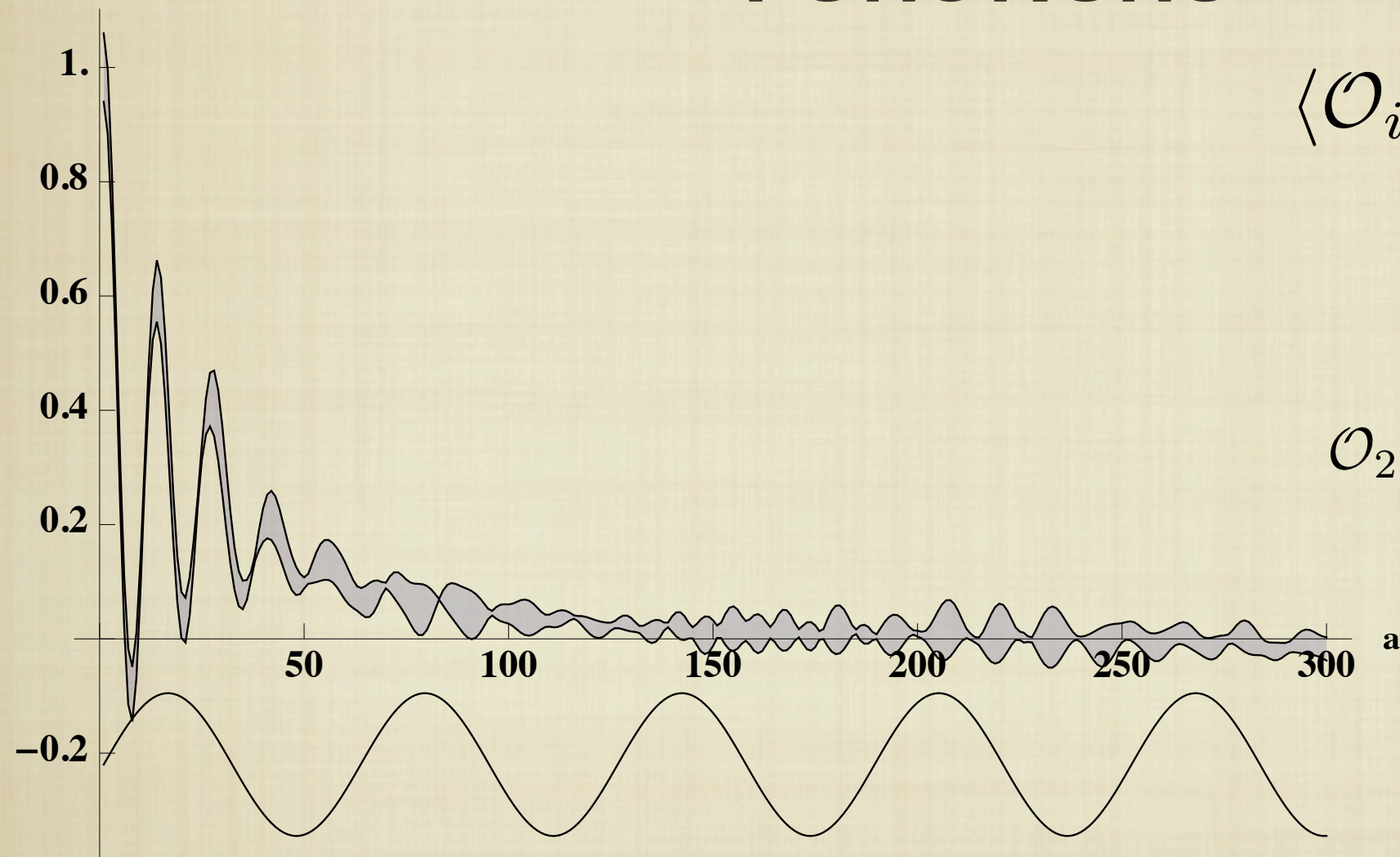
**SEMICIRCLE DISTRIBUTION FOR  
MOMENTA EIGENVALUES:  
AVERAGE OVER TIME.**

**TEMPERATURE IN X AND Y MATCH**



# FAST THERMALIZATION?

## TEST VIA NORMALIZED AUTOCORRELATION FUNCTIONS

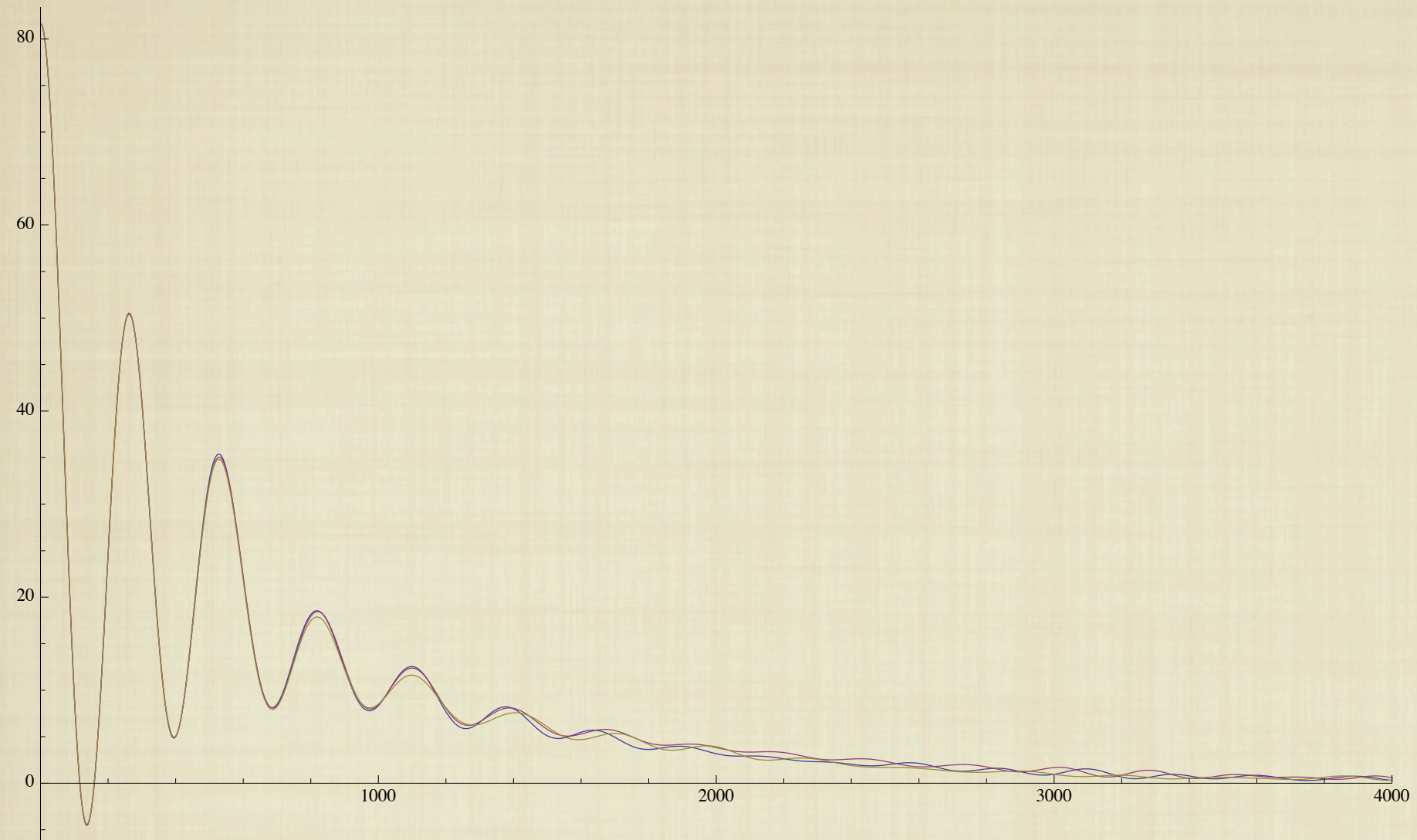


$$\langle \mathcal{O}_i(t) \mathcal{O}_i^\dagger(t+a) \rangle$$

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



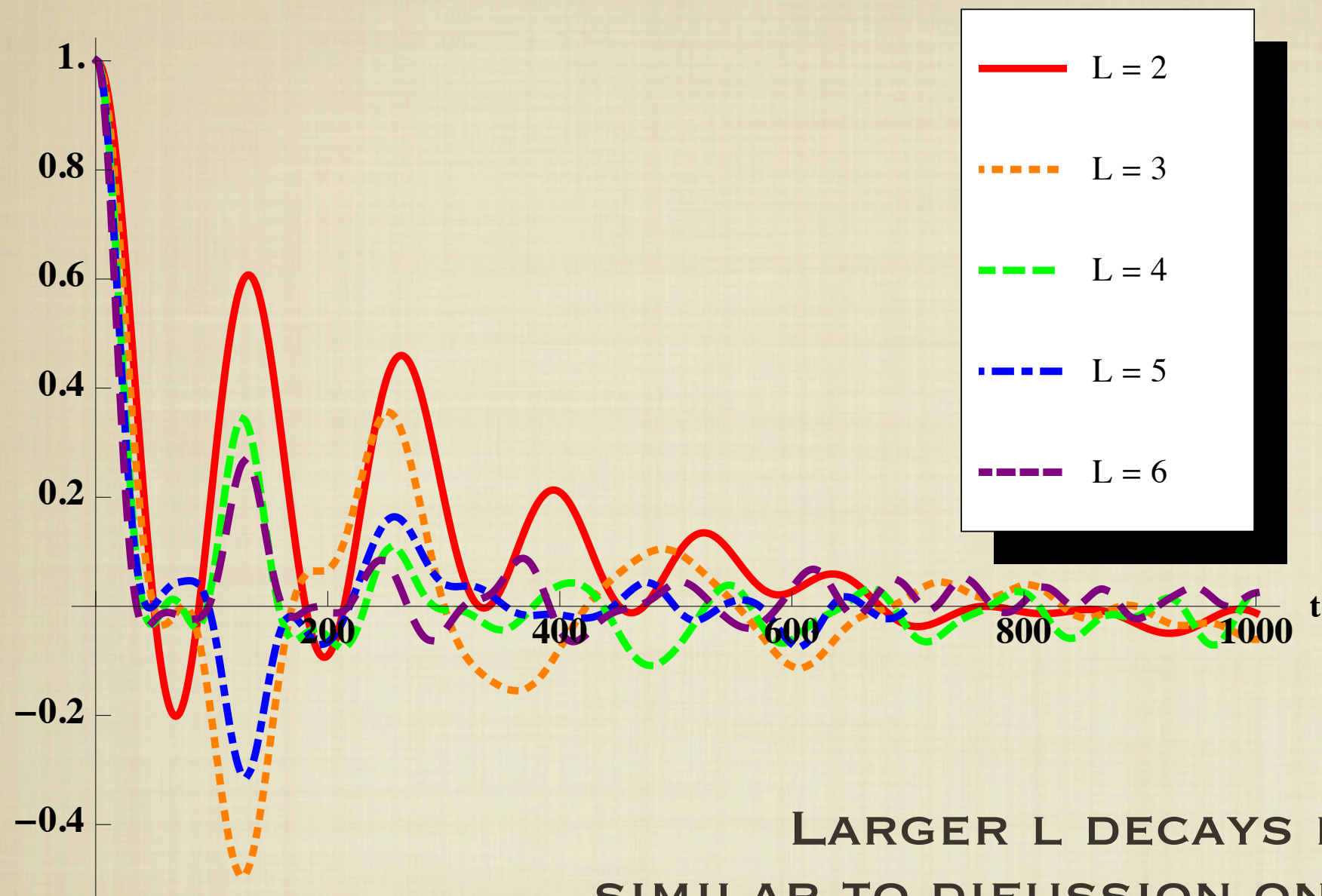
# IMPROVING STATISTICS





# MORE

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



LARGER L DECAYS FASTER:  
SIMILAR TO DIFFUSION ON BH HORIZON.



# AUTOCORRELATIONS

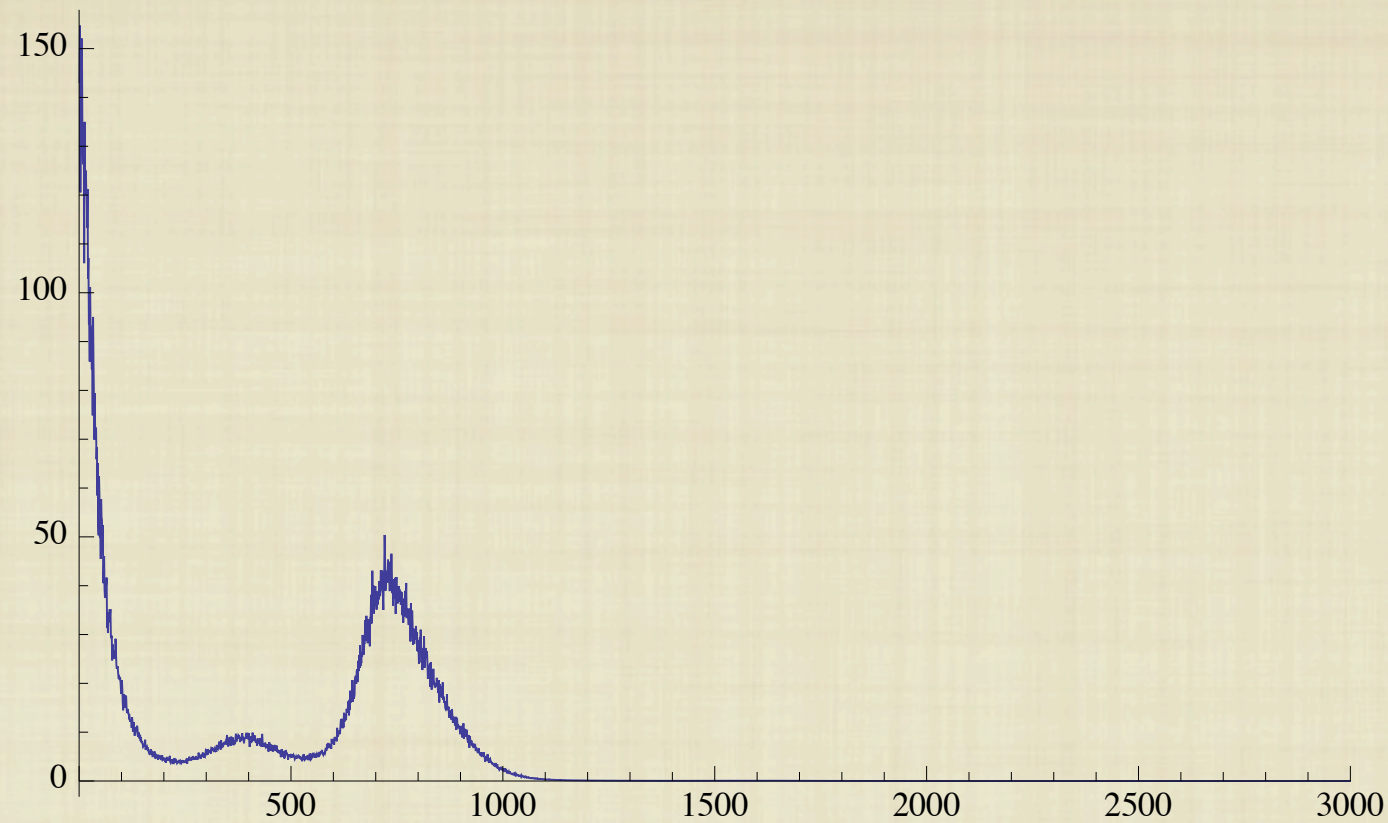
**BETTER IN FOURIER SPACE.**

**AUTOCORRELATION FUNCTION IS FOURIER  
TRANSFORM OF POWER SPECTRUM**



# HIGH QUALITY $L=2$ .

**POWER**



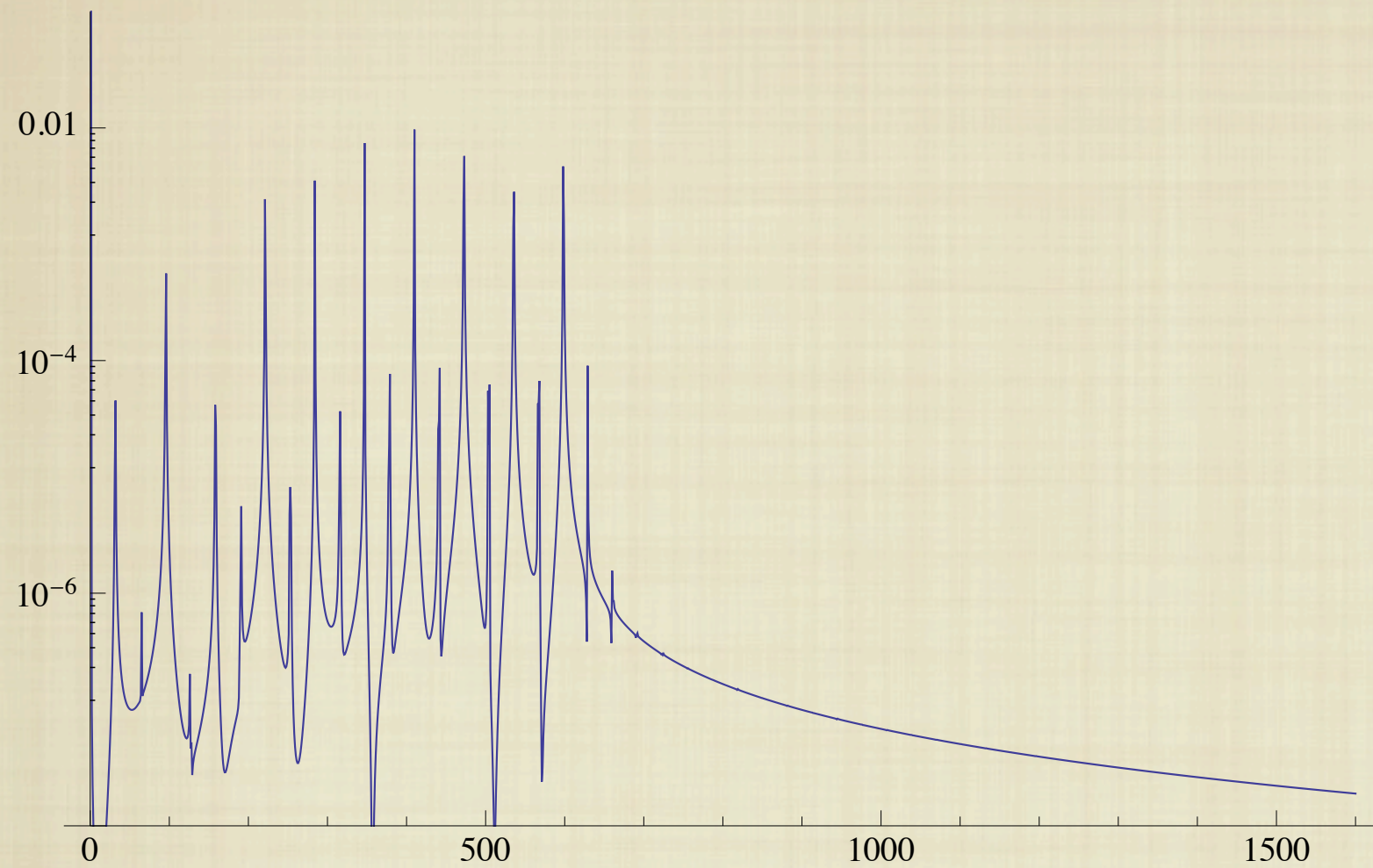
**FREQUENCY**

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

**INTEGRABILITY WOULD SHOW AS DELTA FUNCTION PEAKS**

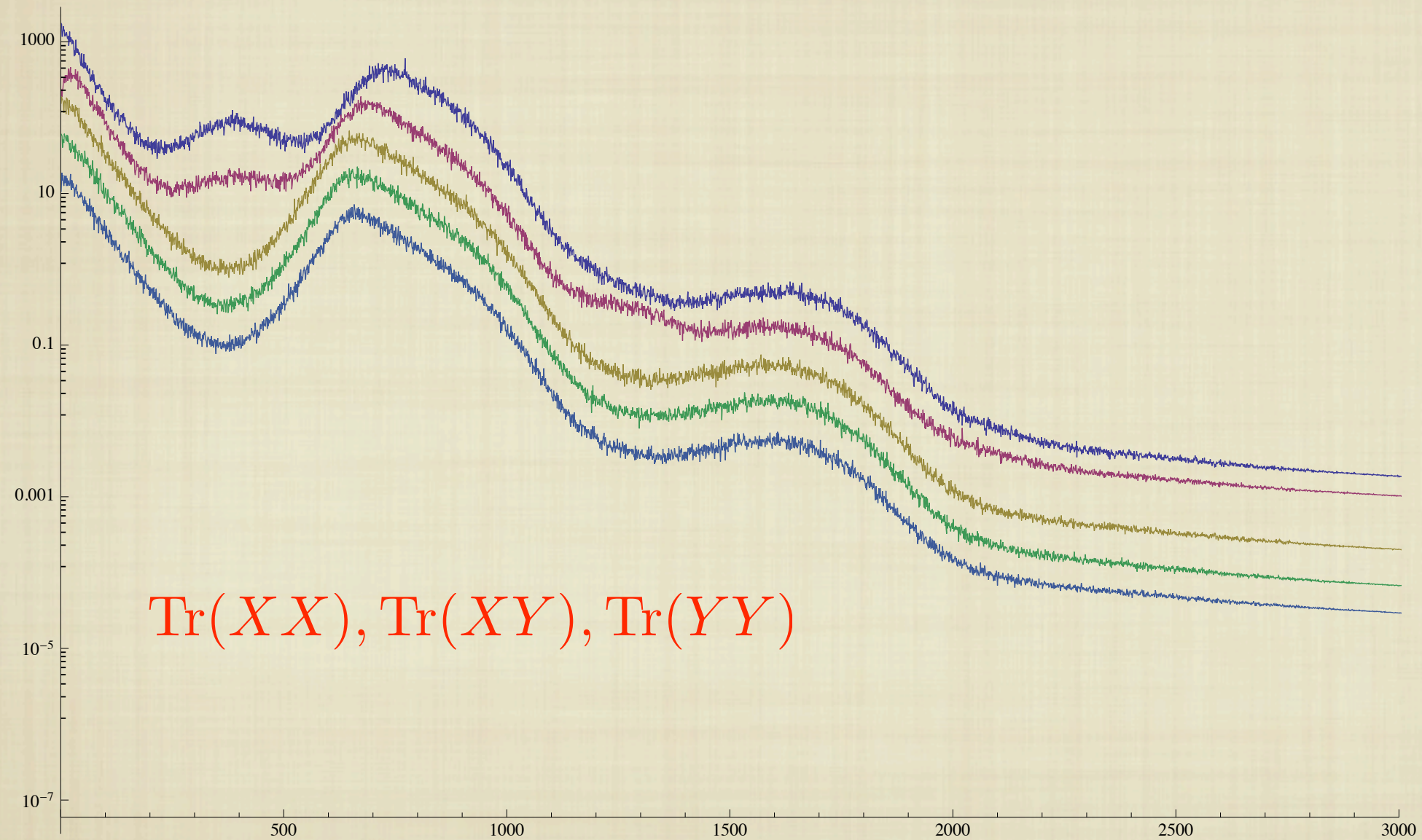


# SMALL PERT. ON FUZZY SPHERE: TYPICAL DELTA FUNCTION PEAKS.





# LOG OF POWER SPECTRA





# Interesting IR

- \* 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?



# EPILOGUE



These very chaotic dynamical matrices should be black holes.

We're trying to figure out how they work and exactly how they lose information. In particular to test the fast scrambler conjecture (Sugino, Susskind). Basically, one has to check that there is a  $\log(N)$  dependence somewhere on information loss.







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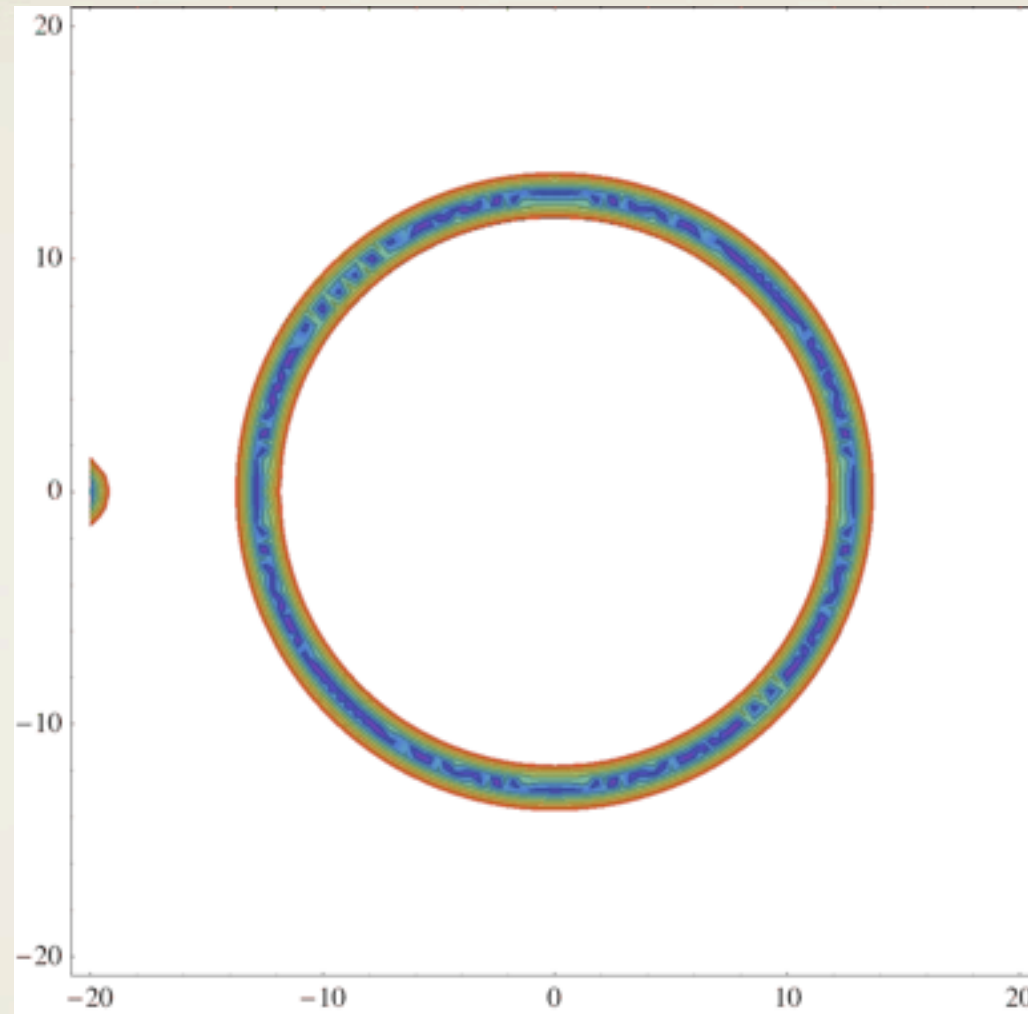
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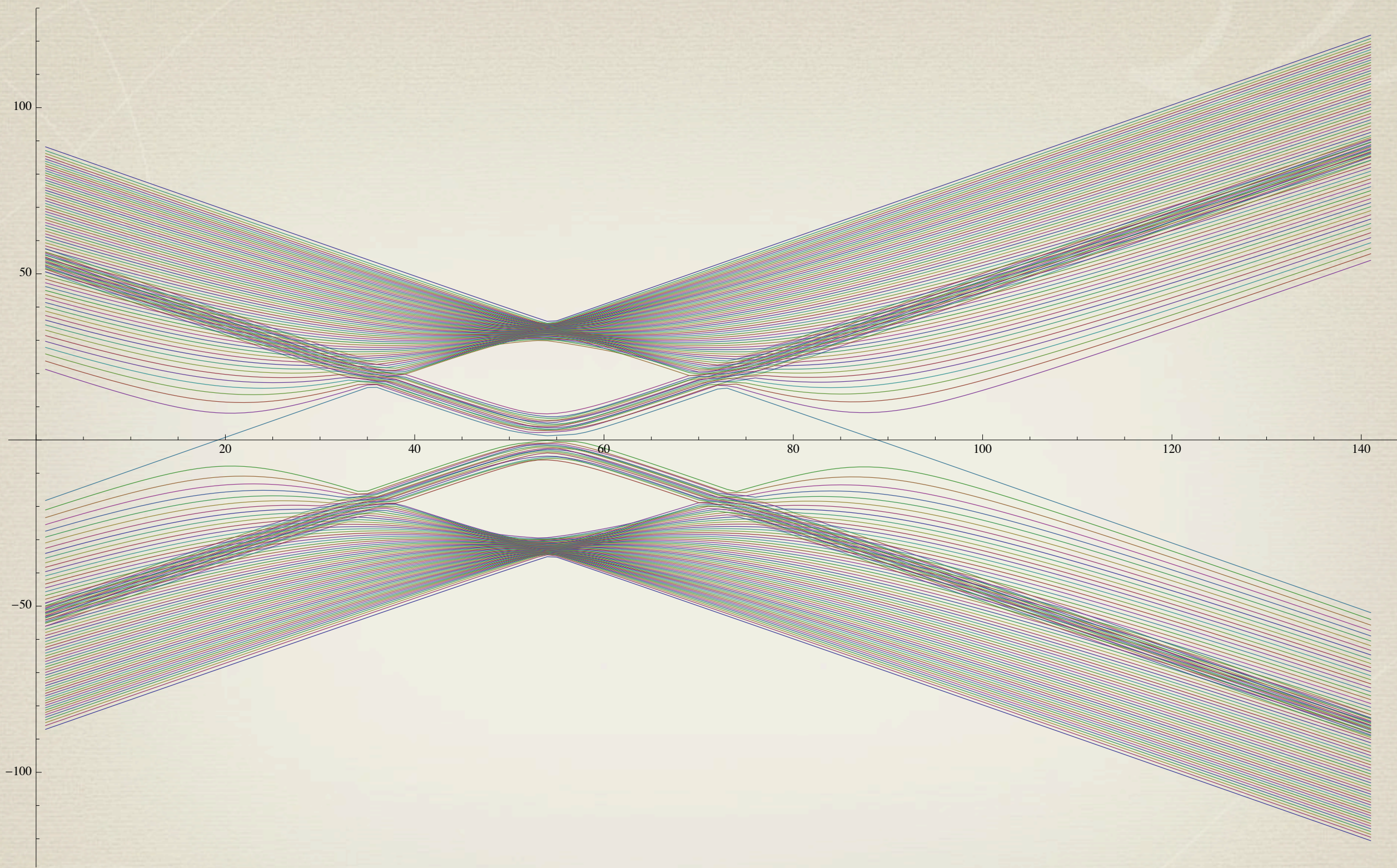
These stop the stuff that is falling in black hole  
like a spiderweb.



Sometimes one gets to dance









# Conclusion

- \* Interesting classical dynamics on matrix models
- \* They are thermodynamic: they thermalize and becomes spherical.
- \* There is geometric data that can be extracted
- \* Interesting features in autocorrelation functions



# Open questions

- \* Include quantum effects better.
- \* **What are horizons?**
- \* Add dynamical probes to test geometry.
- \* Easy to add angular momenta.
- \* Expect interesting Phase diagram.