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# SPONTANEOUS BREAKING OF U(N) SYMMETRY IN INVARIANT MATRIX MODELS & ERGODICITY BREAKING

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# Outlook

- Consider a Quantum System
- Localization/extendedness of wavefunctions  
is a basis-dependent property
- However, eigen-energy statistics  
(Poisson/Wigner Dyson) characterizes  
insulating/conducting systems
- Seeking for a basis independent, general  
structure of (Anderson) insulators



# Results

- The  $U(N)$  symmetry matrix models are endowed with can be spontaneously broken
- Thermodynamic limit also takes symmetry's rank to infinity
- Eigenvectors encode non-trivial information!
- Certain models break  $U(N)$  in a critical way: similarity with Metal/Insulator Transition
- These models are in the family of CS/ABJM

# Outline

1. Intro 1: Disorder & Localization

2. Intro 2: Matrix Models

3. Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking:

- Geometrical argument
- Symmetry Breaking term
- Numerical finite size detection

4. Weakly Confined Matrix Models

- Spectral Statistics (known)
- Energy landscape (new)

5. Conclusions & Outlook

# PART I

## Introduction on Localization due to Disorder



# Disorder & Localization

- Anderson Model:  $\mathcal{H} = \sum_j \epsilon_j c_j^\dagger c_j + \sum_{\langle j,l \rangle} [c_l^\dagger c_j + c_j^\dagger c_l]$  (Anderson. '58)
- Tight-binding model (nearest neighbor hopping)
- Random on-site energies:  $\epsilon_j \in [-W, +W]$
- 1 (& 2) Dimensions: localized for any  $W \neq 0$
- Higher D:
  - Small  $W$ : conducting  
(weak localization, Random Matrices)
  - $W > W_c$  : insulating  
(localized at low energies)
- Hard problem (uncontrolled perturbation expansion)

# Metal/Insulator Transition

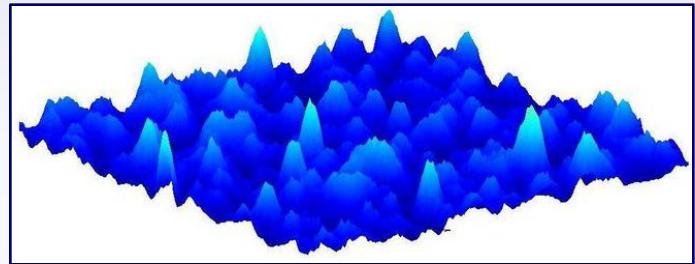
$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_j \epsilon_j c_j^\dagger c_j + \sum_{\langle j,l \rangle} [c_l^\dagger c_j + c_j^\dagger c_l]$$

$$\epsilon_j \in [-W, +W] \quad W < W_c$$

$$D \geq 3$$

- At  $E = E_m$  :**Mobility Edge**

separating **extended** →

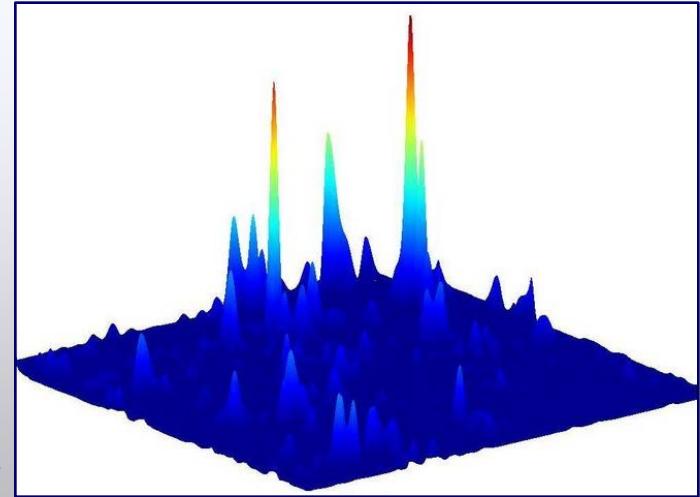


**from localized states**

- Transition as

**Intermediate state**

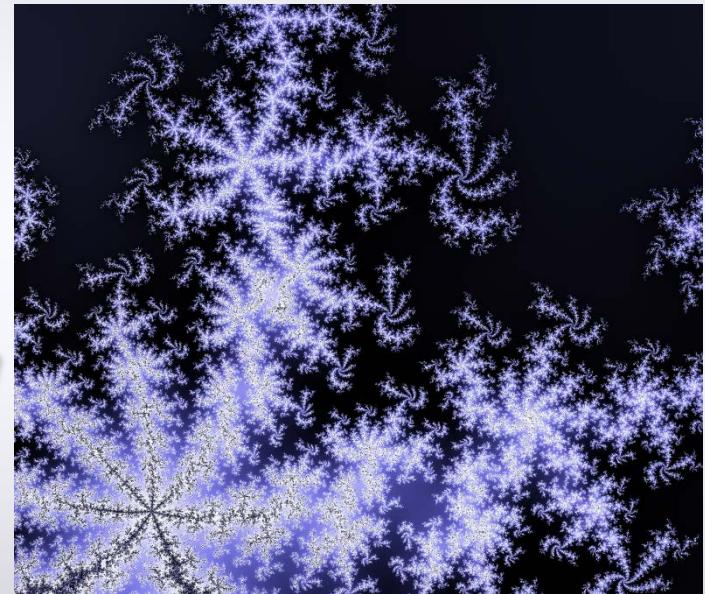
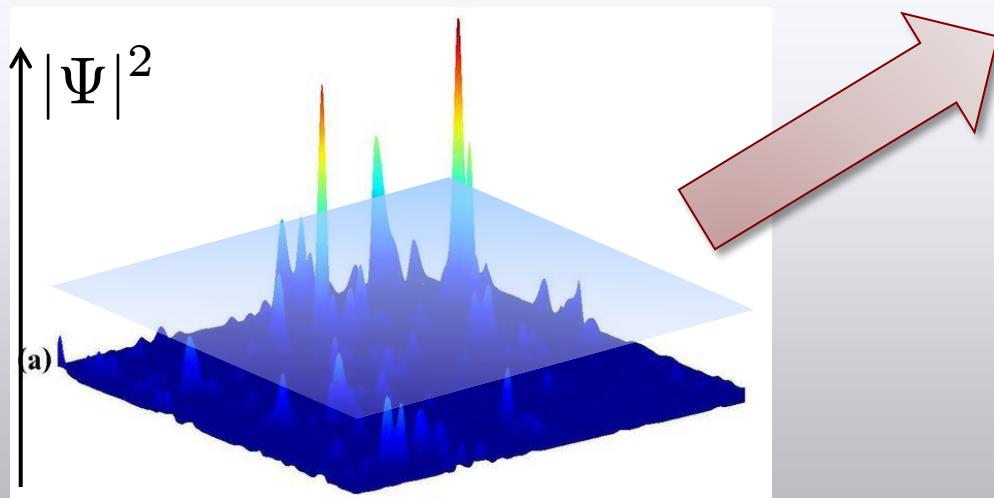
**(multifractal)** →



Van Tiggelen group (PRL 2009)

# Multifractality

- At each height  $|\Psi|^2 = \alpha$ , the wavefunction's amplitude draws a "curve" with a different fractal dimension  $f(\alpha)$



# Multi-fractal Spectrum

- To characterize localization:  $\text{IPR}_q = \sum_j^N |\Psi_j|^{2q}$  ,  $N \propto L^d$

➤ Extended:  $\text{IPR}_q \simeq N^{1-q} = L^{-d(q-1)}$

➤ Localized:  $\text{IPR}_q \simeq \text{const}$

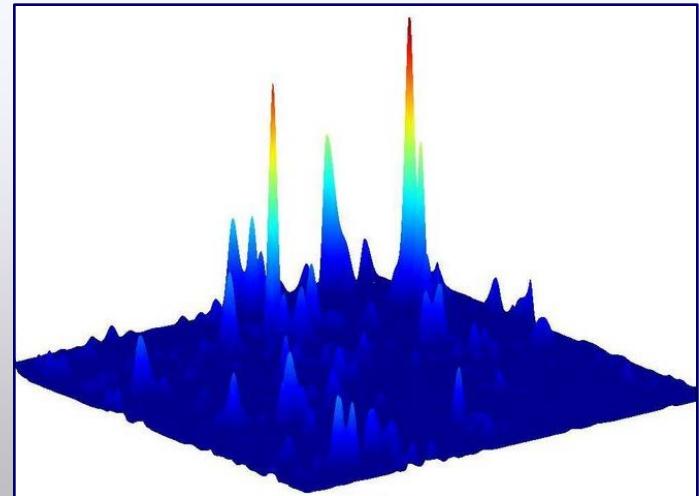
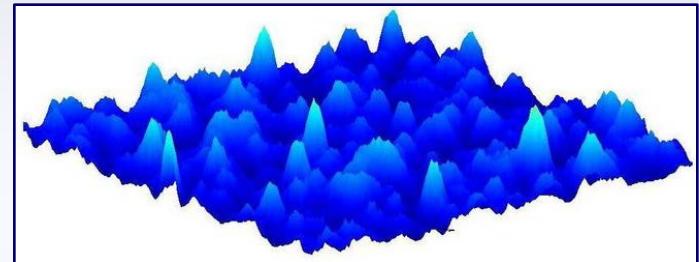
➤ Critical state:

$$\text{IPR}_q \simeq L^{-d_q(q-1)}$$

$$= \int N^{-q\alpha + f(\alpha)} d\alpha$$

$0 < d_q < d$  : fractal dimensions

$f(\alpha)$  : multi-fractal spectrum

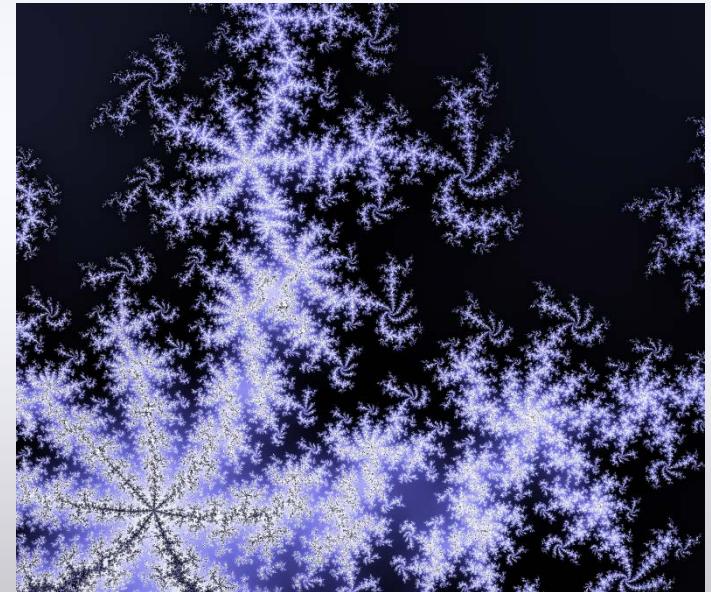
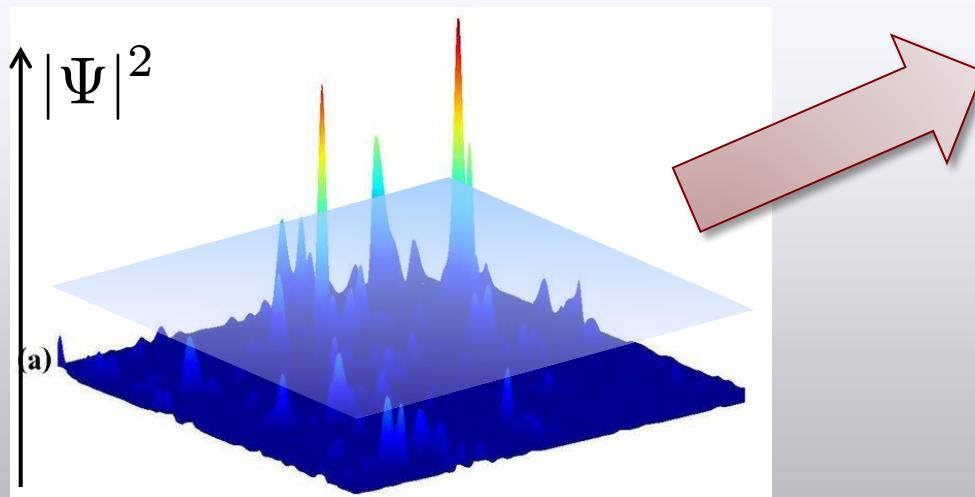


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# Multifractality

$$L^{-d_q(q-1)} = \int N^{-q\alpha+f(\alpha)} d\alpha$$

- Fractal dimensions  $d_q$  /fractal spectrum  $f(\alpha)$  known analytically only in perturbative regimes ( $d_q \simeq 0, d$  )



# Landau Zener Picture

- Qualitative picture on eigenvalue/eigenvector connection

- 2-level system: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_1 & V \\ V^* & \epsilon_2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} E_1 & 0 \\ 0 & E_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\delta = E_1 - E_2 = \sqrt{(\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2)^2 + |V|^2}$$

"Localized"

$$V \ll \epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2$$

$$\delta \simeq \epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2$$

$$\Psi_{1,2} \simeq \psi_{1,2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2}\right) \psi_{2,1}$$

"Extended"

$$V \gg \epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2$$

$$\delta \simeq |V|$$

$$\Psi_{1,2} \simeq \psi_{1,2} \pm \psi_{2,1}$$

# PART 2

## Introduction on Matrix Models

# Matrix Models

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{M} e^{-W(\mathbf{M})}$$

matrix-valued action



- Several applications: nuclear theory, mesoscopic conduction, 2-D quantum gravity, string theory, statistical physics, econophysics, neuroscience, chaos theory, number theory, integrability...
- Reflects a large universality
- Matrices can be link between points; fields in adjoint or bi-fundamental, representation of operators in many-body theory (Hamiltonians, Scattering...)...

# Random Matrices

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{M} e^{-W(\mathbf{M})} \quad \mathcal{F} = \ln \mathcal{Z}$$

- If  $W(\mathbf{M})$  real: statistical model
- Consider  $\mathbf{M}$  as a Hamiltonian:
  - Interaction between every degree of freedom
  - Matrix entries randomly from a distribution
- Describe quantum “chaotic” systems
- Universality determined by symmetry:  
Orthogonal, Unitary, Symplectic,... ensembles

# Invariant Ensembles

- Action invariant under rotations:  $W(\mathbf{M}) = \text{Tr}V(\mathbf{M})$
- Switch to eigenvalues/eigenvectors:  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}$

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{M} e^{-\text{Tr}V(\mathbf{M})} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{U} \int d^N \lambda \Delta^\beta (\{\lambda\}) e^{-\sum_j V(\lambda_j)}$$

Eigenvectors uniformly distributed over the N-dimensional sphere (Hilbert space): independent from  $V(\lambda)$

Van der Monde Determinant:

$$\Delta (\{\lambda\}) = \prod_{j>l}^N (\lambda_j - \lambda_l)$$

(from Jacobian)

# Coulomb Gas Picture

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{U} \int d^N \lambda \Delta^\beta (\{\lambda\}) e^{-\sum_j V(\lambda_j)}$$

- Jacobian introduces interaction between eigenvalues

- Effective Coulomb gas:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\beta \sum_{j>l} \ln |\lambda_j - \lambda_l| + \sum_j V(\lambda_j)$$

- Eigenvalues as 1-D particles with

- logarithmic interaction
  - external confining potential  $V(\lambda)$

- Eigenvalue distribution from equilibrium configuration

$\beta = 1, 2, 4$

for

Orthogonal

Unitary

Symplectic

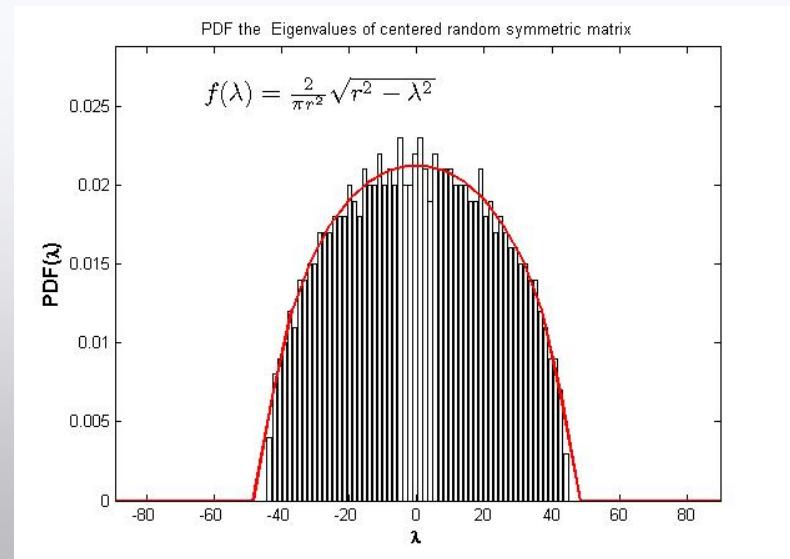
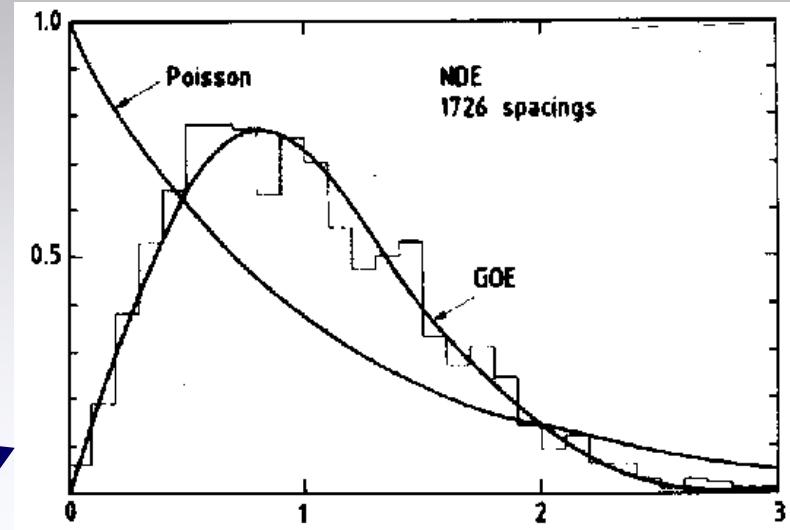
# Wigner-Dyson Universality

$$\mathcal{L} = -\beta \sum_{j>l} \ln |\lambda_j - \lambda_l| + \sum_j V(\lambda_j)$$

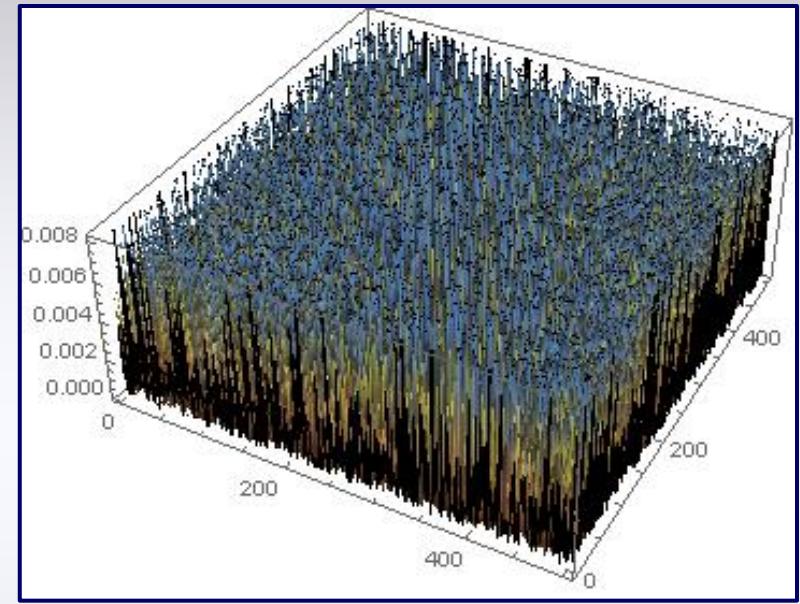
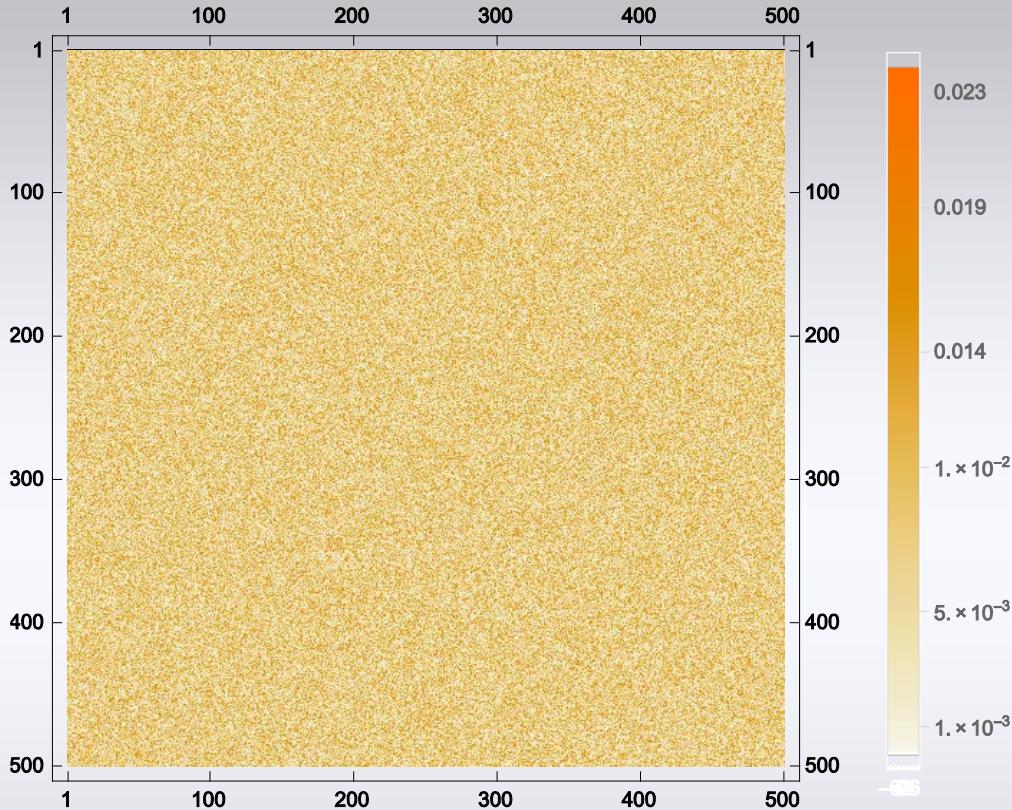
- Distribution of the distance between n.n. eigenvalues (level spacing) universal:

$$P(s) \propto s^\beta e^{-A(\beta)s^2}$$

- Universality captured by Gaussian ensemble:  $V(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^2}{2}$
- Valid for any polynomial  $V(\lambda)$



# The Haar Measure



- Entries of Unitary matrix follow the Porter-Thomas Distribution:  $\mathcal{P}\left(\left|\tilde{U}_{ij}\right|^2\right) = N \exp\left[-N \left|\tilde{U}_{ij}\right|^2\right]$

# Invariant Ensembles

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{U} \int d^N \lambda \Delta^\beta (\{\lambda\}) e^{-\sum_j V(\lambda_j)}$$

- Wigner Dyson distribution & level repulsion:  
Jacobian introduces **interaction** between eigenvalues
- Extended states/**conducting phases**:  
uniform distribution means eigenvectors typically have all non-vanishing entries
- Eigenvalues interact through their eigenvectors:

**WD  $\Leftrightarrow$  extended states**

# Non-Invariant Ensembles

- To study localization problems, introduce non-invariant random matrix ensembles  
**(Random Banded Matrices)**

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{M} e^{-\sum_{j,l} A_{jl} |M_{jl}|^2} \Rightarrow \langle M_{nm}^2 \rangle = A_{nn}^{-1}$$

$$A_{nm} = e^{|n-m|/B}$$

→ Localized states  
(Poisson statistics)

(Mirlin et al. '96)

$$A_{nm} = 1 + \frac{(n - m)^2}{B^2}$$

→ Multi-Fractal states  
(Critical Statistics)

(Evers & Mirlin, '00)

# Invariant vs. non-Invariant Ensembles

- Invariant: basis independent
  - Wigner-Dyson eigenvalue statistics  
de-Haar measure for eigenvector
  - ⇒ *delocalized systems*  
analytical techniques
- Non-Invariant: basis dependent
  - Poisson/critical eigenvalue statistics  
eigenvector connected with eigenvalue
  - ⇒ *localized/critical systems*  
mostly numerical approaches

# Loophole: Spontaneous Breaking of Rotational Invariance

- Invariant models are endowed with superior (non-perturbative) analytical techniques
- Spontaneous breaking of rotational invariance:
  - ⇒ Eigenvectors contain non-trivial information
  - ⇒ Invariant machinery for localization problems!
- Recall a ferromagnet:
  - From partition function, rotational invariance
    - no spontaneous magnetization
  - Need symmetry breaking term

# PART 3

## Spontaneous Breaking of Rotational Symmetry in Invariant Multi-Cuts Matrix Model



# Multi-Cut Solutions

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{U} \int d^N \lambda e^{-\sum_j V(\lambda_j) + 2 \sum_{j>l} \ln |\lambda_j - \lambda_l|}$$

- $V(x)$  with several, well separated, minima

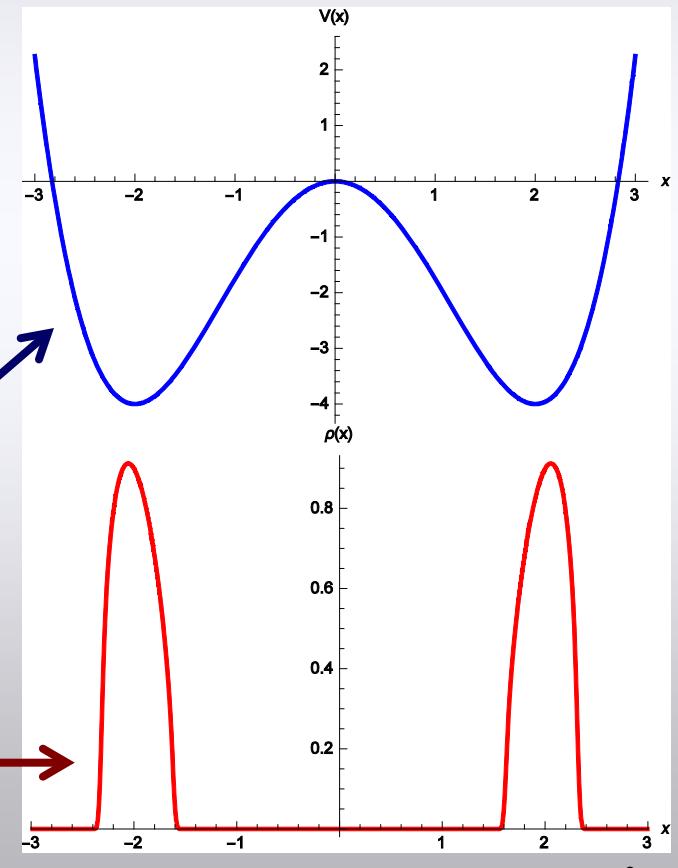
⇒ disconnected support for eigenvalues (**multi-cuts**)

- For example: double well potential

$$V_{2W}(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^4 - \frac{t}{2}x^2$$

(2-cuts for  $t > 2$  )

Level Density:  $\rho(x) = \sum_j^N \delta(x - \lambda_j)$



# Understanding the matrix SSB

- Geometrical argument: line element

$$ds^2 = \text{Tr} (dM)^2 = \sum_{j=1}^N (d\lambda_j)^2 + 2 \sum_{j>l}^N (\lambda_j - \lambda_l)^2 |dA_{jl}|^2$$

- Angular degrees of freedom live on spheres of radii  $r_{jl} = |\lambda_j - \lambda_l|$

$\beta = 2$ , Unitary

$$d\mathbf{A} \equiv \mathbf{U}^\dagger d\mathbf{U}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}$$

➤ Two lengths scales:

Eigenvalues spacing:  $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)$

Support of distribution:  $\mathcal{O}(1)$

$r_{jl} \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \rightarrow dA_{jl} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$

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➤ Small arc lengths:

# Multi-Cuts SSB

- Level repulsion resolves degeneracy:  
⇒ each of the  $n$  cuts contains  $m_j$  eigenvalues

- Gap between cuts breaks rotational

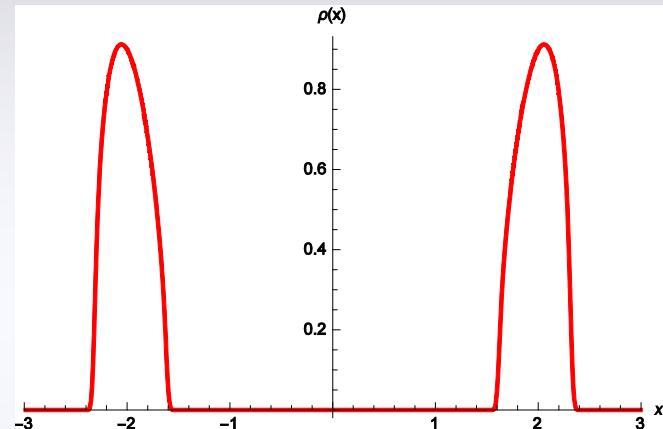
invariance: 
$$U(N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{j=1}^n U(m_j)$$

- Three Arguments:

★ Brownian motion;

★ Numerical finite size analysis;

★ Symmetry Breaking Term



Double well

$U(N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} U(N/2) \times U(N/2)$   
(assume N even)

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# Symmetry Breaking Term

$$W(J) = \ln \int d\mathbf{M} e^{-N\text{Tr}V(\mathbf{M}) + JN|\text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{T} - \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S})|}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}$$
$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{V}^\dagger \mathbf{T} \mathbf{V}$$

- Calculate (dis-)order parameter:

➤  $\frac{d}{dJ} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} W(J) \Big|_{J=0} = 0 \longrightarrow \boxed{\text{Symmetry is Broken!}}$

➤ Finite N:  $\frac{dW(J)}{dJ} \Big|_{J=0} = \langle |\text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{T} - \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S})| \rangle \neq 0$       Eigenvectors misaligned

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Instantons:

- Pairs of eigenvalues tunneling between cuts
- Restore broken symmetries

$$\int d\mathbf{M} e^{-N\text{Tr}V(\mathbf{M})+JN|\text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{T}-\mathbf{M} \mathbf{S})|} \propto \mathcal{Z}_0 + \mathcal{Z}_1 \left( e^{-2JN|\lambda_j - \lambda'_l|} \right) + \dots$$

# Multi-Cuts SSB: Conclusions

- Gap in the eigenvalue distribution
  - Deviation from WD universality
  - Spontaneous breaking of rotational symmetry
  - Eigenvectors localized in patch of Hilbert space spanned by the other eigenvectors in the same cut
- Broken symmetries restored by instantons
- Abstract characterization of localization without reference to basis: IPR not sufficient, need response under perturbation (application to MBL?)

# PART 4

## Weakly Confined Matrix Models & The Metal/Insulator Transition



# Weakly Confined Invariant Models

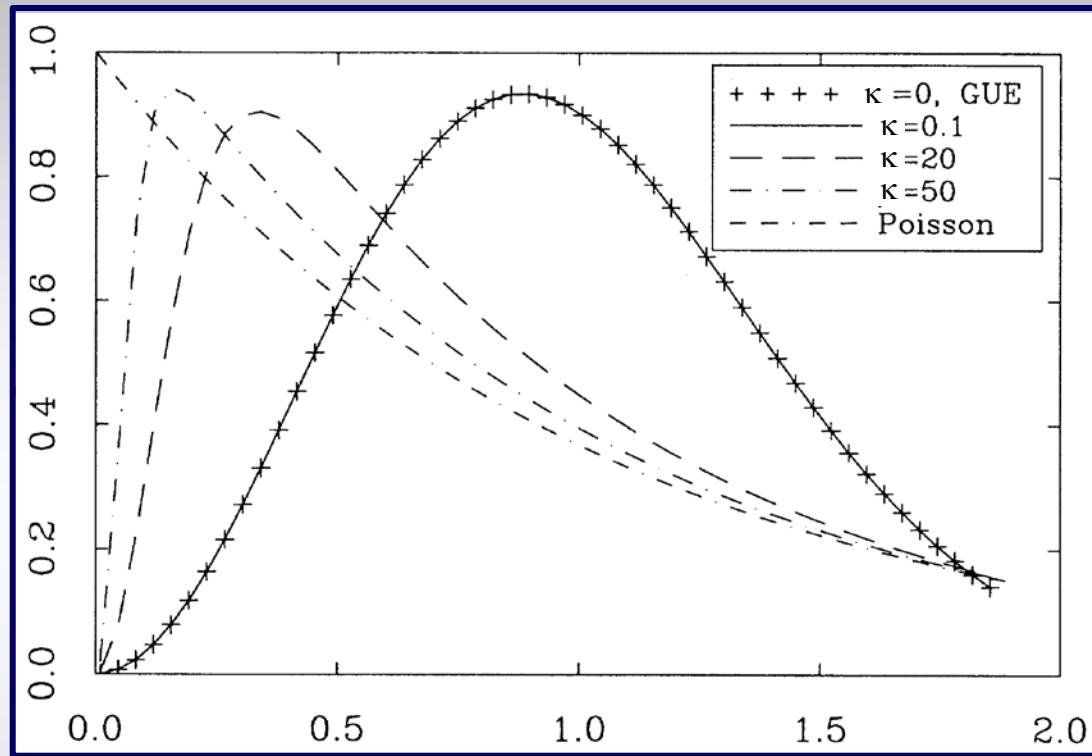
$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{M} e^{-\text{Tr}V(\mathbf{M})}, \quad V(\lambda) \stackrel{|\lambda| \rightarrow \infty}{\simeq} \frac{1}{2\kappa} \ln^2 |\lambda|$$

- Soft confinement **sets them apart** from usual polynomial potentials
  - WD universality **does not apply**
  - Indeterminate moment problem
- Arise in **localization limit** of Chern-Simons/ABJM:  $\kappa \propto \frac{i}{g_s}$   
(Marino '02; Kapustin et al. '10; ...)
- Solvable through **orthogonal polynomials**:  
q-deformed Hermite/Laguerre Polynomials  
(Mutalib et al. '93; Tierz'04 )

# Weakly Confined Matrix Models

$$V(\lambda) \stackrel{|\lambda| \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{1}{2\kappa} \ln^2 |\lambda|$$

- Intermediate level spacing statistics
- Same eigenvalue correlations as power law (critical) Random Banded Matrices

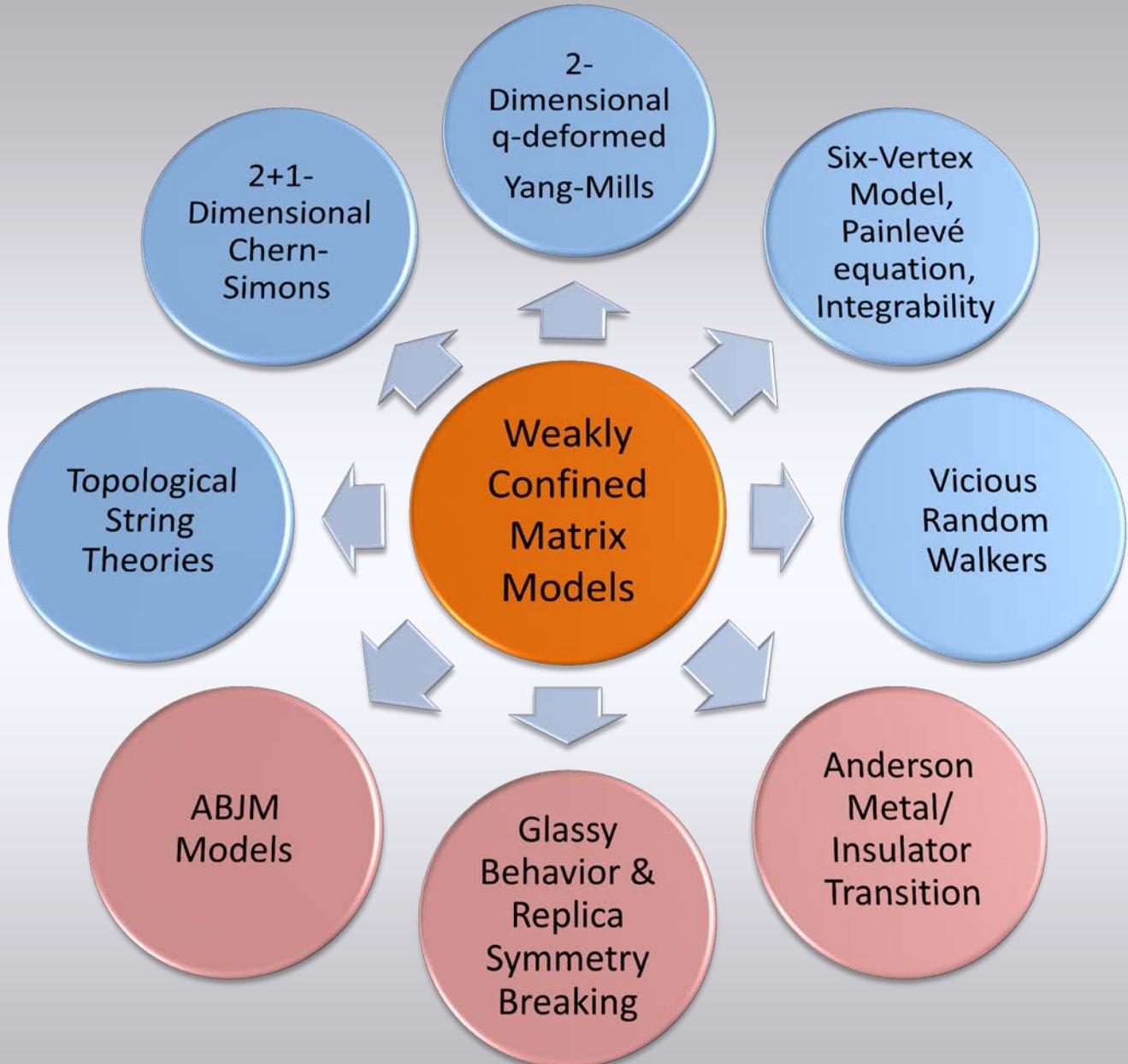


(Muttalib et al. '93)

- Critical level statistics signals fractal eigenstates?
- Critical Spontaneous Breaking of U(N) Invariance?

(Canali, Kravtsov, '95)

# Weakly Confined Matrix Models & their applications



# WCMM Energy Landscape

- Take exactly log-normal ensemble (positive eigenvalues)

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{U} \int_{\lambda > 0} d^N \lambda \Delta(\{\lambda\}) e^{-\frac{1}{2\kappa} \sum_j \ln^2 \lambda_j}$$

- Exponential mapping:  $\boxed{\lambda_j = e^{\kappa x_j}}$

$$\mathcal{Z} \propto \int d^N x_j \prod_{n < m} (e^{\kappa x_n} - e^{\kappa x_m})^2 e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{l=1}^N [x_l^2 - 2x_l]}$$

- Each term of the Van der Monde shifts the equilibrium of the parabolic potential: different effective potential felt by each eigenvalue for each term for the VdM

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# WCMM Energy Landscape

- Full partition function known (orthogonal polynomials)

$$\mathcal{Z} \propto e^{\frac{\kappa}{6}N(4N^2-1)} (2\pi\kappa)^{N/2} N! \prod_{n=1}^{N-1} (1-q^n)^{N-n}$$


- Each term of the expansion of the product
  - Corresponds to a different saddle (equilibrium conf.)
  - Has the **same leading energy** (differ for the powers of q)
  - $q^j$  fugacity of the instantons
- Instantons restore broken symmetries: from the  $U(1)^N$  configuration, to the full  $U(N)$  when all instantons act

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# WCMM Outlook

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{U} \int_{\lambda > 0} d^N \lambda \Delta(\{\lambda\}) e^{-\frac{1}{2\kappa} \sum_j \ln^2 \lambda_j}$$

- Critical eigenvalue statistics from complex landscape
- Each saddle can be interpreted as endowed with a reduced symmetry with respect to  $U(N)$
- To do: Employ replica approach for WCMM:  
Anderson transition as a full-RSB
- Conjecture: calculate IPR and multi-fractal spectrum from contributions of the different saddles

# SSB Structure

- Each saddle point corresponds to a different SSB
- Unitary matrix from Hermitian matrix:  $\mathbf{U} = e^{i\mathbf{A}}$

$$ds^2 = \text{Tr} (dM)^2 = \sum_{j=1}^N (d\lambda_j)^2 + 2 \sum_{j>l}^N (\lambda_j - \lambda_l)^2 |dA_{jl}|^2$$

$\downarrow$   
 $d\mathbf{A} \equiv \mathbf{U}^\dagger d\mathbf{U}$

- $U(1)^N$  saddle has all  $dA_{ij} = 0$
- Conjecture:

Each instanton  $-q^n$  "turns on" one element:  $dA_{i,i+n} \neq 0$

# Multi-fractal Spectrum

- Numerical check of conjecture
- Unitary matrix from Hermitian matrix:  $\mathbf{U} = e^{i\mathbf{A}}$
- Generate each element  $A_{jl}$

with probability

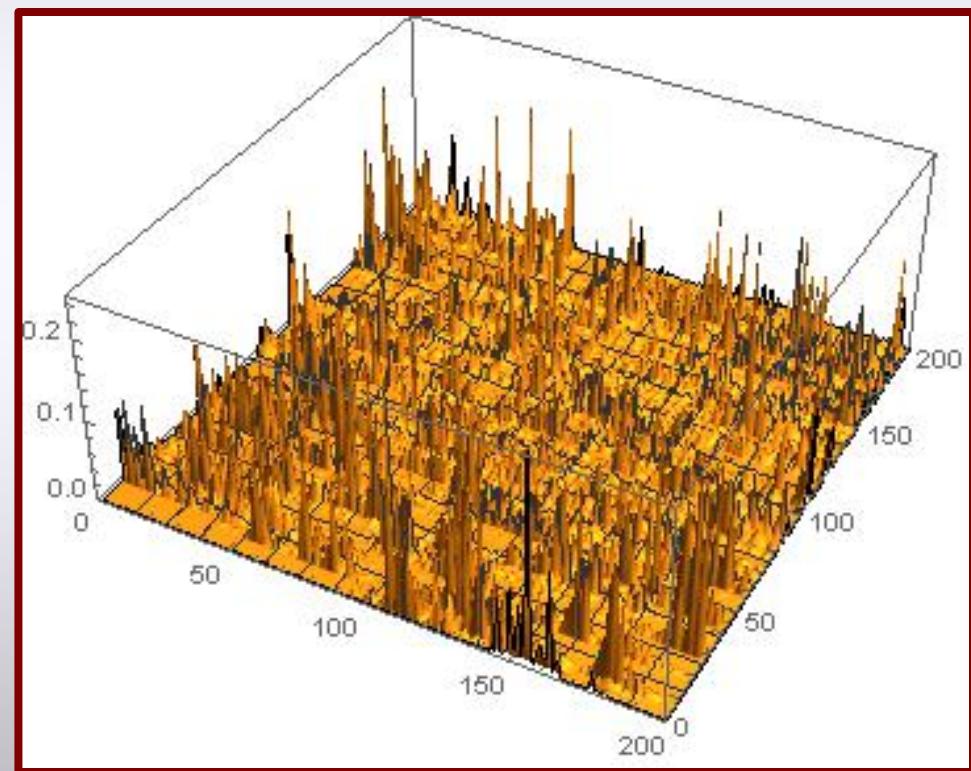
$q^{j-l}$        $1 - q^{j-l}$

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sample  $A_{jl}$       take

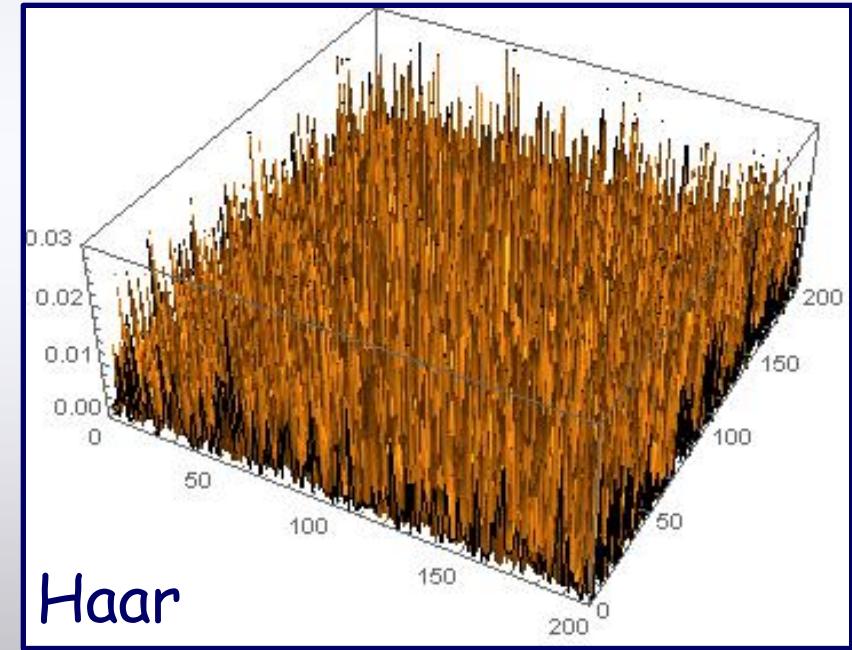
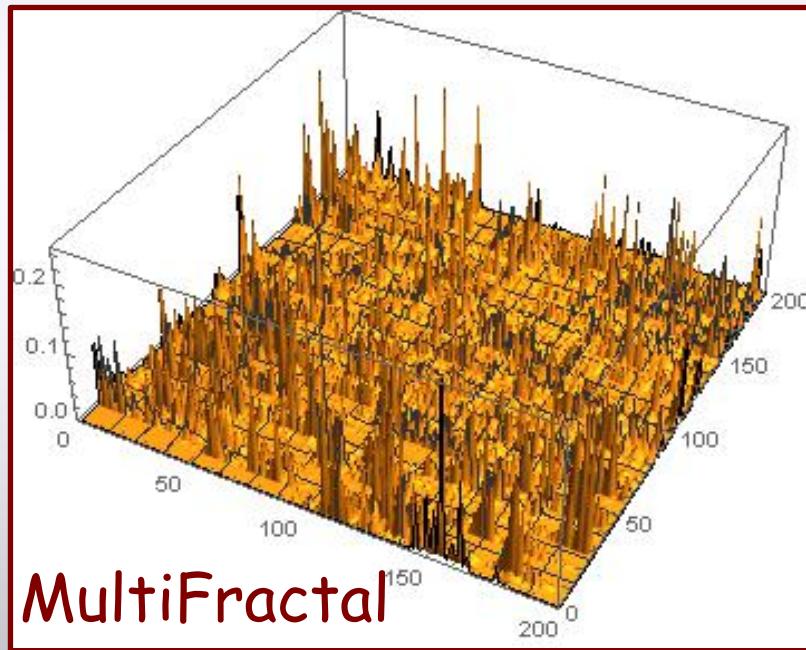
uniformly       $A_{jl} = 0$

⇒ MULTIFRACTALITY!



# Multi-fractal Spectrum

- Inverse Participation Ratios of  $\mathbf{U} = e^{i\Lambda}$  scale with fractional power of N
- Multi-fractal spectrum from invariant matrix model!



- Matrix  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \Lambda \mathbf{U}$  has power-law Gaussian elements!

# Conclusions

- Invariant Matrix Models usually applied only to extended/conducting states: eigenvectors discarded
- Deviation of eigenvalue statistics from Wigner-Dyson signals loss of ergodicity: gap between eigenvalues mutually localize their eigenvectors:  $U(N)$  broken
- Invariant Models techniques for localization problems!
- WCMM has complex energy landscape → critical SSB

# Outlook

- Matching WCMM critical SSB with Metal/Insulator Transition multi-fractal spectrum?
- Critical exponents of SSB
- Direct characterization of eigenvector behavior
- Connection between SSB & Replica Symmetry Breaking
- WCMM & Matrix models arise in string theory: meaning of the  $N \rightarrow \infty$   $U(N)$  symmetry breaking?
- ...

**Thank you!**

# Brownian Motion Picture

- Level repulsion resolves degeneracy:  
 $\Rightarrow$  each of the  $n$  cuts contains  $m_j$  eigenvalues

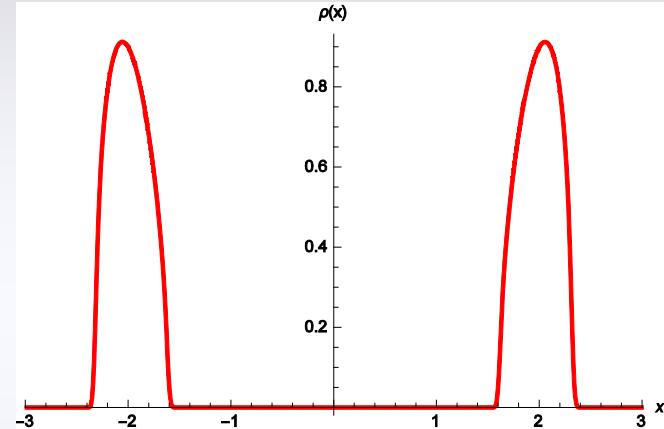
- Gap between cuts breaks rotational

invariance:  $U(N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{j=1}^n U(m_j)$

- Dyson Brownian Motion for equilibrium distribution shows scale separation:

$$d\lambda_j = -\frac{dV(\lambda_j)}{d\lambda_j} dt + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l \neq j} \frac{dt}{\lambda_j - \lambda_l} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} dB_j(t)$$

$$d\vec{U}_j(t) = -\frac{1}{2N} \sum_{l \neq j} \frac{dt}{(\lambda_j - \lambda_l)^2} \vec{U}_j + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{l \neq j} \frac{dW_{jl}(t)}{\lambda_j - \lambda_l} \vec{U}_l$$



$dB_j, dW_{jl}$   
 delta-corr.  
 stochastic  
 sources

# Generating a Random Matrix

- Gaussian Models:  $\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{M} e^{-\text{Tr}\mathbf{M}^2} = \int \prod dM_{jl} e^{-\sum_{jl} M_{jl}^2}$   
→ each matrix entries sampled independently
- One-Cut Models:  $\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{M} e^{-\text{Tr}V(\mathbf{M})} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{M} e^{-\text{Tr} \sum_k g_k \mathbf{M}^k}$   
→ entries correlated: generated as perturbation of Gaussian case in a Metropolis scheme
- Multi-Cut Solutions: Gaussian case unstable  
→ start from initial seed and evolve it to equilibrium  
→ SSB: final configuration has memory of eigenvectors of initial seed



# Symmetry Breaking Term

- To detect SSB introduce symmetry breaking term
- Most natural one is  $\text{Tr} ([\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{S}])^2$ , but too hard to handle



$\mathbf{S}$  : given Hermitian Matrix

Favors alignment of eigenvectors

- We introduce:

$$W(J) = \ln \int d\mathbf{M} e^{-N\text{Tr}V(\mathbf{M})+JN|\text{Tr}(\mathbf{\Lambda T}-\mathbf{M S})|}$$

$J$  : source strength

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}$$
$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{V}^\dagger \mathbf{T} \mathbf{V}$$

Absolute value can be removed by  
sorting eigenvalues in increasing order

# Symmetry Breaking: Double Well

$$W(J) = \ln \int d\mathbf{M} e^{-N\text{Tr}V(\mathbf{M})+JN|\text{Tr}(\Lambda \mathbf{T} - \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S})|}$$

- Double well:  $U(N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} U(N/2) \times U(N/2)$

(assume N even)

- Take  $\mathbf{S}$  with 2 sets of  $N/2$ -degenerate eigenvalues:  $t = \pm 1$  to induce correct symmetry breaking
- Calculate (dis-)order parameter:

$$\frac{dW(J)}{dJ} \Big|_{J=0} = \langle |\text{Tr}(\Lambda \mathbf{T} - \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S})| \rangle$$

$$\begin{cases} = 0 \\ \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Symmetry Broken  
Eigenvectors  
misaligned

# Symmetry Breaking Term

$$W(J) = \ln \int d\mathbf{M} e^{-N\text{Tr}V(\mathbf{M}) + JN|\text{Tr}(\mathbf{\Lambda T} - \mathbf{M S})|}$$

- Use Itzykson-Zuber formula: (Itzykson & Zuber, '80)

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{V}^\dagger \mathbf{T} \mathbf{V}$$

$$\int d\mathbf{U} e^{\text{Tr}\mathbf{A} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{U}^\dagger} \propto \frac{\det [e^{a_j b_l}]}{\Delta(\{a\}) \Delta(\{b\})}$$

- After regularization for degenerate eigenvalues:

$$\int d\mathbf{U} e^{JN\text{Tr}\mathbf{M S}} \propto \frac{1}{\Delta(\{\lambda\})} \sum'_{\{\alpha\} \cup \{\alpha'\} = \{\lambda\}} e^{-JN \sum_j (\alpha_j - \alpha'_j)} \Delta(\{\alpha\}) \Delta(\{\alpha'\})$$



Sum over ways to partition eigenvalues  
of  $\mathbf{M}$  according to **degeneracies** of  $\mathbf{S}$

# Symmetry Breaking Term

$$\int d\mathbf{M} e^{-N\text{Tr}V(\mathbf{M})+JN|\text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{T} - \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S})|} \propto$$

$$\int_{\lambda > 0, \lambda' < 0} d^{\frac{N}{2}} \lambda d^{\frac{N}{2}} \lambda' e^{-N \sum_j V(\lambda_j) - N \sum_l V(\lambda'_l)} \times \Delta^2(\{\lambda\}) \Delta^2(\{\lambda'\}) \prod_{j,l}^N (\lambda_j - \lambda_l) \times$$

$$\times \left[ 1 + \sum_{j,l=1}^{N/2} e^{-2JN(\lambda_j - \lambda'_l)} \prod_{p=1}^{N/2} \prod_{q=1}^{N/2} \frac{(\lambda_l - \lambda'_p)(\lambda_j - \lambda'_q)}{(\lambda'_j - \lambda_p)(\lambda'_l - \lambda_q)} + \dots \right]$$

- Hence:  $\frac{d}{dJ} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} W(J) \Big|_{J=0} = 0$
- At finite  $N$ :  $\langle |\text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{T} - \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S})| \rangle \neq 0$

**Instantons:**

- Pairs of eigenvalues tunneling between wells
- Restore broken symmetries

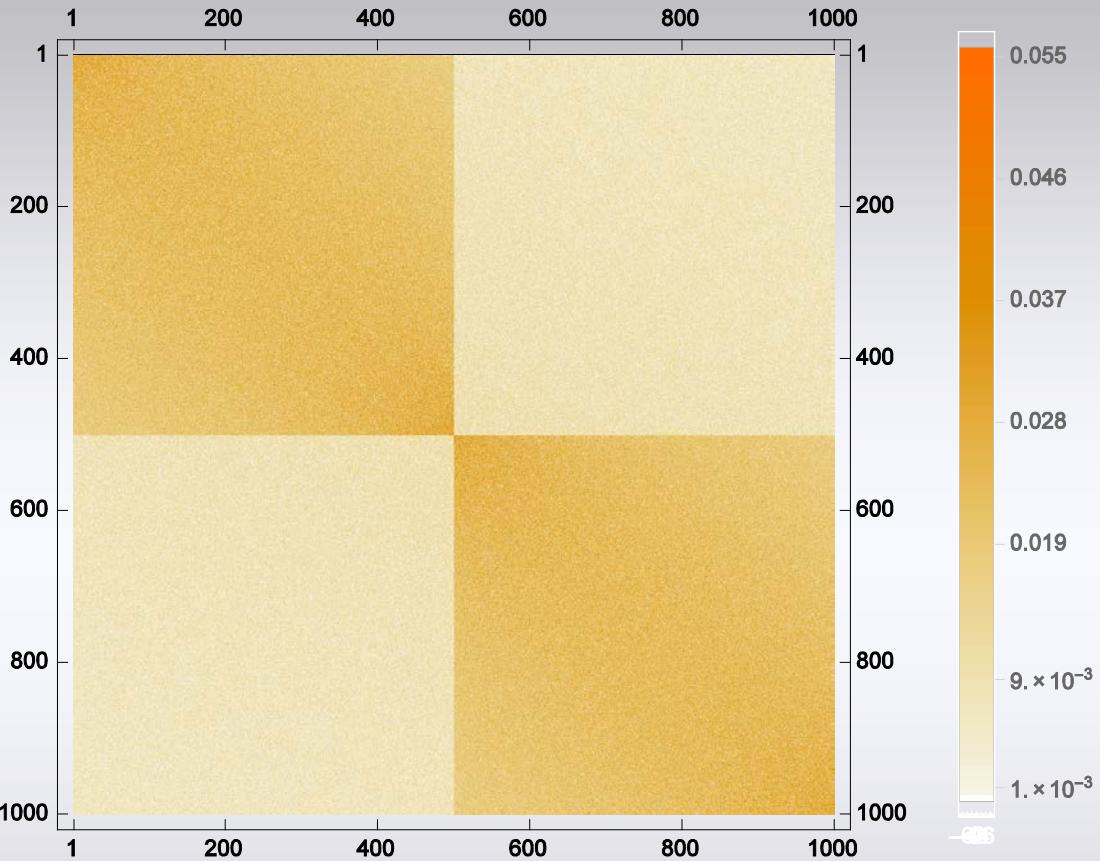
$$\int d\mathbf{M} e^{-N\text{Tr}V(\mathbf{M})+JN|\text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{T} - \mathbf{M} \mathbf{S})|} \propto \mathcal{Z}_0 + \mathcal{Z}_1 \left( e^{-2JN|\lambda_j - \lambda'_l|} \right) + \dots$$



# Finite Size Analysis

- Without preferred, reference basis; localization means rigidity of eigenvectors under perturbations
- Take double well matrix model:  $\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{M} e^{-N\text{Tr}\left[\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{M}^4 - \frac{t}{2} \mathbf{M}^2\right]}$
- Generate a representative matrix:  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}$
- Apply perturbation  $\Delta\mathbf{M}$  (sparse Gaussian Matrix)
- Find eigenvectors of perturbed matrix:  $\mathbf{M} + \Delta\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}'^\dagger \boldsymbol{\Lambda}' \mathbf{U}'$
- Consider eigenvectors of perturbed matrix in original eigenvector basis (rotation due to perturbation):  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}} = \mathbf{U}' \mathbf{U}^\dagger$

# Finite Size Analysis



$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{M} e^{-N \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{M}^4 - \frac{t}{2} \mathbf{M}^2 \right]}$$

Equilibrium conf.  
from Coulomb gas

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}$$

Randomly generated

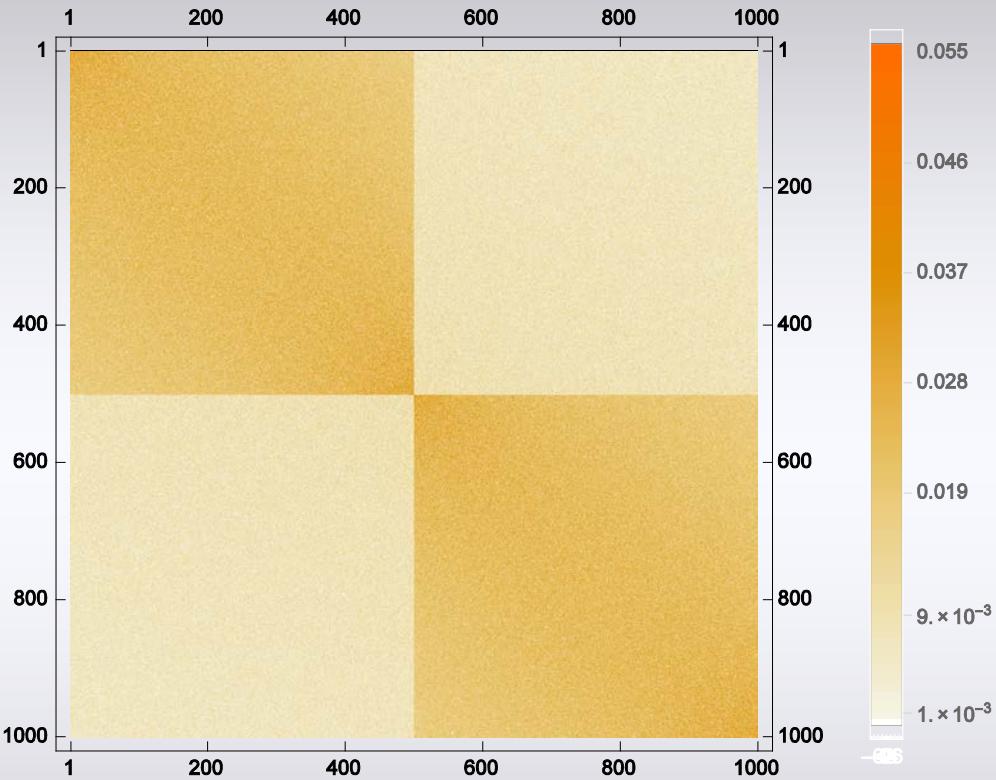
$$\mathbf{M} + \Delta\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}'^\dagger \boldsymbol{\Lambda}' \mathbf{U}'$$

Sparse Gaussian Matrix

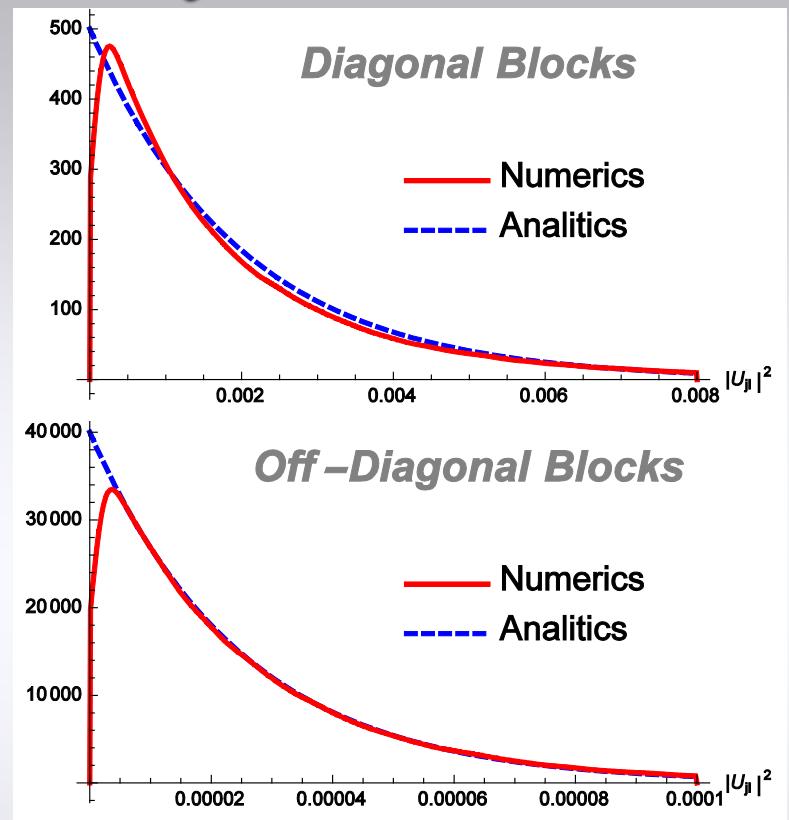
Typical Unitary matrix  $\tilde{U} = U'U^\dagger$  connecting the eigenvectors before and after the perturbation ( $t=4$ ;  $N=1000$ ; sparse matrix with  $n=200$  non zero elements, drawn from Gaussian with zero mean and variance  $N$ )

# Finite Size Analysis

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{M} e^{-N\text{Tr}\left[\frac{1}{4} \mathbf{M}^4 - \frac{t}{2} \mathbf{M}^2\right]}$$



$t=4$ ,  $N=1000$ , sparse matrix with  $n=200$  non zero elements, drawn from Gaussian with zero mean and variance  $N$ )

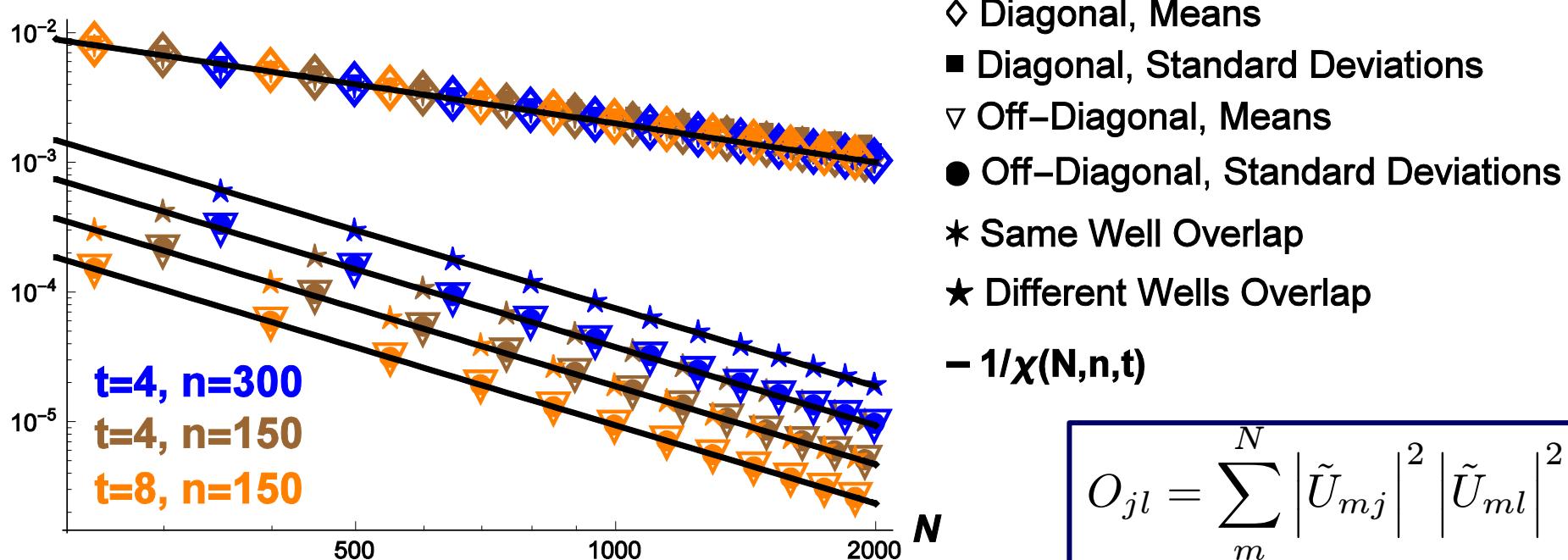


$$\mathcal{P}\left(\left|\tilde{U}_{ij}\right|^2\right) = \chi \exp\left[-\chi \left|\tilde{U}_{ij}\right|^2\right]$$

$$\chi_D = \frac{N}{2} \quad \chi_{OD} = \frac{2tN^2}{n}$$



# Finite Size Analysis



$$\langle |O_{jl}| \rangle_D = \langle |\tilde{U}_{jl}| \rangle_D = \langle |\Delta \tilde{U}_{jl}| \rangle_D = \frac{1}{\chi_D} = \frac{2}{N}$$

$$\langle |O_{jl}| \rangle_{OD} = 2 \langle |\tilde{U}_{jl}| \rangle_{OD} = 2 \langle |\Delta \tilde{U}_{jl}| \rangle_{OD} = \frac{2}{\chi_{OD}} = \frac{n}{tN^2}$$

$$O_{jl} = \sum_m^N \left| \tilde{U}_{mj} \right|^2 \left| \tilde{U}_{ml} \right|^2$$

Overlaps between eigenstates

Off-diagonal blocks suppressed as  $1/N$  compared to diagonal ones  
Onset of localizations!



# WCMM Energy Landscape

$$\mathcal{Z} \propto \int d^N x \prod_{n < m} (e^{\kappa x_n} - e^{\kappa x_m})^2 e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{l=1}^N [x_l^2 - 2x_l]}$$

- Consider simplex of eigenvalues in increasing order

$$\mathcal{Z} \propto N! \int d^N x \prod_{n < m} \left[ 1 - e^{\kappa(x_n - x_m)} \right]^2 e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{l=1}^N [x_l^2 - 2(2l-1)x_l]}$$

- In the  $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$  limit, all terms left inside the VdM vanish
- Eigenvalue crystalize on a lattice  
(Bogomolny et al. '97)

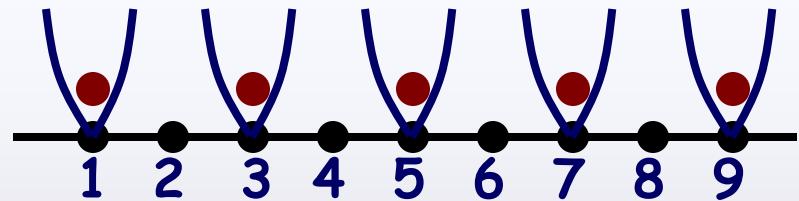
$$\lim_{\kappa \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{Z} \propto N! e^{\frac{\kappa}{6} N (4N^2 - 1)} \int d^N x e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{l=1}^N (x_l + 1 - 2l)^2}$$

# Eigenvalue Crystallization

$$\mathcal{Z} \propto N! \int d^N x \prod_{n < m} \left[ 1 - e^{\kappa(x_n - x_m)} \right]^2 e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{l=1}^N [x_l^2 - 2(2l-1)x_l]}$$

- Eigenvalue crystallization for  $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$

$$\mathcal{Z} \propto \int d^N x \left[ e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{l=1}^N (x_l + 1 - 2l)^2} + \dots \right] \quad (\text{Bogomolny et al. '97})$$



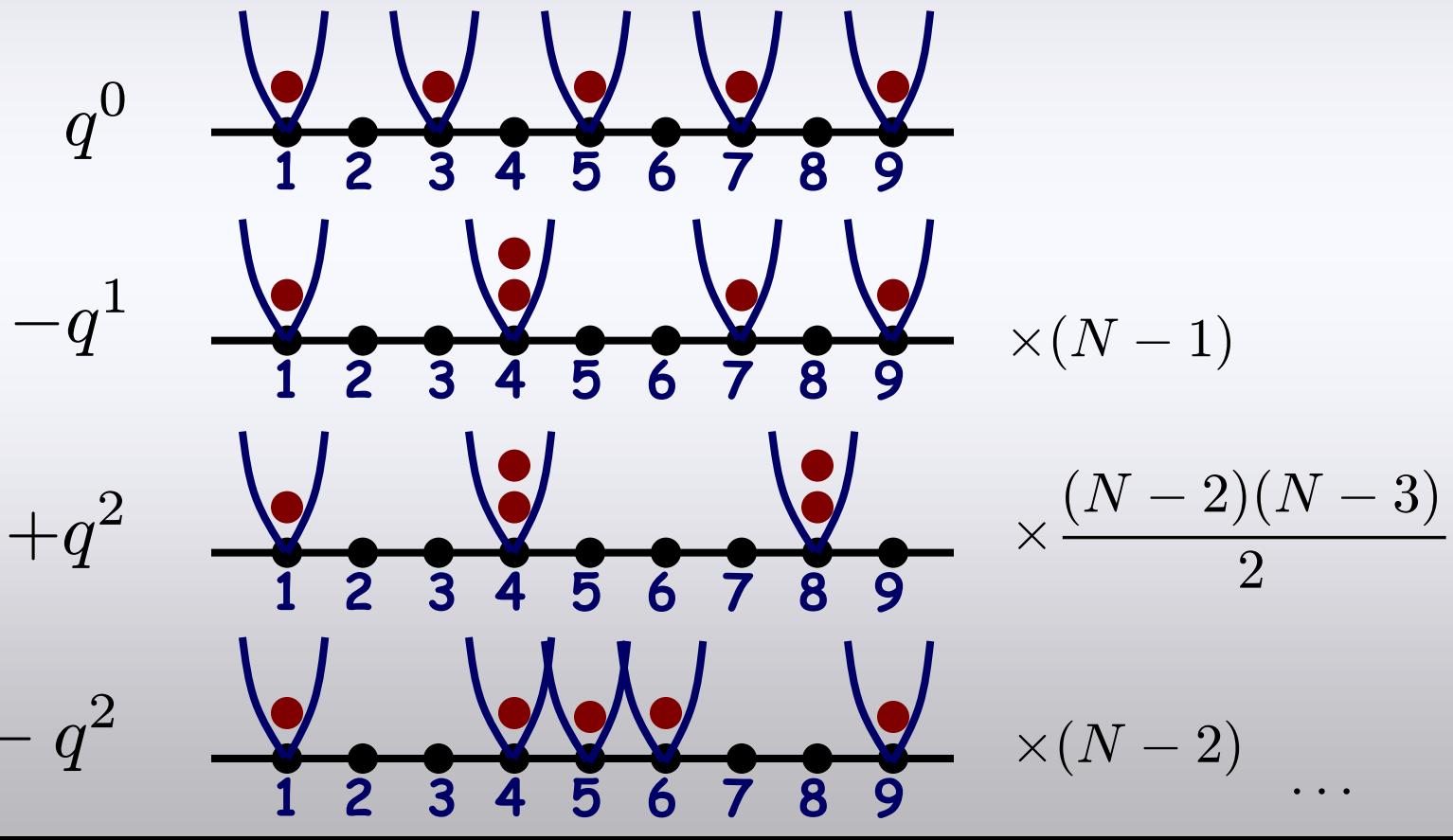
- Corresponds to SSB:  $U(N) \rightarrow U(1)^N$

(Exponential separation between eigenvalues completely  
freezes eigenstates dynamics) (Pato, '00)

# WCMM Energy Landscape

$$\mathcal{Z} \propto N! \int d^N x \prod_{n < m} \left[ 1 - e^{\kappa(x_n - x_m)} \right]^2 e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{l=1}^N [x_l^2 - 2(2l-1)x_l]}$$

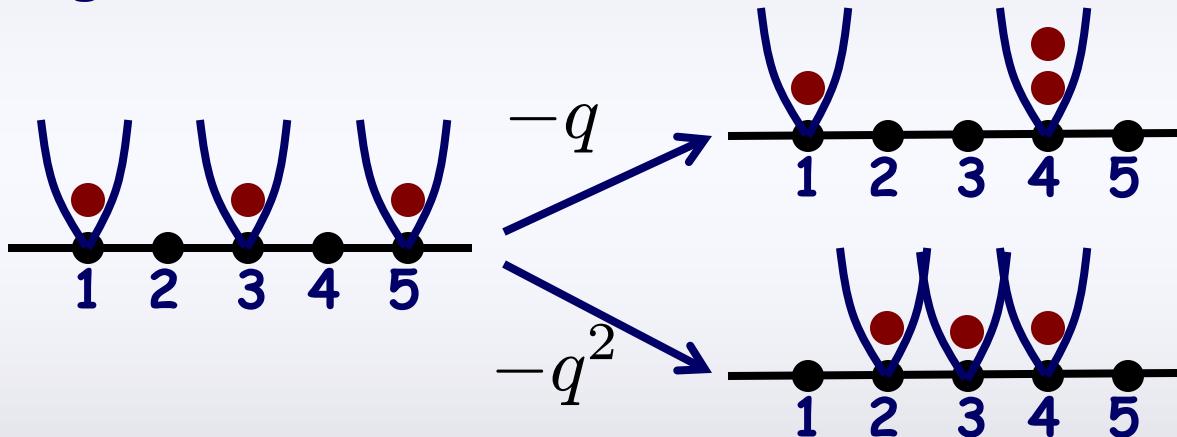
- Finite  $\kappa$  corrections organized in powers of  $q = e^{-\kappa}$



# WCMM Energy Landscape

$$\mathcal{Z} \propto N! \int d^N x \prod_{n < m} \left[ 1 - e^{\kappa(x_n - x_m)} \right]^2 e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{l=1}^N [x_l^2 - 2(2l-1)x_l]}$$

- Each term in VdM shifts the equilibrium point of 2 eigenvalues (one notch closer to one-another)



- Each term of the VdM generates a new equilibrium configuration (saddle point of the partition function)
- Saddles connected by instantons with weight  $-q^n$

# WCMM Energy Landscape

- Full partition function known (orthogonal polynomials)

$$\mathcal{Z} \propto e^{\frac{\kappa}{6}N(4N^2-1)} (2\pi\kappa)^{N/2} N! \prod_{n=1}^{N-1} (1-q^n)^{N-n}$$

- Natural interpretation in terms of instantons
  - 1 instanton connecting a pair of eigenvalues  $N-1$  apart
  - 2 instantons connecting a pair  $N-2$  apart
  - ...
  - $N-1$  instantons connecting a pair of  $N.N.$  eigenvalues
- Metal/Insulator Transition as glassy phase?

# WCMM Energy Landscape

$$\mathcal{Z} \propto e^{\frac{\kappa}{6}N(4N^2-1)} (2\pi\kappa)^{N/2} N! \prod_{n=1}^{N-1} (1-q^n)^{N-n}$$

- Exponential number of saddle points
- Every equilibrium configuration which preserves the center of mass is realized by the action of the instantons
- Each equilibrium configuration has the same leading energy: they differ only for the powers of q
- Instantons restore broken symmetries: from the  $U(1)^N$  configuration at  $\kappa \rightarrow \infty$ , to the full  $U(N)$  when all instantons bring each eigenvalue to the same equilibrium point