

# What lattice can do for quantum gravity

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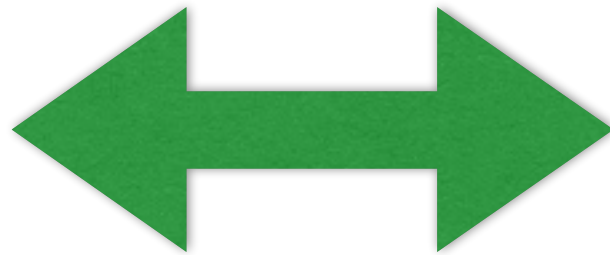
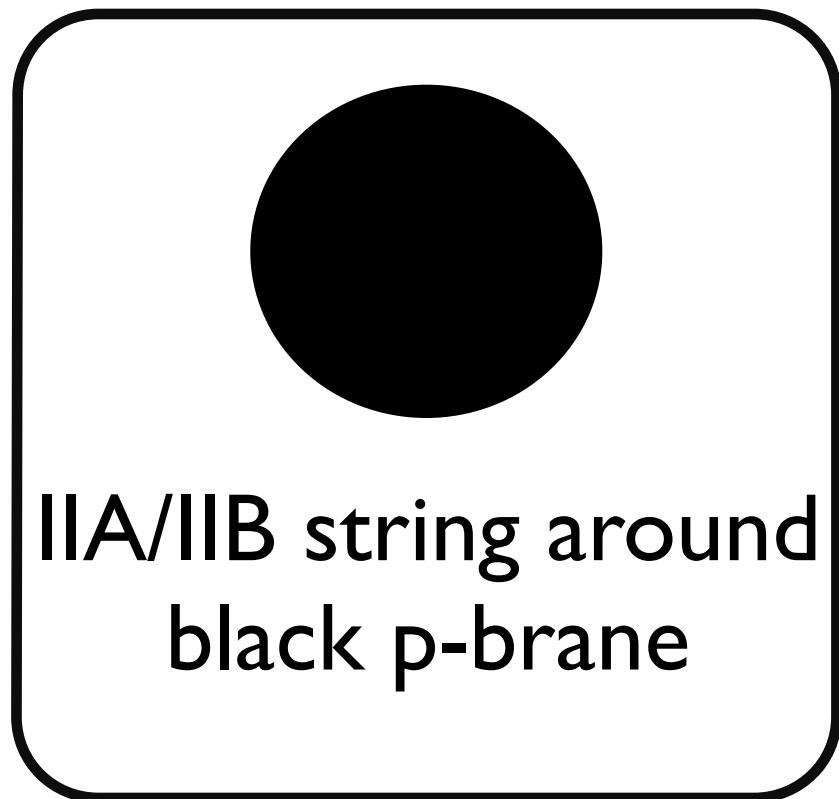
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+work in progress

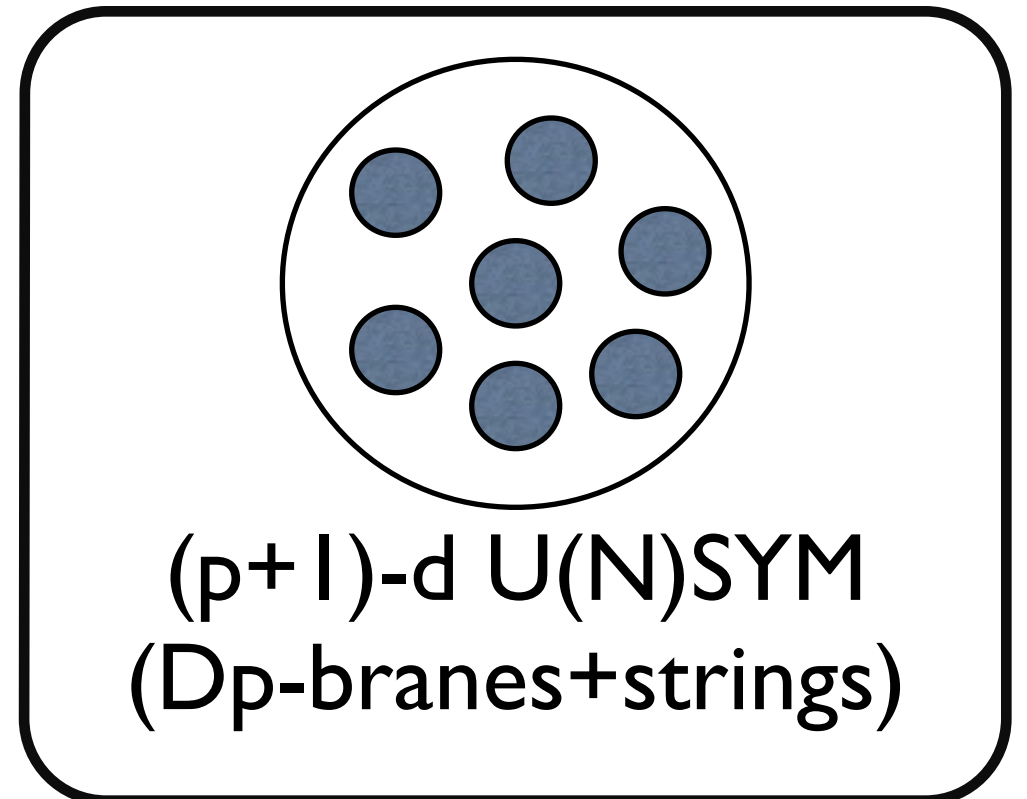
+ a short review of Euclidean theory

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# Gauge/Gravity Duality



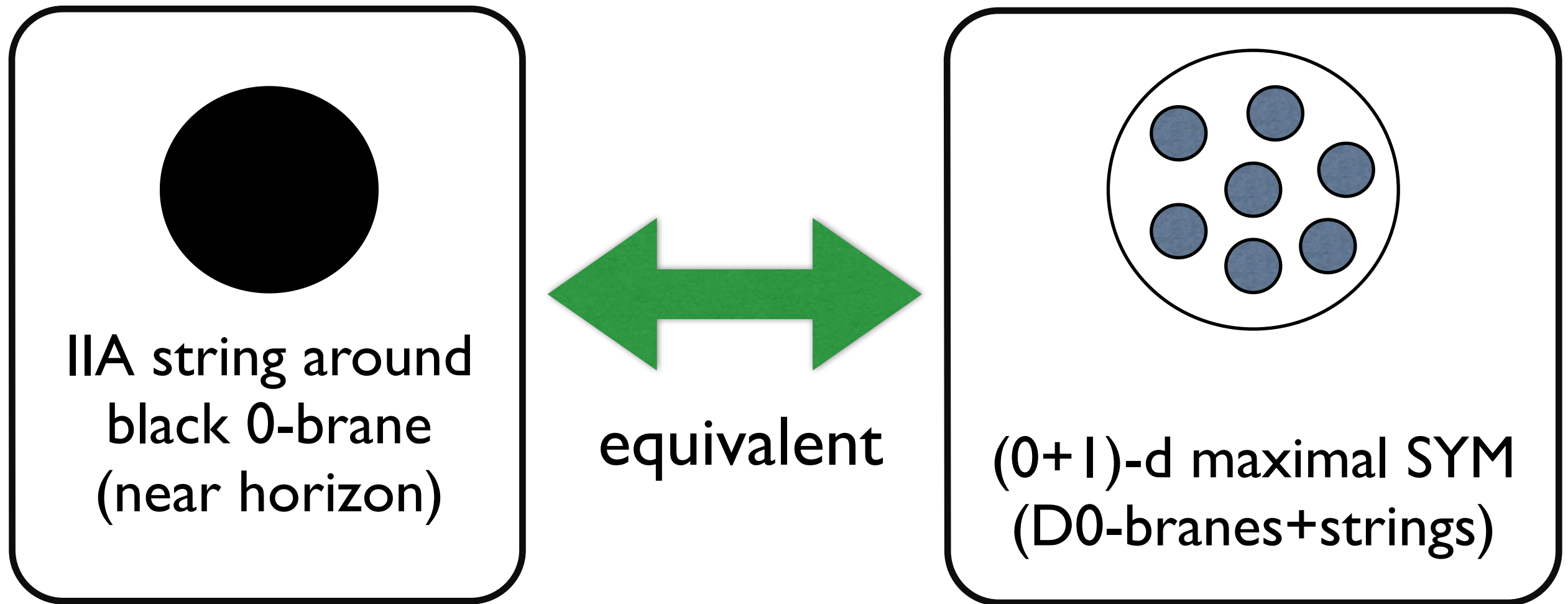
equivalent



We can learn about quantum gravity and BH  
by solving gauge theory.

But SYM is hard!  $\rightarrow$  numerical calculation.

# Numerically easiest example



(Maldacena 1997, Itzhaki-Maldacena-Sonnenschein-Yankielowicz 1998)

Matrix model of super-membrane (de Wit-Hoppe-Nicolai, 1988)  
Matrix model of M-theory (Banks-Fischler-Shenker-Susskind, 1996)

# D0-brane quantum mechanics

$$S = \frac{N}{\lambda} \int_0^{\beta=1/T} dt \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (D_t X_i)^2 - \frac{1}{4} [X_i, X_j]^2 + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi} D_t \psi - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\psi} \gamma^i [X_i, \psi] \right\}$$

(dimensional reduction of 4d N=4 SYM)

It should reproduce thermodynamics of black 0-brane.

effective dimensionless temperature  $T_{\text{eff}} = \lambda^{-1/3} T$

high- $T$  = weak coupling = stringy (large  $\alpha'$  correction)

By deriving various field theories from string theory and considering their large  $N$  limit we have shown that they contain in their Hilbert space excitations describing supergravity on various spacetimes. We further conjectured that the field theories are dual to the full quantum M/string theory on various spacetimes. In principle, we can use this duality to give a definition of M/string theory on flat spacetime as (a region of) the large  $N$  limit of the field theories. Notice that this is a non-perturbative proposal for defining such theories, since the corresponding field theories can, *in principle*, be defined non-perturbatively. We

Maldacena,  
“The Large  $N$  Limit of Superconformal  
Field Theories and Supergravity”  
(1997)



Now we know how to regularize such theories!

Kaplan, Katz, Unsal, Cohen, Sugino, Catterall, Kawamoto,  
Kanamori, Suzuki, Maldacena, Seikh-Jabbari, Van Raamsdonk,  
M.H., Matsuura, Ishii, Ishiki, Shimasaki, Tsuchiya, Nishimura, ....



If the conjecture is correct, it would provide us with the first well defined nonperturbative formulation of a quantum theory which includes gravitation. In principle, with a sufficiently big and fast computer any scattering amplitude could be computed in the finite  $N$  matrix model with arbitrary precision. Numerical extrapolation to infinite  $N$  is in principle, if not in practice, possible. The situation is much like that in QCD where the only known definition of the theory is in terms of a conjectured limit of lattice gauge theory. Although the practical utility of the lattice theory may be questioned, it is almost certain that an extrapolation to the continuum limit exists. The existence of the lattice gauge Hamiltonian formulation insures that the the theory is unitary and gauge invariant.

Banks-Fischler-Shenker-Susskind,  
“M Theory As A Matrix Model: A Conjecture”  
(1996)

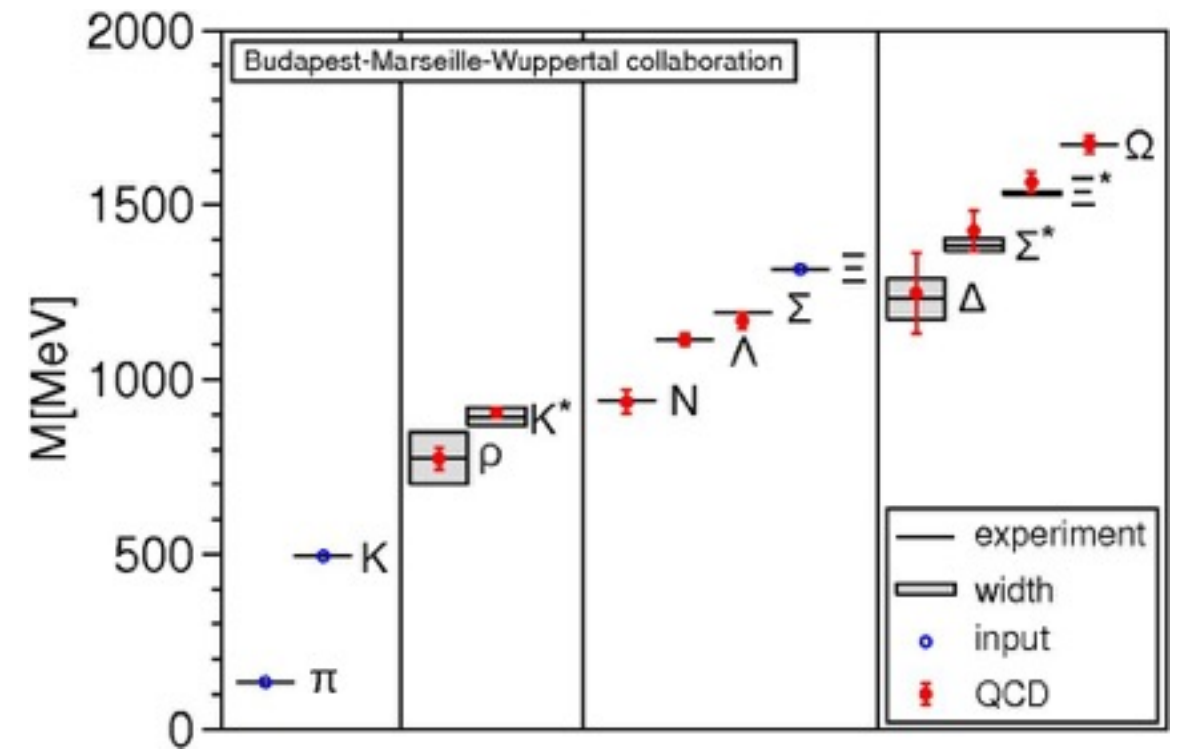
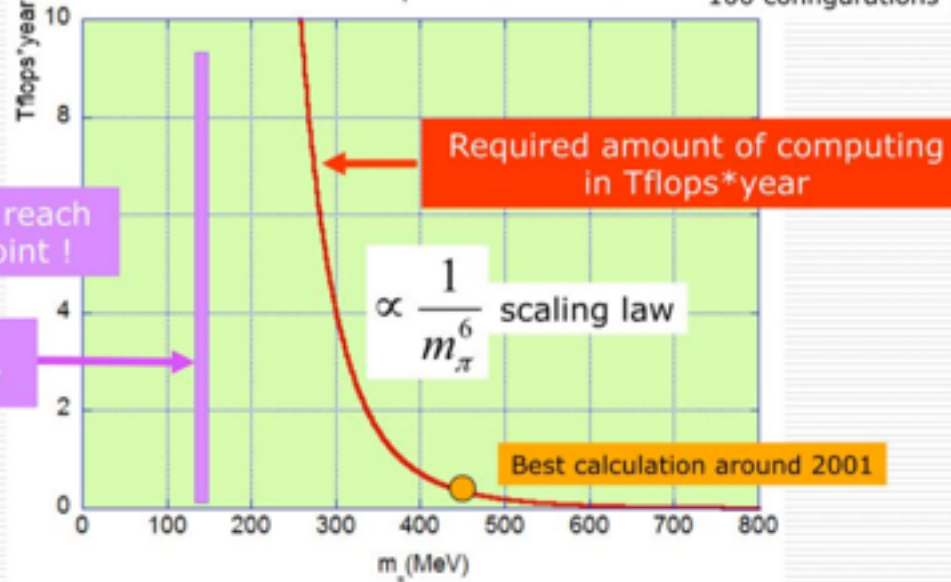




## "Berlin wall" at Lattice 2001@Berlin

A. Ukawa for CP-PACS and JLOCD

L=3fm QCD with  $N_f=2+1$  dynamical quarks  $a=0.1\text{fm}$   
100 configurations



BMW-collaboration, Science, 2008



(Wikipedia)

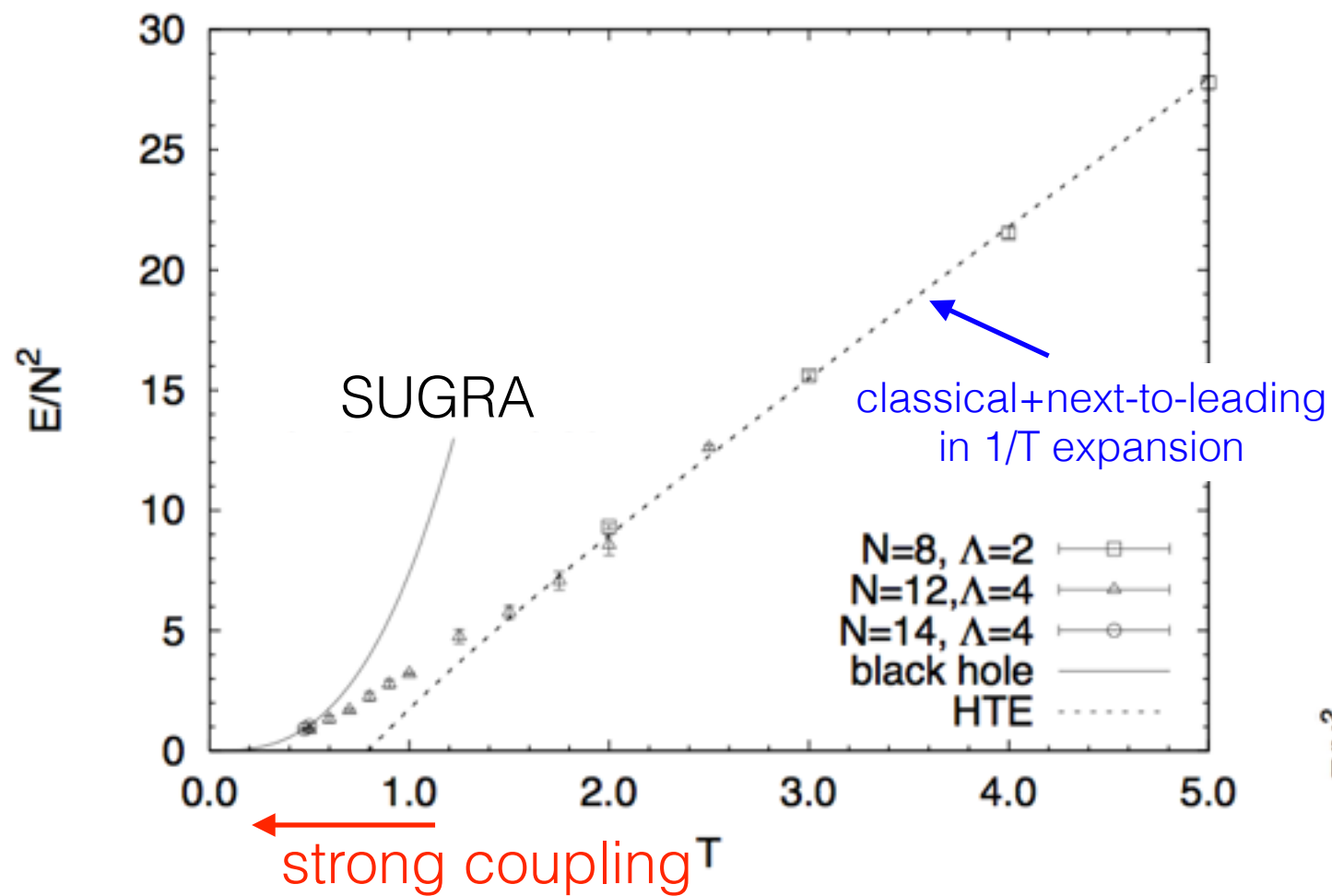
Practical utility is unquestionable by now.

# Thermodynamics

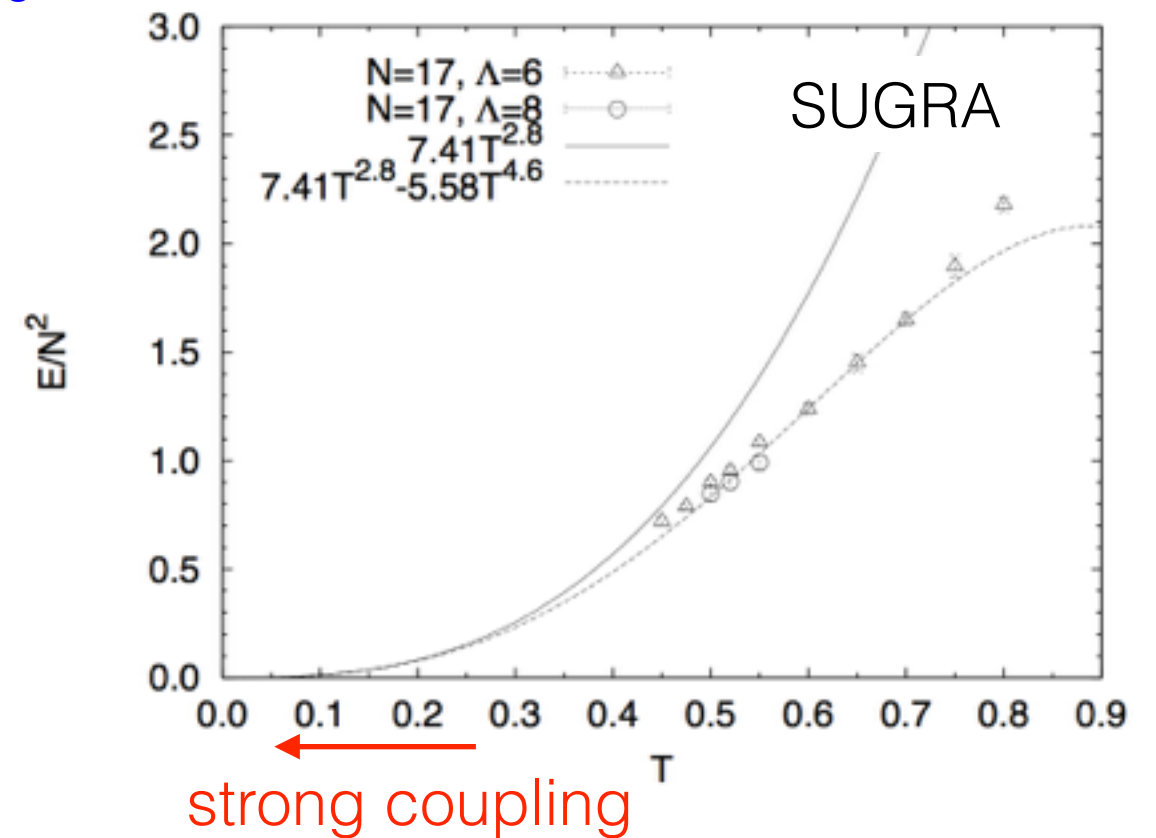
→ Successful so far



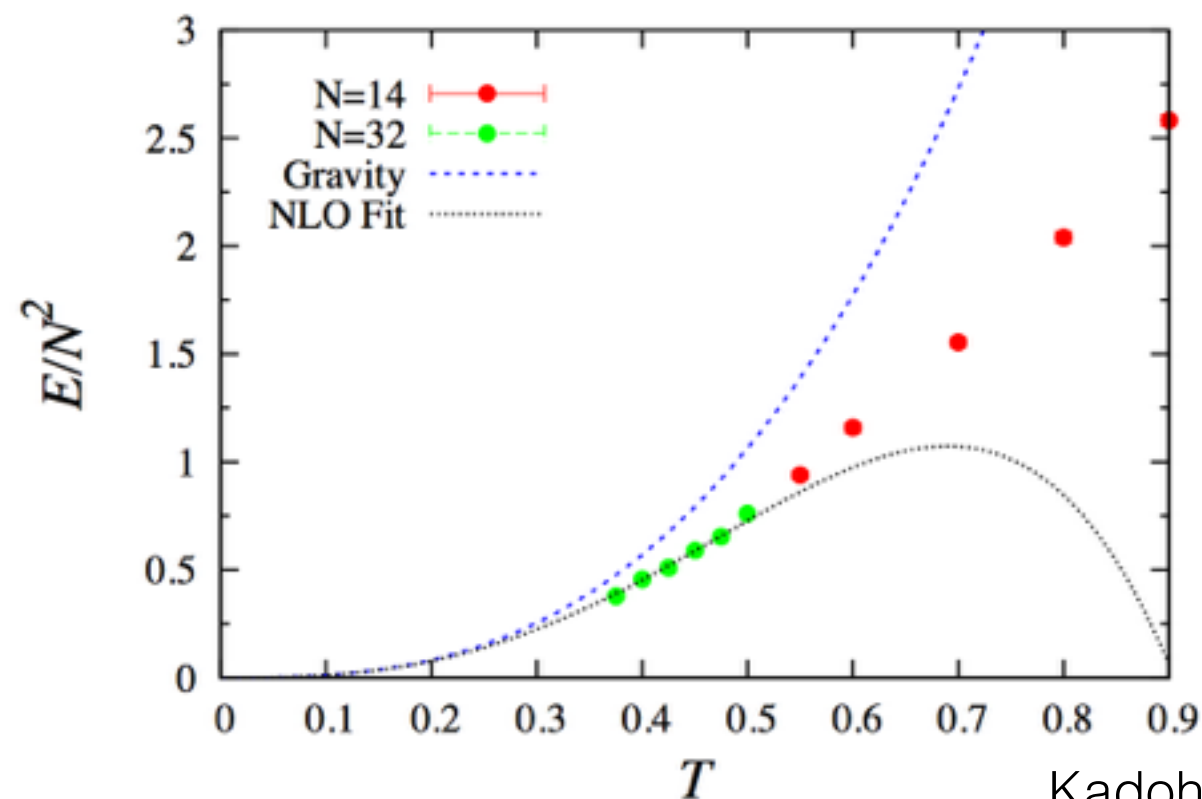
# Energy of BH & MQM



Anagnostopoulos-M.H.-Nishimura-Takeuchi, PRL 2007



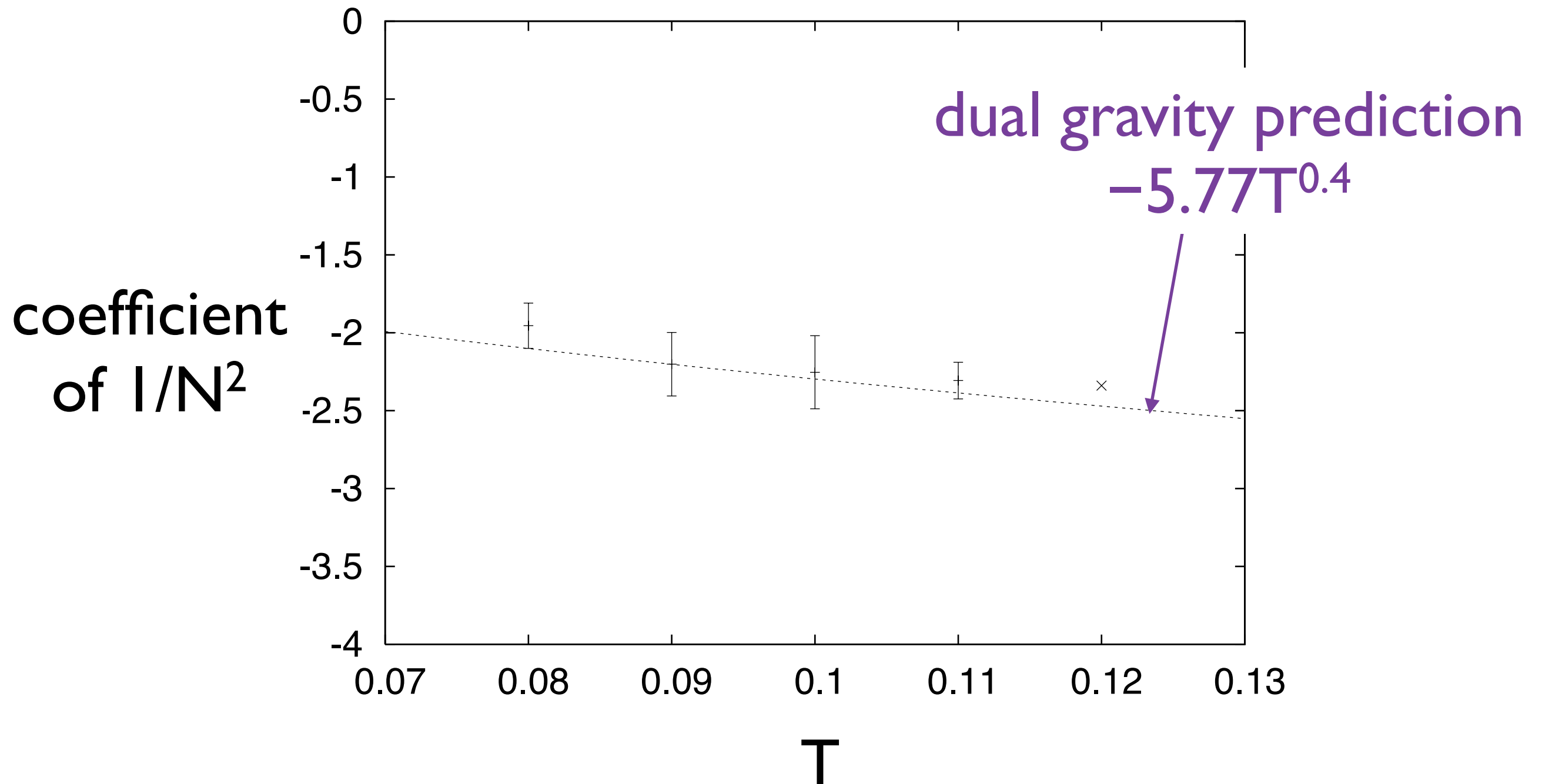
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Kadoh-Kamata, 2015

Disagreement?  
We will go closer to continuum.  
(stay tuned.)

$$E/N^2 = 7.41T^{2.8} - 5.77T^{0.4}/N^2 + \dots$$



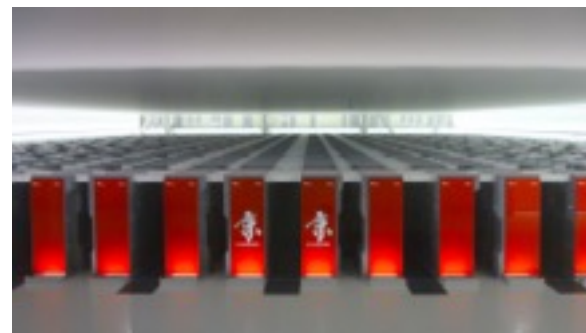
M.H.-Hyakutake-Ishiki-Nishimura, Science 2014

# Monte Carlo String/M-theory Collaboration (MCSMC)

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Both string and lattice theorists will be welcomed.

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# What lattice Monte Carlo can do

- Black hole thermodynamics
- 4d SYM  $\rightarrow$  AdS<sub>5</sub>/CFT<sub>4</sub>
- Matrix model of M-theory
- 6d superconformal theory from matrix model
- Application to cosmology
- de Sitter/CFT correspondence?

and more.

You should ask  
string theorists  
at UCSB



# Real-time study

Aoki, M.H., Iizuka, 1503.05562[hep-th]  
Gur-Ari, M.H., Shenker, in preparation  
+ work in progress with Berkowitz, Maltz

- **Full quantum study is impossible with current technology.**

stochastic quantization (complex Langevin)?

brute-force diagonalization?

quantum simulator? → experimental quantum gravity?

- **Strong coupling lattice gauge theory (+improvement)**

M.H., Maltz, Susskind 2014

stringy d.o.f. is manifest; still numerically demanding, but should be possible in near future.

- **Classical real time evolution**

i.e. just solve classical EOM

high temperature = weak coupling = highly stringy

highly nonlinear & nonperturbative

“BH” = soliton (or resonance) of matrix model

We will see the formation & evaporation of “BH” in this limit.

# Gauge/gravity duality

Quantum Field Theory

$$N=\infty, \lambda=\infty \\ (T=0)$$



Classical Gravity

$$N=\infty, \lambda<\infty \\ (T>0)$$



Classical String Theory  
( $\alpha' > 0$ )

$$N<\infty, \lambda<\infty \\ (T>0)$$

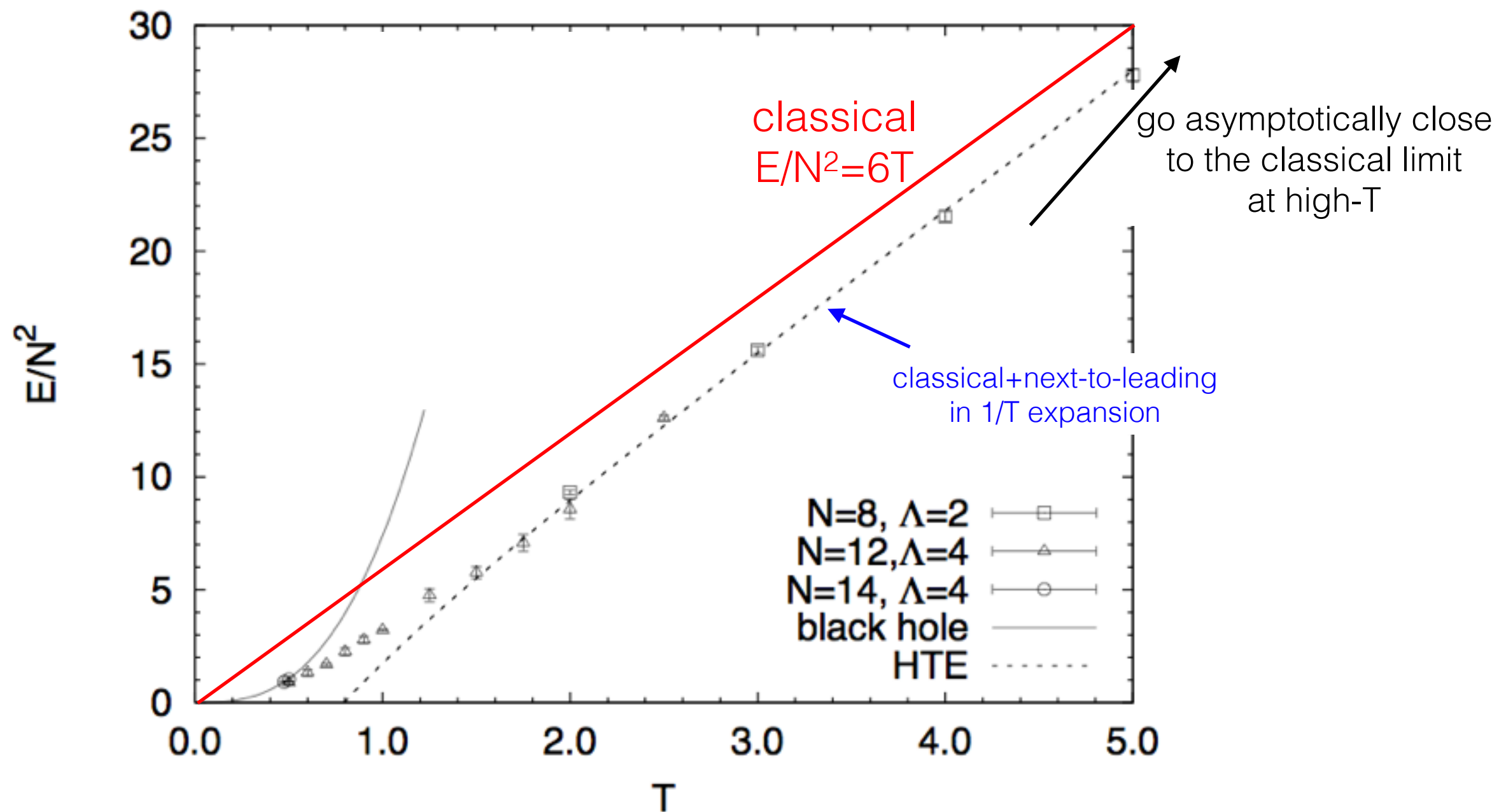


Quantum String Theory  
( $\alpha' > 0, g_s > 0$ )

Classical simulation might tell us something about this part

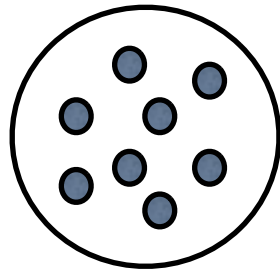
## Remark

There is no phase transition between low- and high-T.

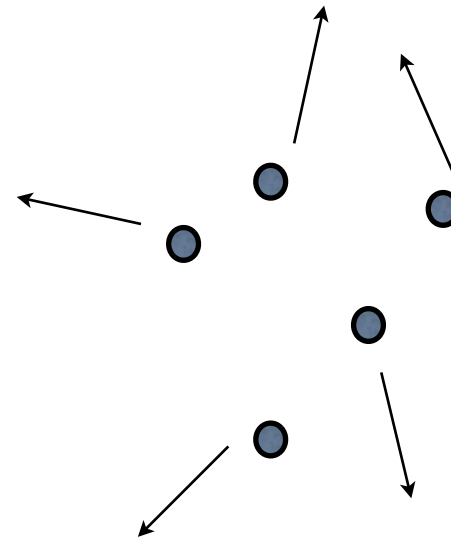


$E/N^2$  in BFSS vs 0-brane mass (0707.4454[hep-th])

‘eigenvalues’ = D0-branes



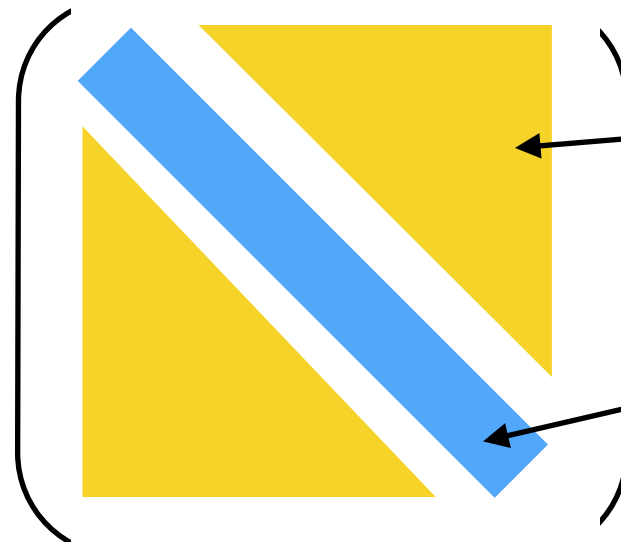
bound state of eigenvalues  
= black hole



flat direction  
= gas of D0-branes

This phase reproduced the dual BH thermodynamics.

$X_M =$

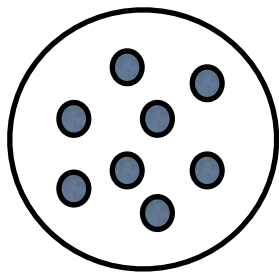


open strings

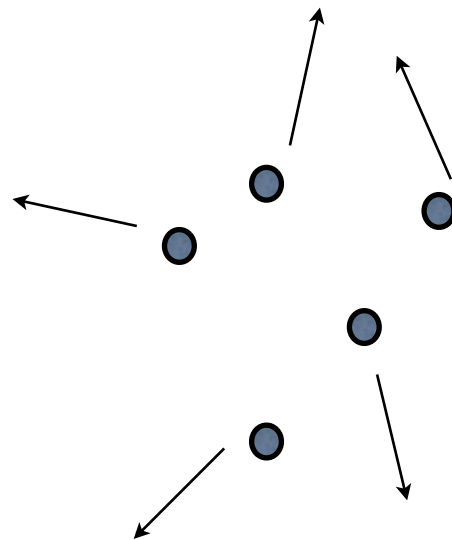
D0-branes



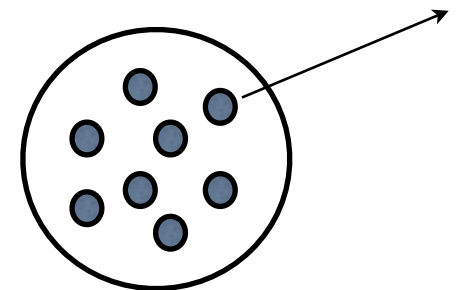
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flat direction  
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emission of eigenvalue  
= evaporation of BH  
(emission of D0)

This model can describe BH evaporation!

This evaporation is suppressed at  $N=\infty$ .

(The instability has been observed in imaginary time simulation.)

$$L = \frac{1}{2g_{YM}^2} \text{Tr} \left( \sum_i (D_t X^i)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} [X_i, X_j]^2 \right)$$

$$\longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d^2 X^i}{dt^2} - \sum_j [X^j, [X^i, X^j]] = 0 \\ \sum_i \left[ X^i, \frac{dX^i}{dt} \right] = 0 \quad (\text{A=0 gauge}) \end{array} \right.$$

discretize & solve it numerically.

It takes only 15 - 30 minutes for average graduate students to write C or Fortran codes.  
[cf) Monte Carlo code for thermodynamics → a few months ∼ 1 year for smart students]

# Discretization of EOM

continuum

$$\dot{X}^i(t) = V^i(t) ,$$

$$\dot{V}^i(t) = F^i(t) \equiv \sum [X^j(t), [X^i(t), X^j(t)]] .$$

discretized

$$X^i(t + \delta t) = X^i(t) + V^i(t) \cdot \delta t + F^i(t) \cdot \frac{\delta t^2}{2} ,$$

$$V^i(t + \delta t) = V^i(t) + (F^i(t) + F^i(t + \delta t)) \cdot \frac{\delta t}{2} .$$

Gauss's law is exact at regularized level.

## Remark

$$\frac{d^2 X^i}{dt^2} - \sum_j [X^j, [X^i, X^j]] = 0$$

Invariant under the scaling  $t \rightarrow t/\alpha, X_M \rightarrow \alpha X_M$

All values of the energy (or ‘temperature’) are equivalent.

$$E, T \rightarrow \alpha^4 E, \alpha^4 T$$

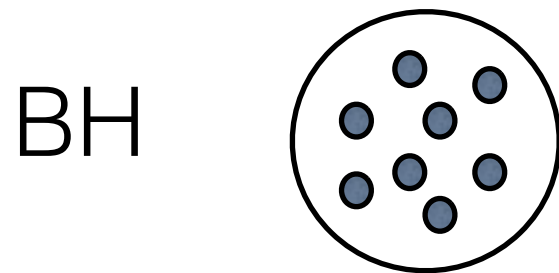
We take  $T=1$  unless otherwise stated.

$$E = 6(N^2 - 1)T = 6(N^2 - 1)$$

(traceless condition)

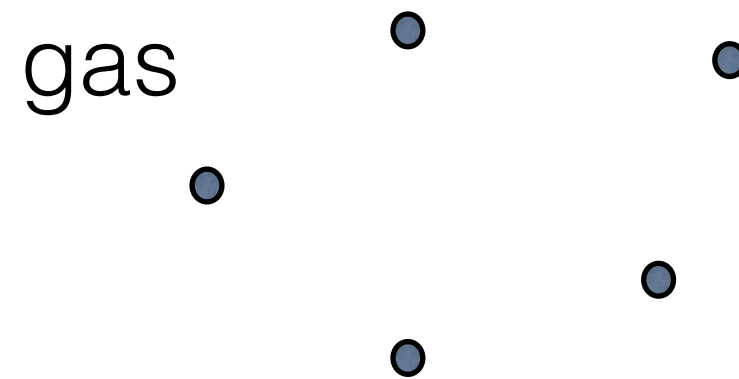
# Formation & thermalization of BH

- This system is chaotic. (Savvidy, 1984; Berenstein et al, 2012)
- Almost all initial conditions end up with 'typical' matrix configurations — BH.



open strings  
(off-diagonal components)  
are excited

entropy  $\sim N^2$



open strings are suppressed

entropy  $\sim N$



# Example:

## Collision of 2 BHs



Formation & Thermalization of “BH” can be seen.

After thermalization,

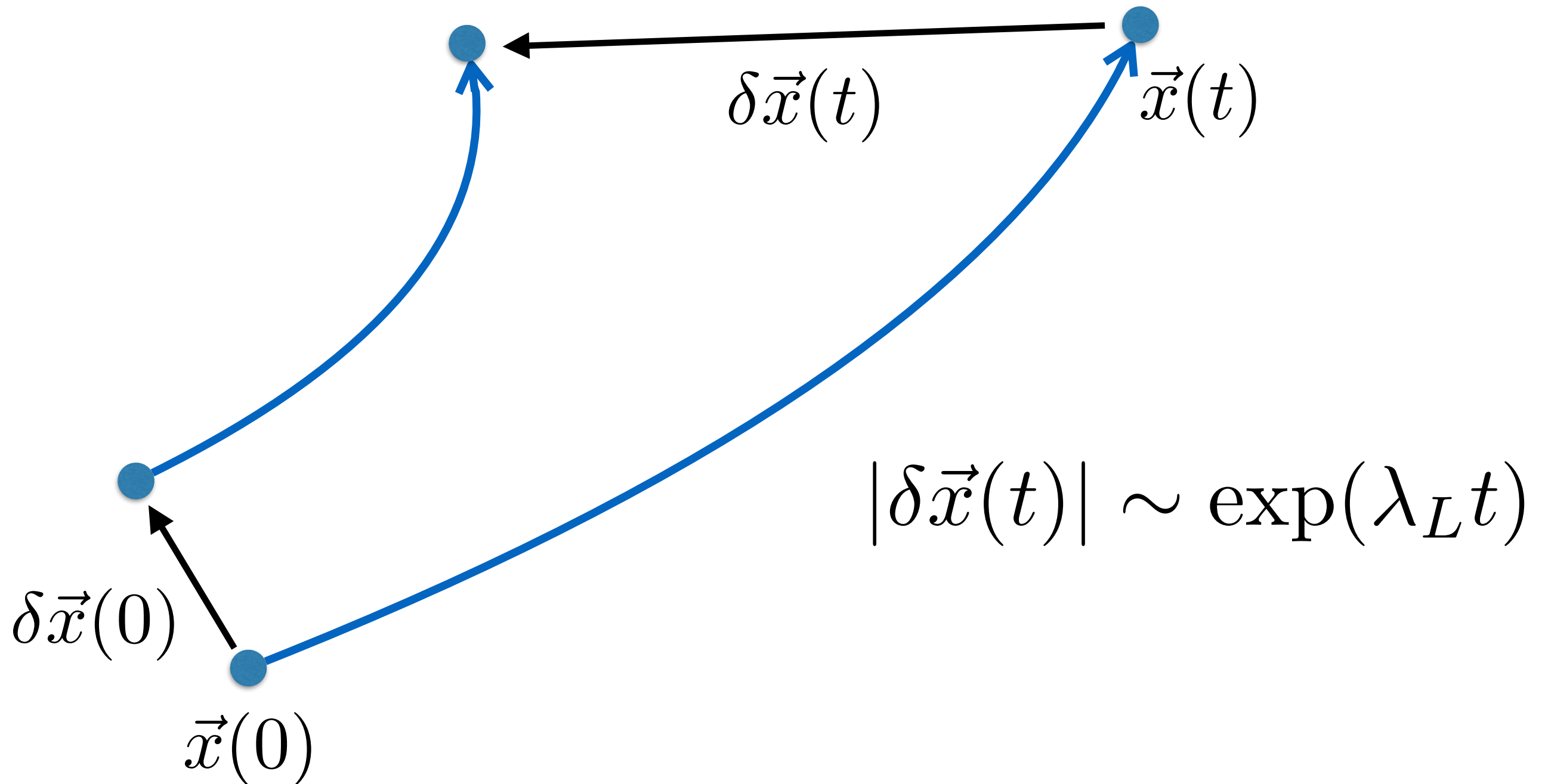
- $(\text{Tr } X^2)/N$ ,  $(\text{Tr } V^2)/N$  etc are t-independent at large- $N$ .
- $SO(9)$  rotational symmetry emerges.
- $(X(t), V(t))$  ( $\rightarrow$  ‘micro-state’) changes rapidly.

(I don’t have a time to explain the detail, sorry)

# Fast scrambling

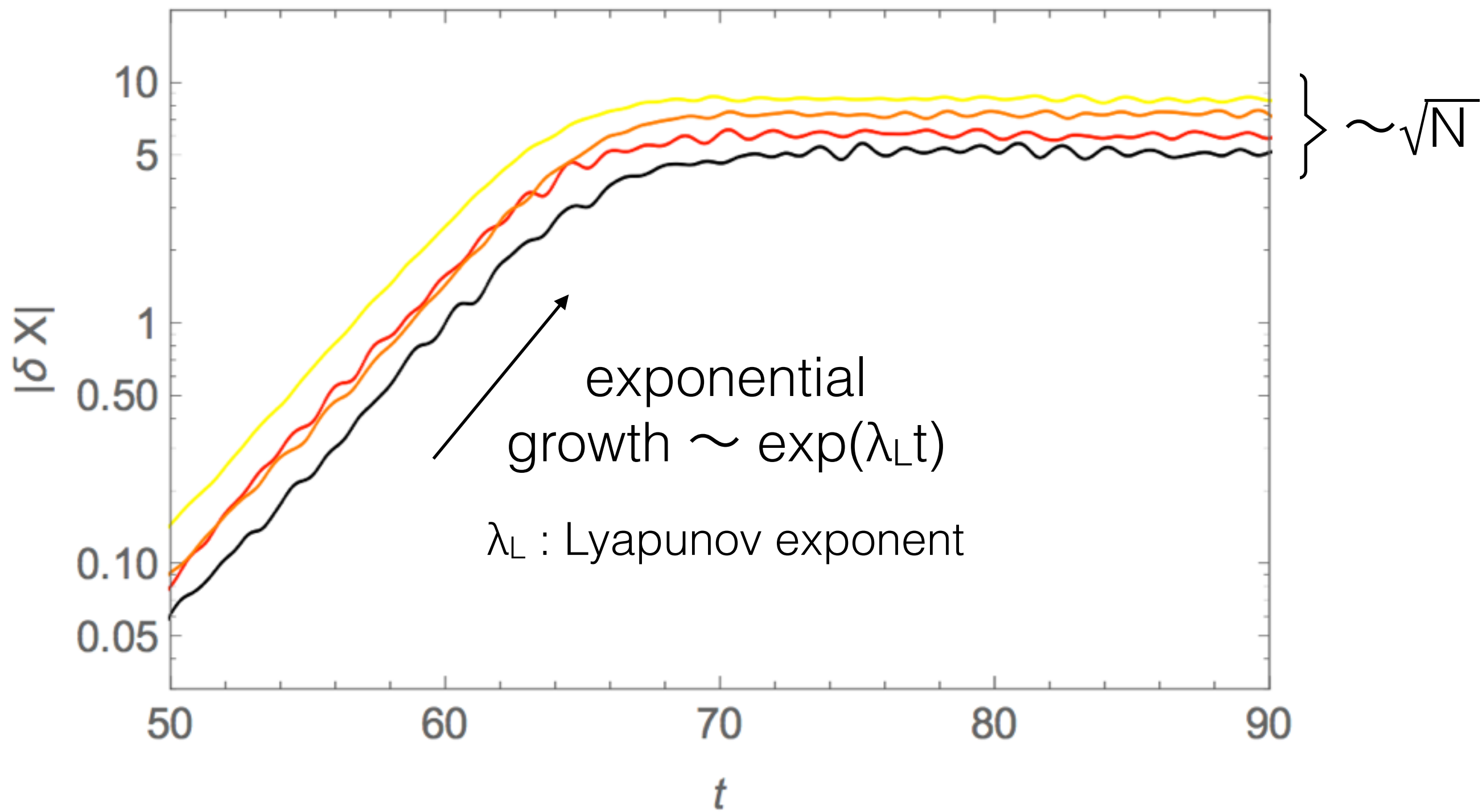
- Take a ‘micro-state’  $(X, V)$  from a thermalized “BH.”
- Then add a small perturbation:  
 $X \rightarrow X + \delta X, V \rightarrow V + \delta V.$

# Lyapunov Exponent



# Fast scrambling

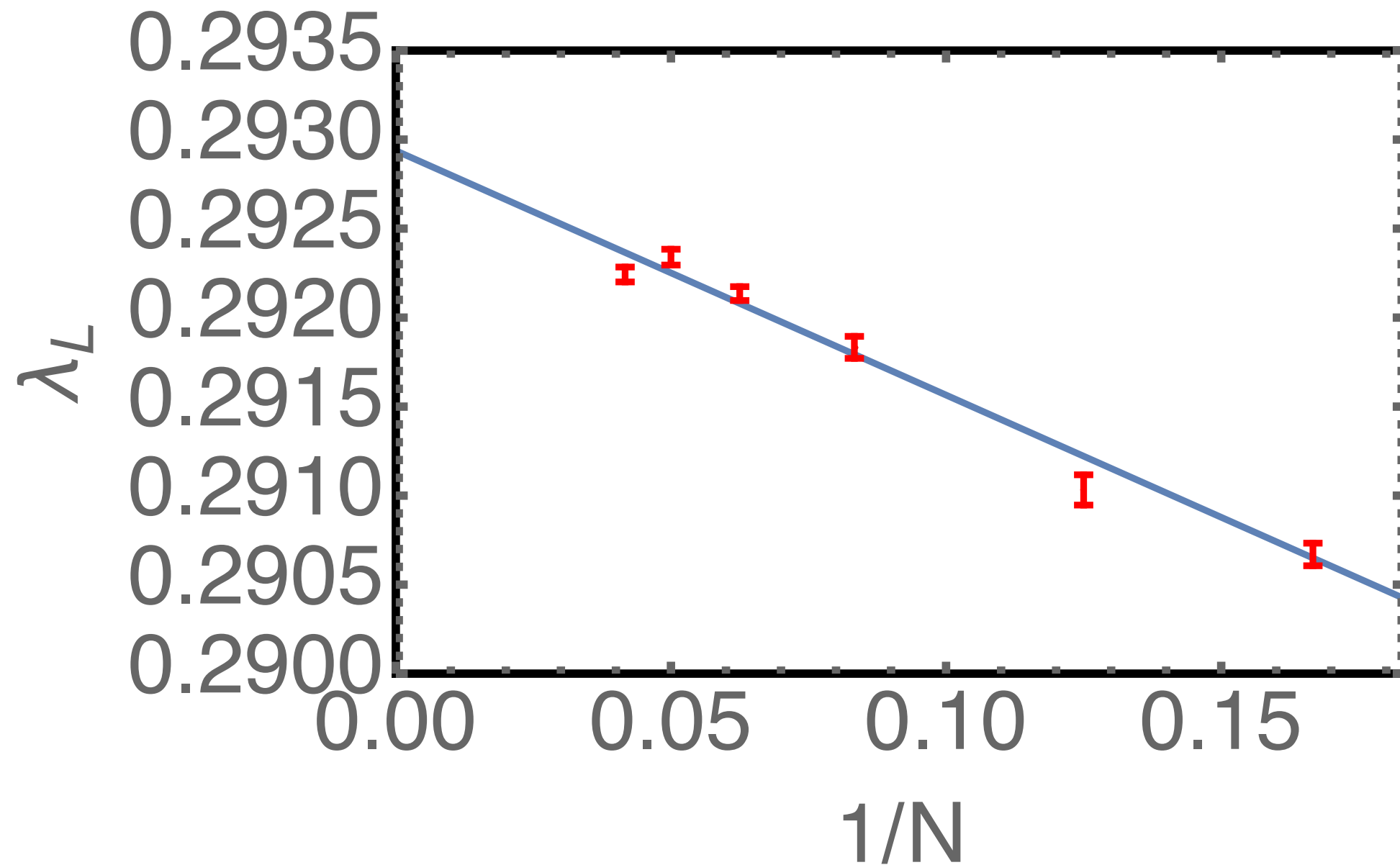
- Take a ‘micro-state’  $(X, V)$  from a thermalized “BH.”
- Then add a small perturbation:  
 $X \rightarrow X + \delta X, V \rightarrow V + \delta V.$
- $\delta X$  and  $\delta V$  grows quickly, i.e. information of the initial state is scrambled.
- ‘scrambling time’  $t_s \sim \log N.$  (Sekino-Susskind, 2008; Shenker-Stanford 2013, 2014; Maldacena-Shenker-Stanford 2015)
- Let’s test this conjecture.



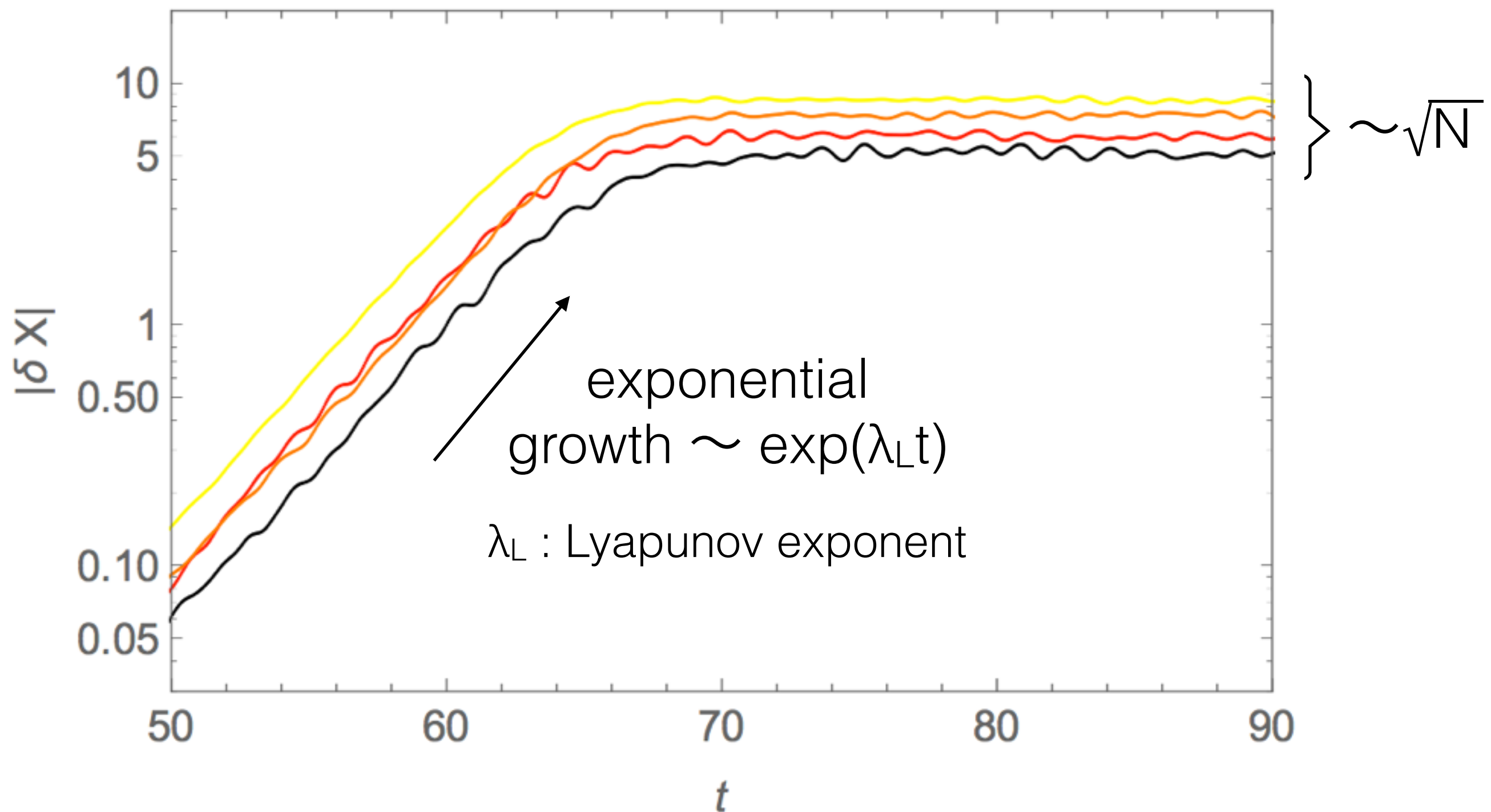
$N=6,8,12,16$



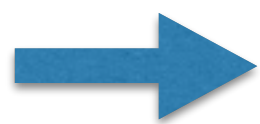
# 1/N Behavior



$$\lambda_L = 0.293 - \frac{0.014}{N} + O(1/N^2) \quad (N = 8, \dots, 24)$$

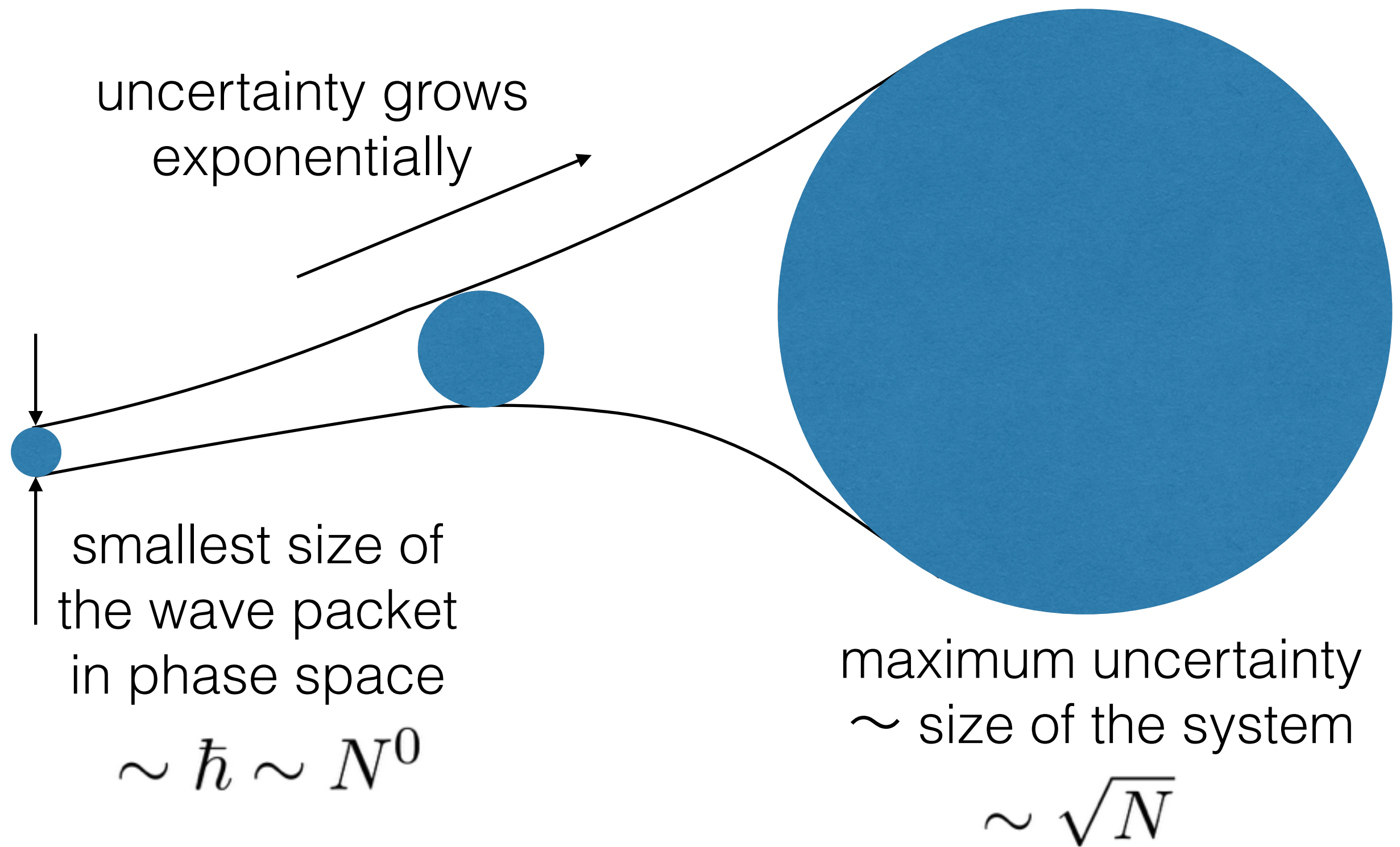


$$\exp(\lambda_L t_s) \sim \sqrt{N}$$



“scrambling time”  $t_s = (\log N)/\lambda_L \sim \log N$

Fast scrambling!



$$\lambda_L = 0.293 (\lambda'_{\text{t Hooft}} T)^{1/4}$$

$$\frac{d^2 X^i}{dt^2} - \sum_j [X^j, [X^i, X^j]] = 0$$



Invariant under the scaling

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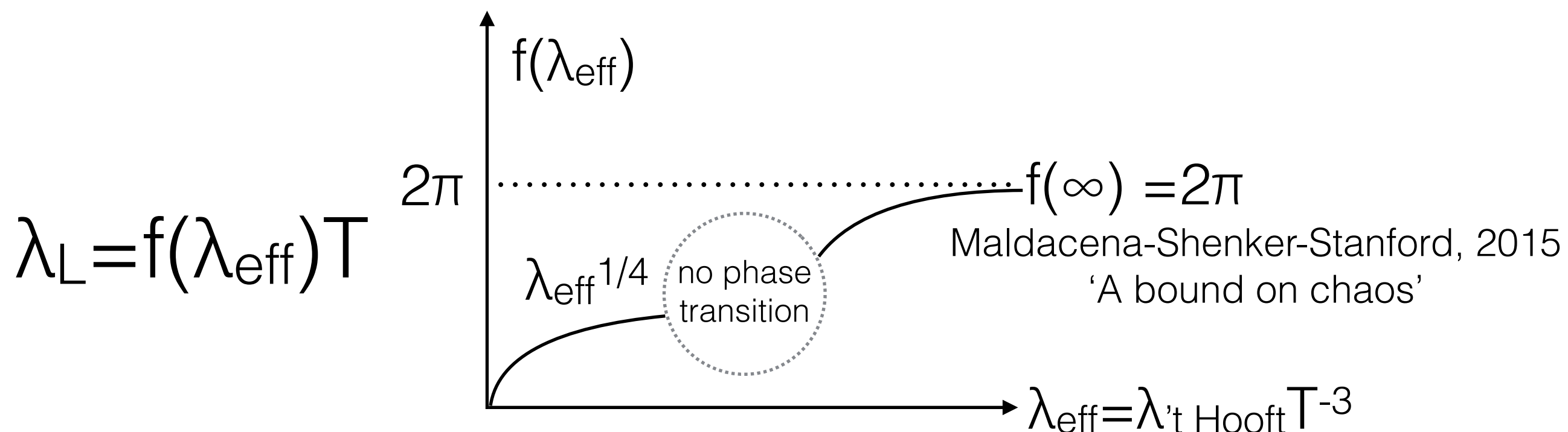
$$E, T, \lambda \rightarrow \alpha^4 E, \alpha^4 T, \alpha \lambda$$

# strong coupling vs. weak coupling

effective dimensionless temperature  $T_{\text{eff}} = (\lambda'_{\text{'t Hooft}})^{-1/3} T$

effective dimensionless 't Hooft coupling  $\lambda_{\text{eff}} = \lambda'_{\text{'t Hooft}} T^{-3}$

$$\lambda_L = 0.293 (\lambda'_{\text{'t Hooft}} T)^{1/4} = (0.293 \lambda_{\text{eff}}^{1/4}) T$$

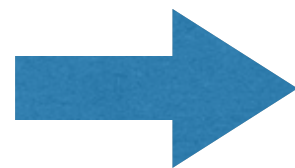


# Lyapunov spectrum

$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta \dot{V}_M \\ \delta \dot{X}_M \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathcal{M}_{MN} \\ \delta_{MN} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta V_N \\ \delta X_N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{MN} \delta X_N = \delta[X_N, [X_M, X_N]]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta X(t') \\ \delta V(t') \end{pmatrix} = U(t', t) \begin{pmatrix} \delta X(t) \\ \delta V(t) \end{pmatrix}$$



$$U(t + \delta t, t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \delta t \\ M(t)\delta t & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Singular values of  $U$   
 = growth rate  $\exp(\lambda_L(t' - t))$   
 (Lyapunov spectrum)

16(N<sup>2</sup> - 1) physical modes  
 8(N<sup>2</sup> - 1) positive modes

# 'local Lyapunov exponent'

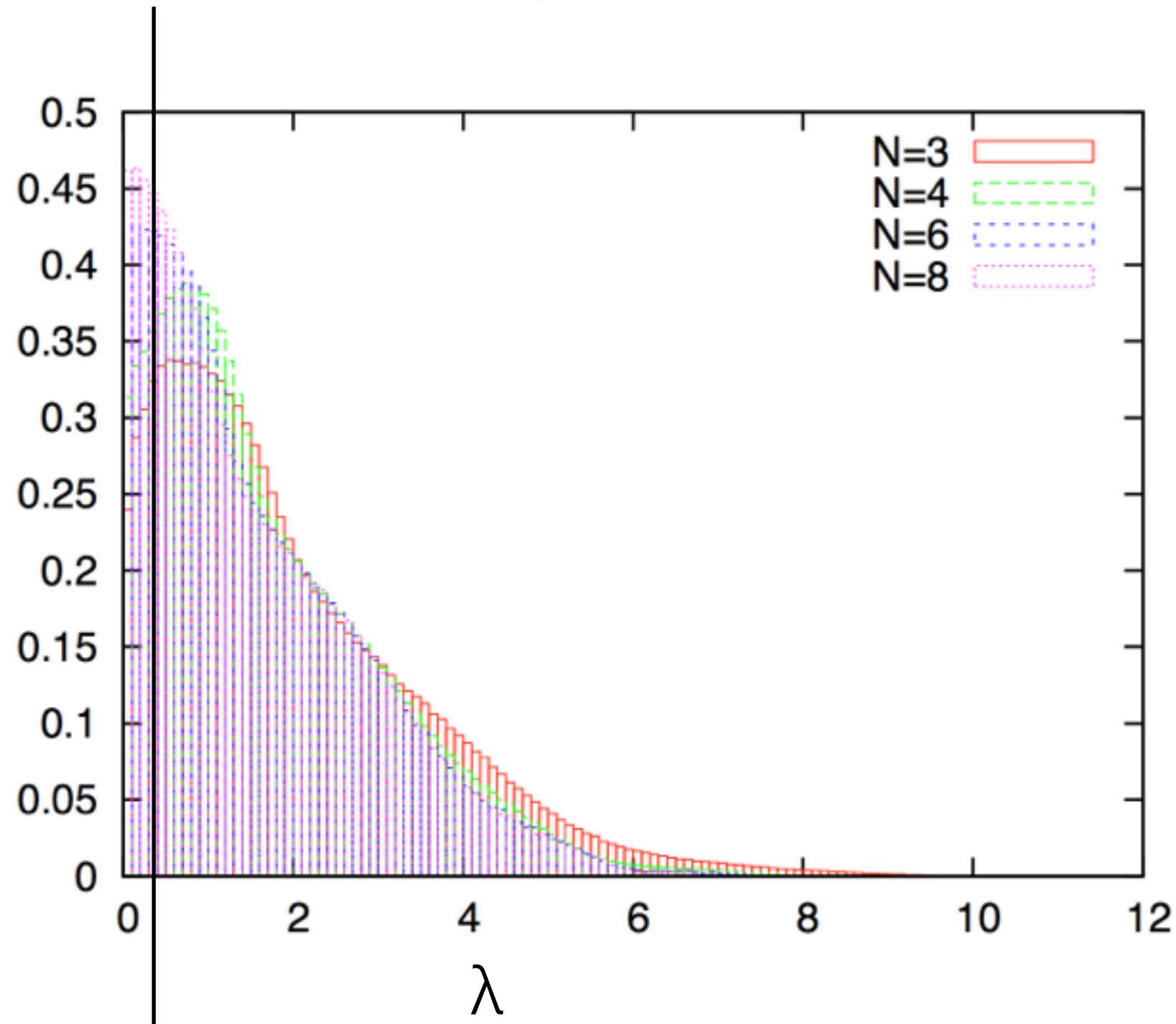
- Lyapunov spectrum is defined at  $t'-t \rightarrow \infty$
- At finite  $t'-t$ ,  $\lambda_L$  can depend on  $t'-t$ .
- $t'-t \rightarrow 0$  gives 'local' Lyapunov exponent.

Our guess: at large- $N$ , exponents are  $t$ -independent.

# surprise.



$\lambda_L=0.293$  (the largest Lyapunov exponent)






# why?

$$\mathcal{M}_{MN} \delta X_N = \delta[X_N, [X_M, X_N]]$$

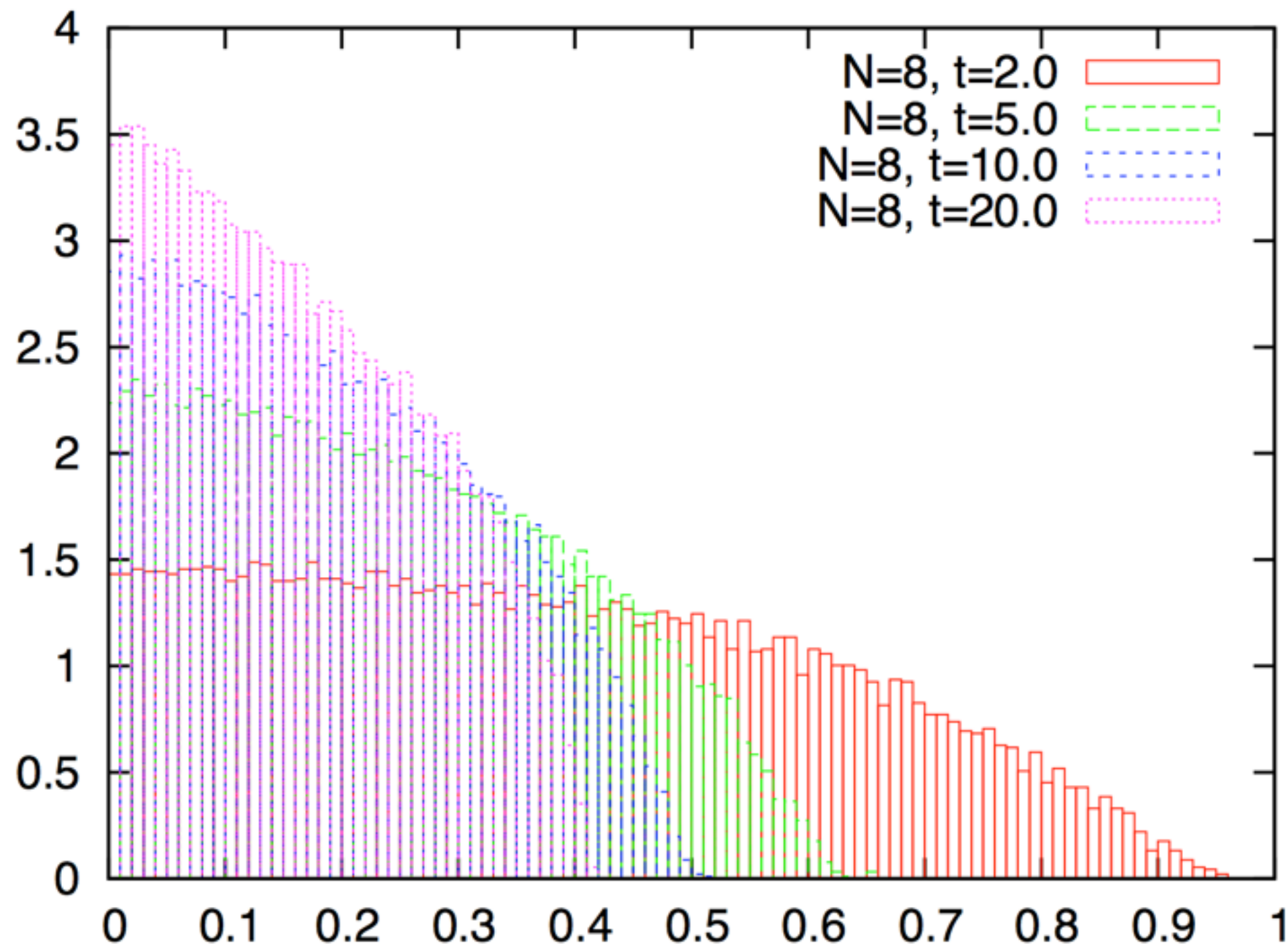
it depends on  $X_M(t)$ , and hence on  $t$ .

 ‘growing direction’ changes very rapidly.  
Perturbation grows to some directions  
and shrinks along other directions.

A nontrivial cancellation makes  
the Lyapunov exponent rather small.

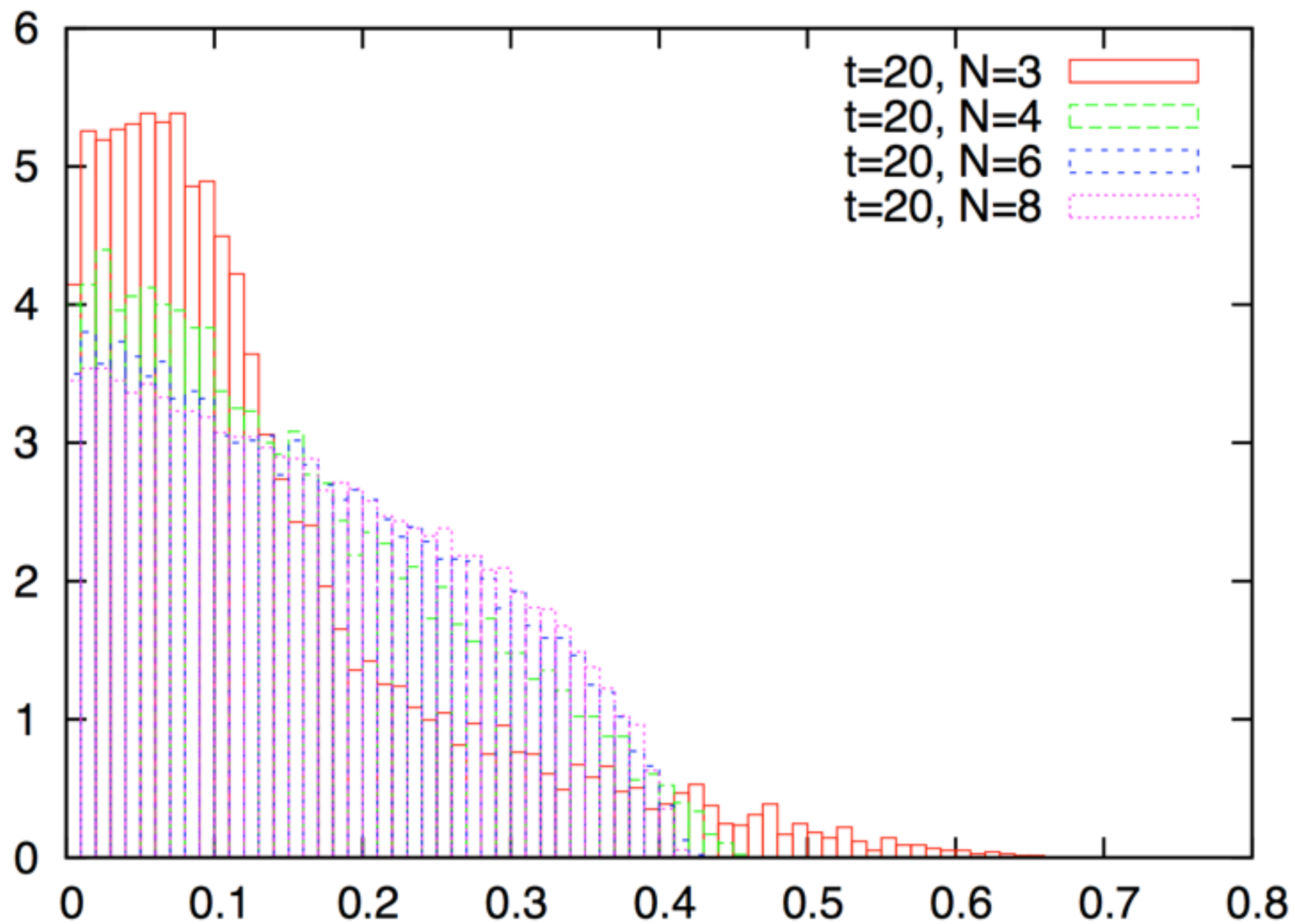
If  $X_M$  moved even faster, the exponent could be zero.

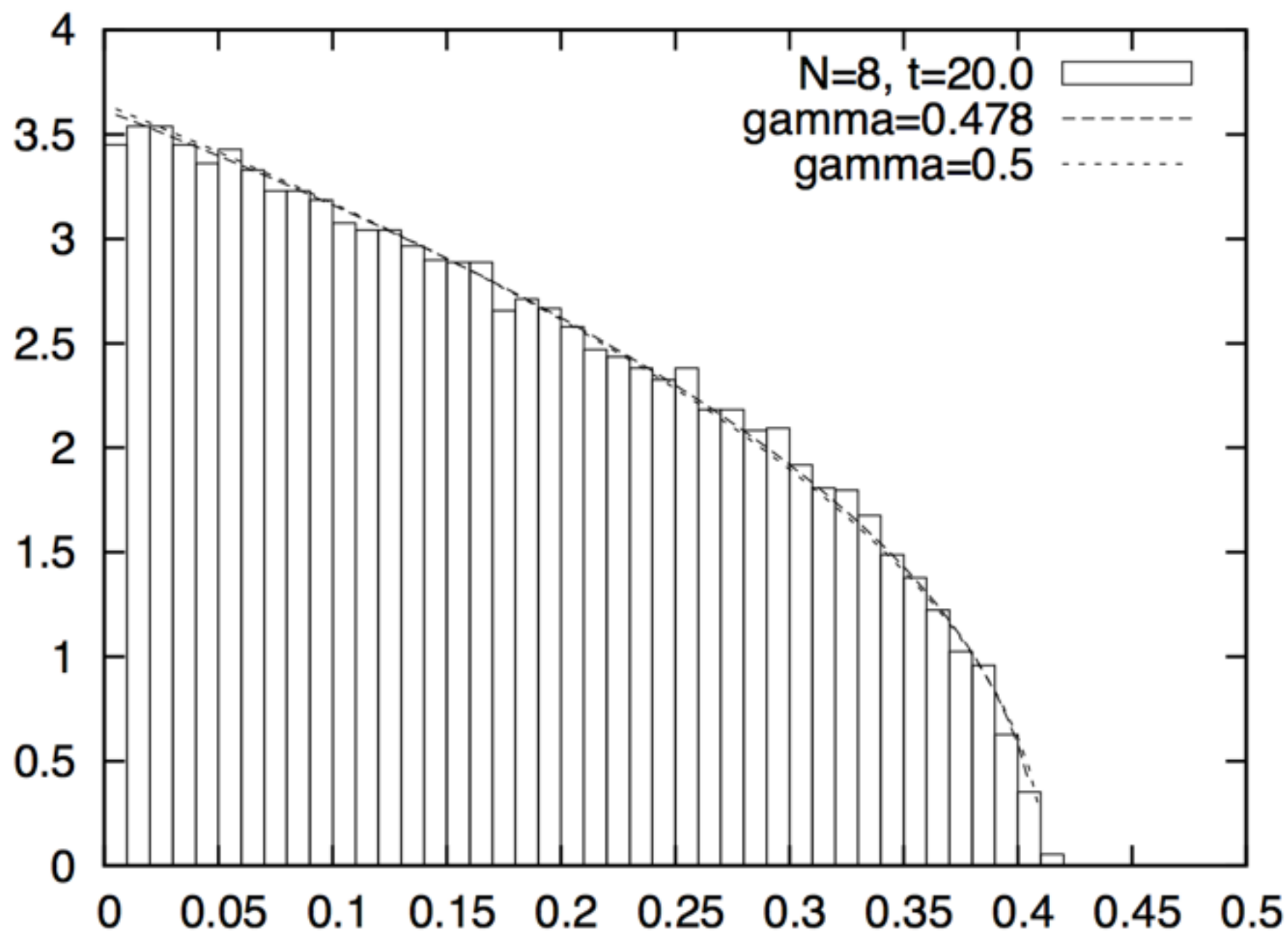
Fixed  $N$ , different  $t$



exponents become smaller

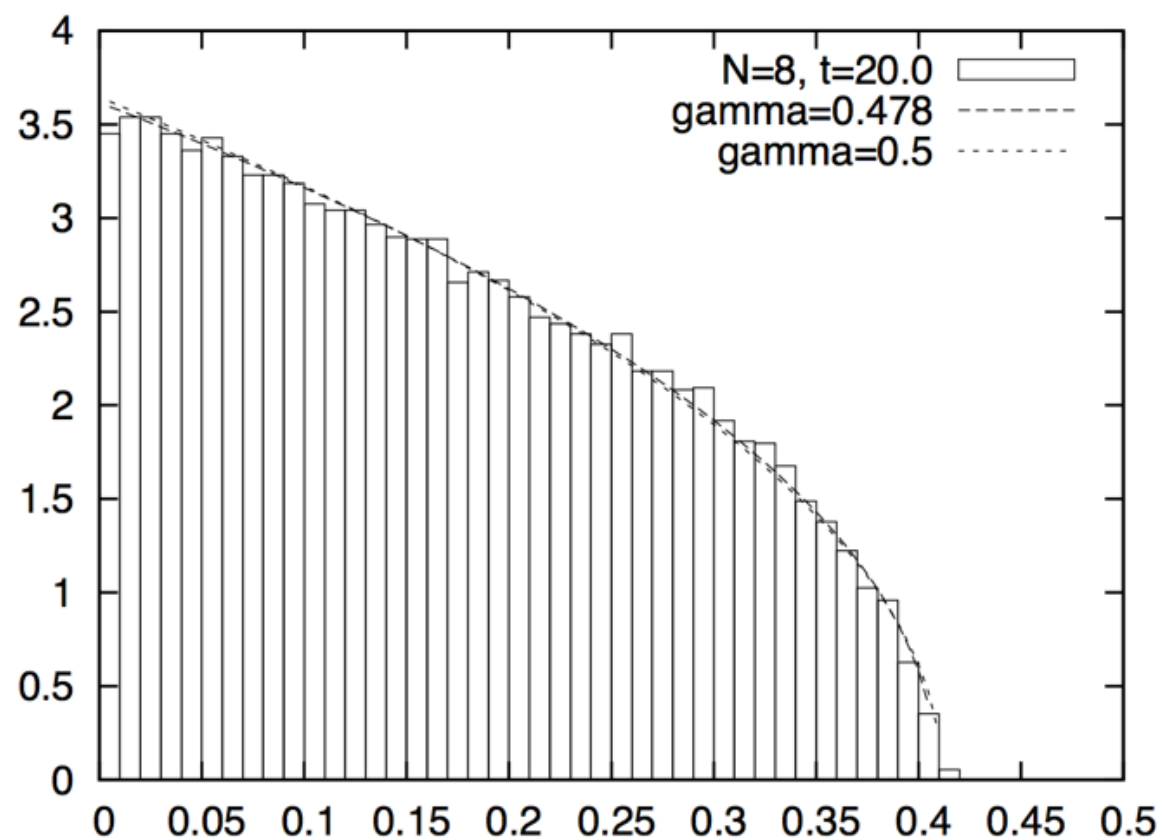
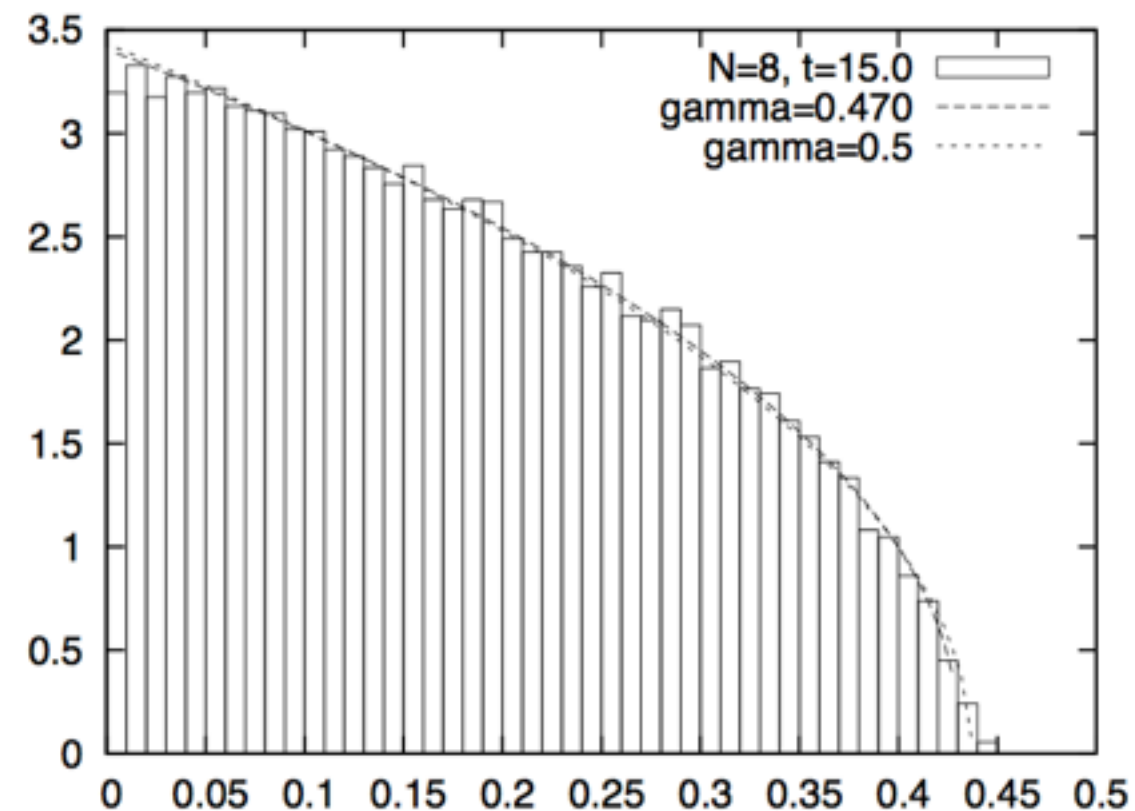
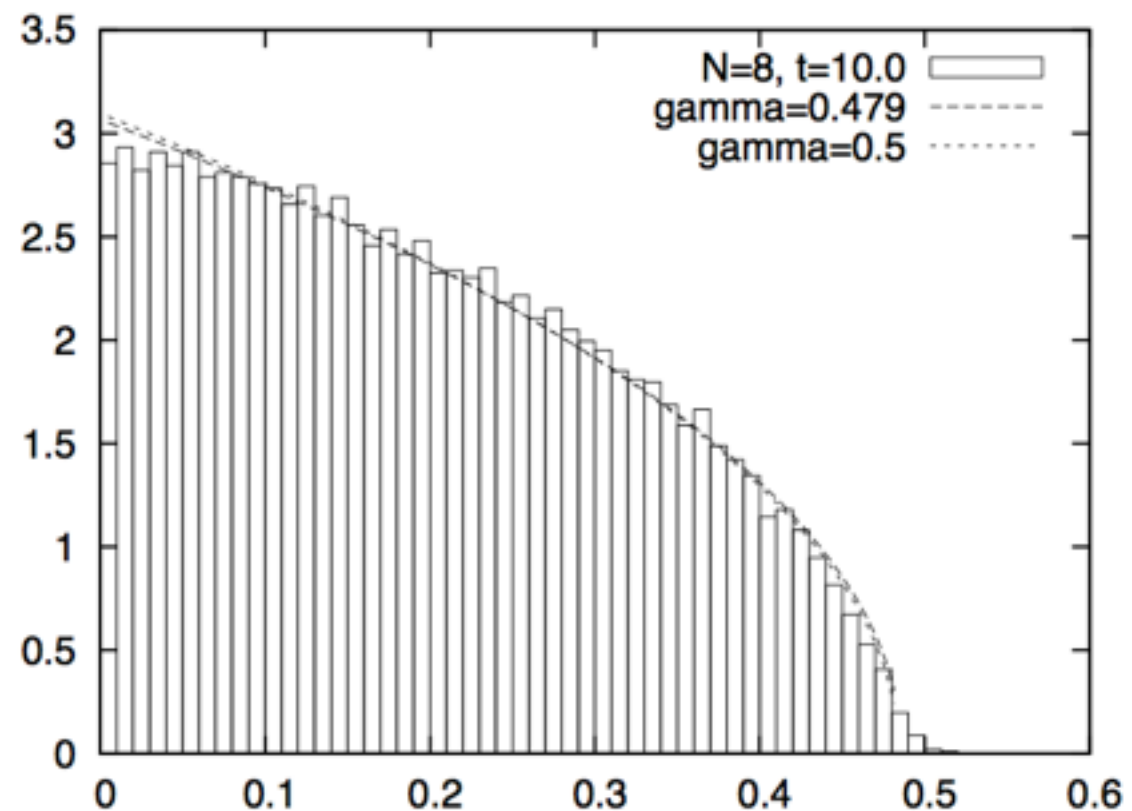
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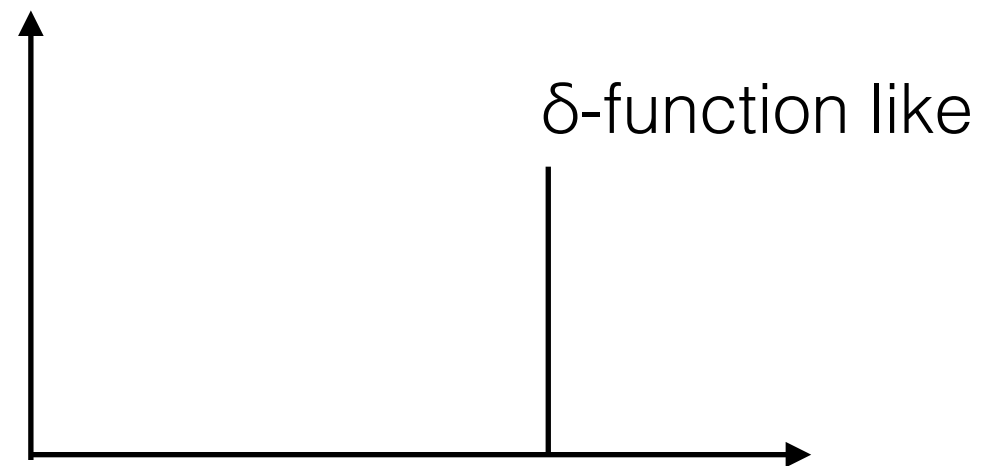


Fitting ansatz

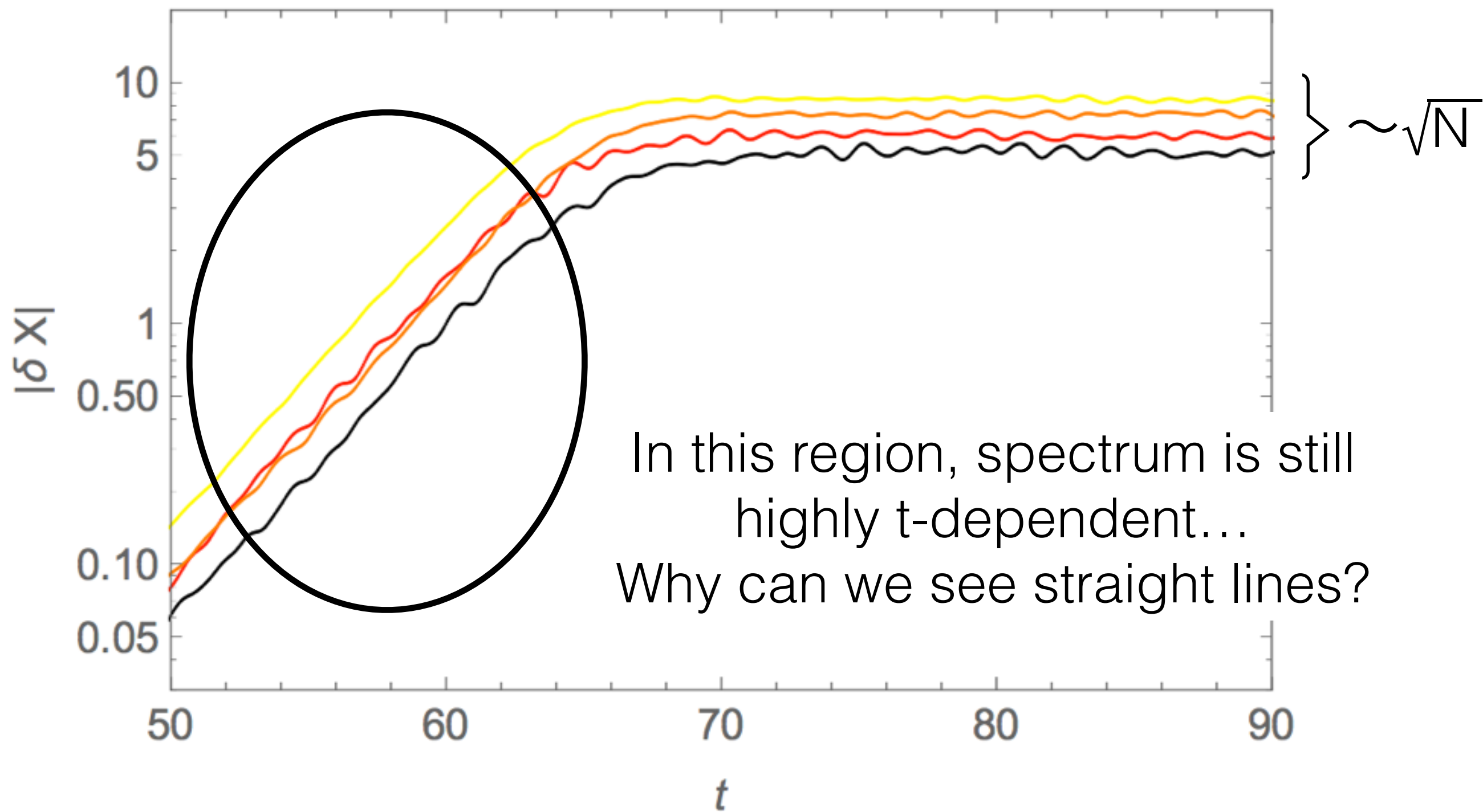
$$\rho(\lambda) = \frac{(\gamma + 1)(\lambda_{max} - \lambda)^\gamma}{\lambda_{max}^{\gamma+1}}$$



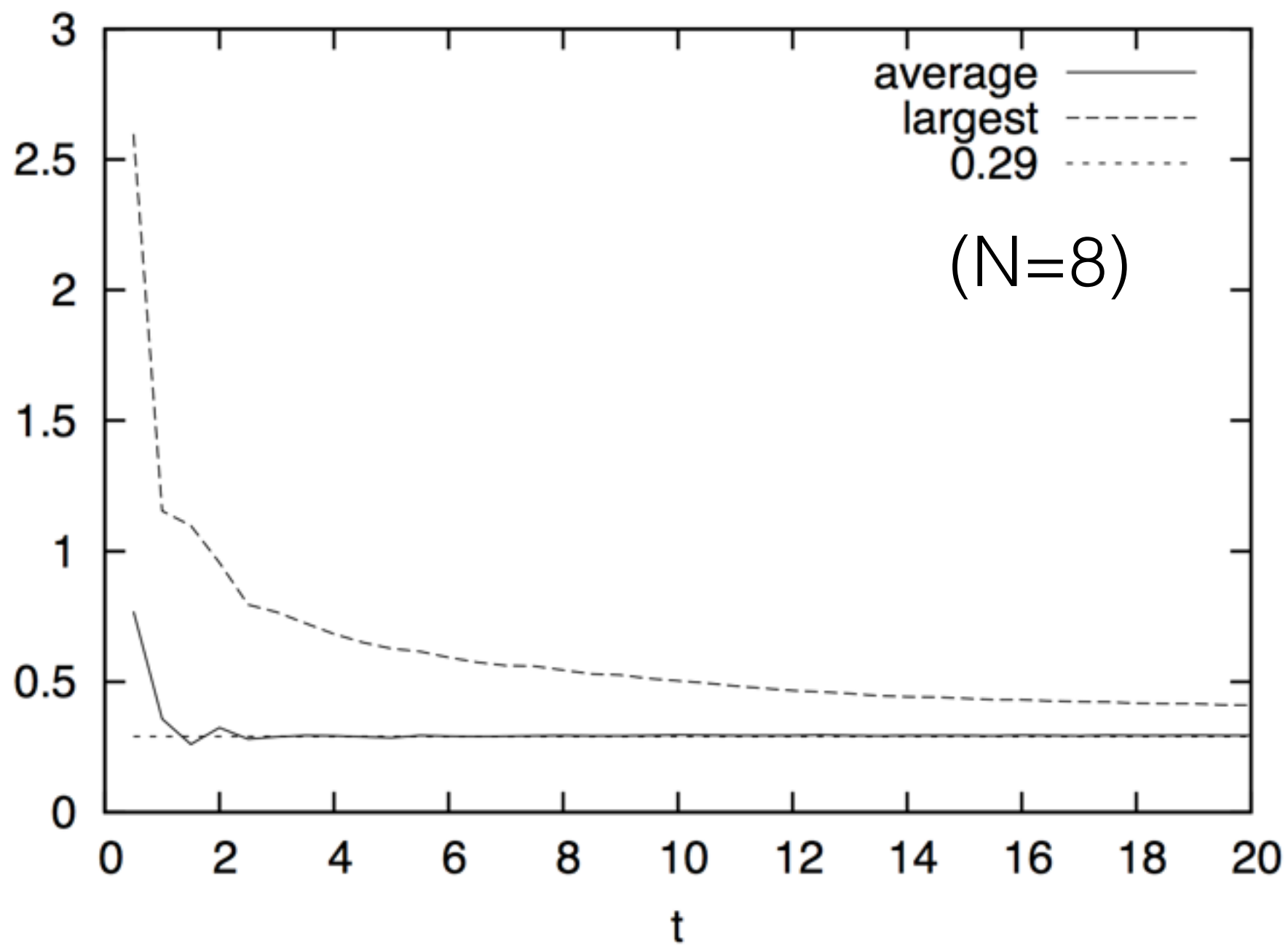
cf) strong coupling by SUGRA



The spectrum spreads  
due to stringy effect.

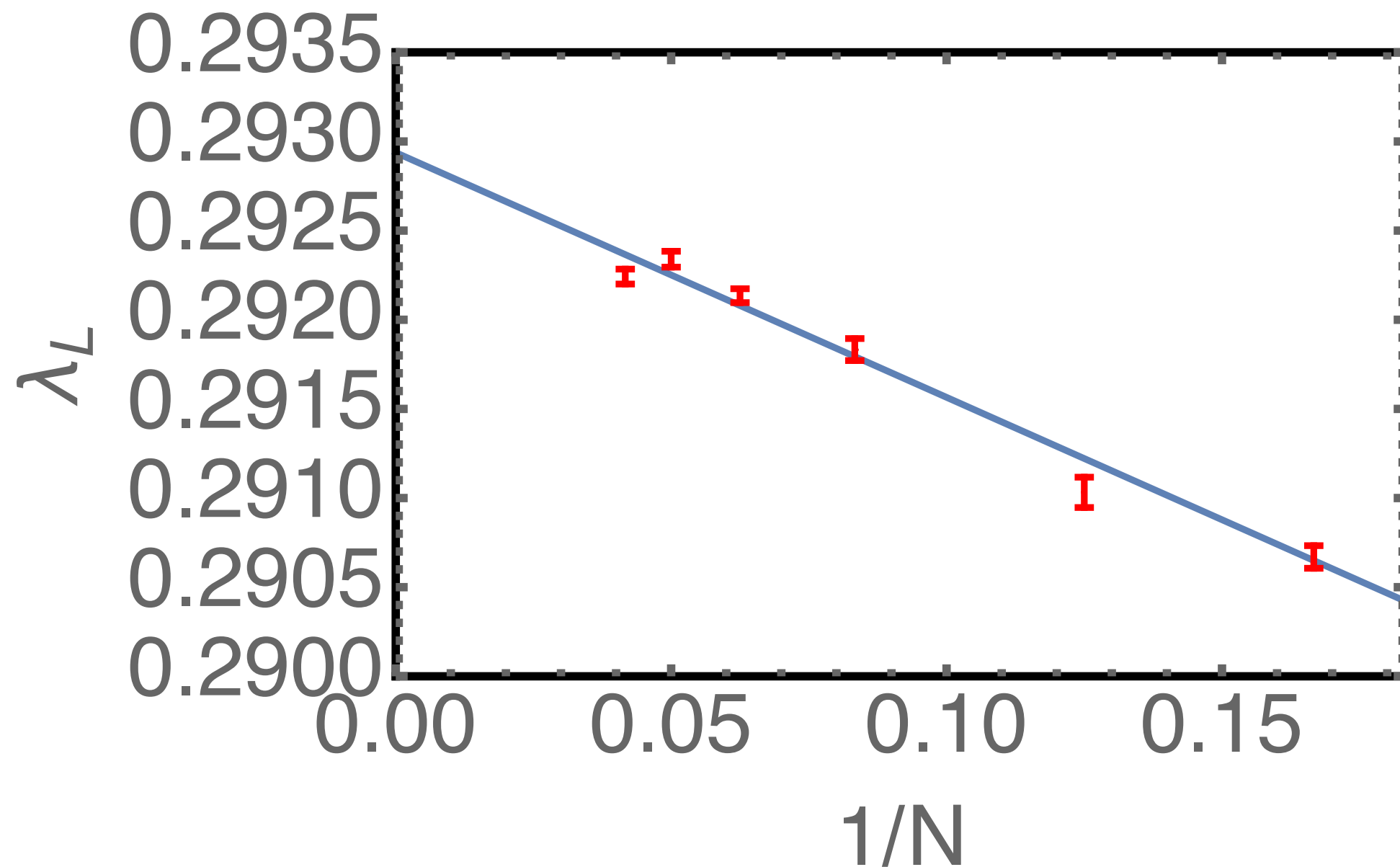


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$$\lambda_{av} \equiv \frac{1}{t} \log \sqrt{(\sum_{i,\pm} e^{\pm 2\lambda_i t}) / 16(N^2 - 1)}$$

Don't worry:  
These values are not obtained by fits at  $t < 60$ .  
We used Sprott's algorithm,  $t > 1000$ .



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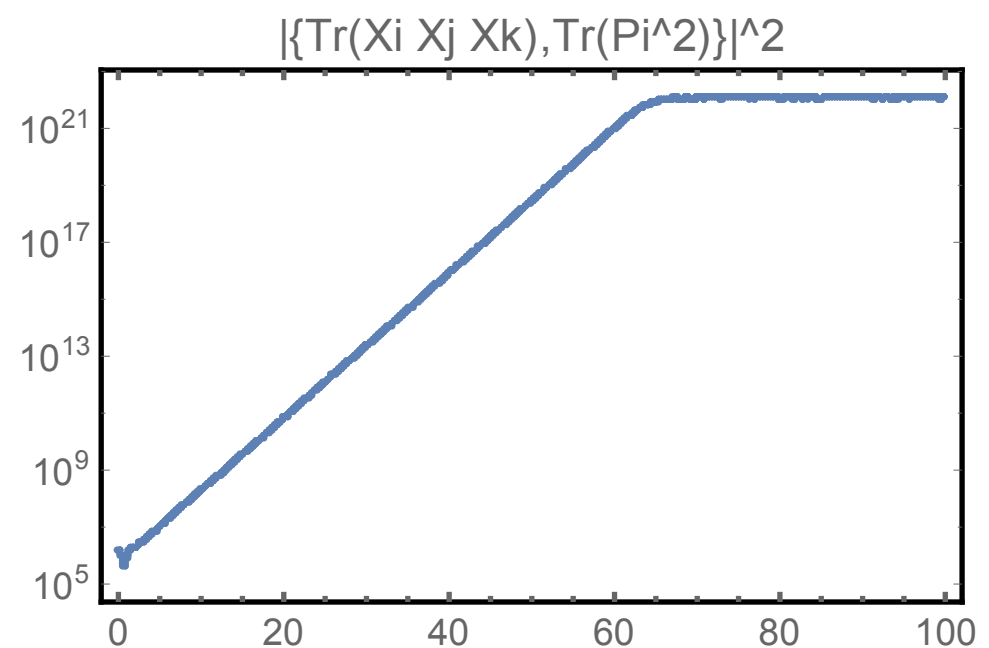
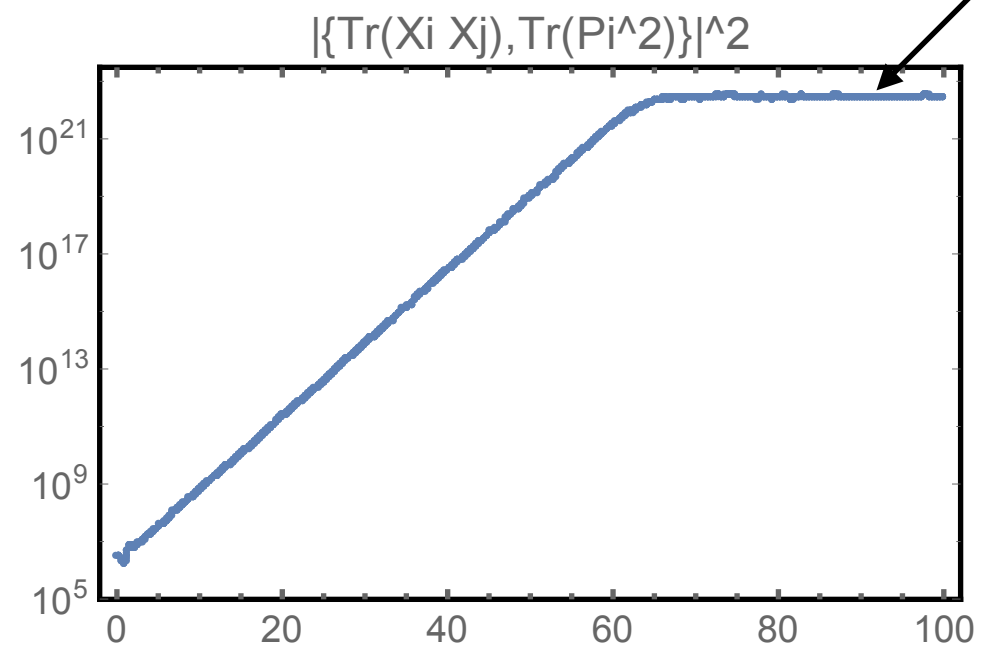
# Lyapunov exponent from correlators

- Maldacena, Shenker and Stanford calculated Lyapunov exponent by using

$$-\langle [W(t), V(0)]^2 \rangle \sim \hbar^2 e^{2\lambda_L t}$$

- commutator in Q.M.  $\rightarrow$  Poisson bracket in classical mechanics

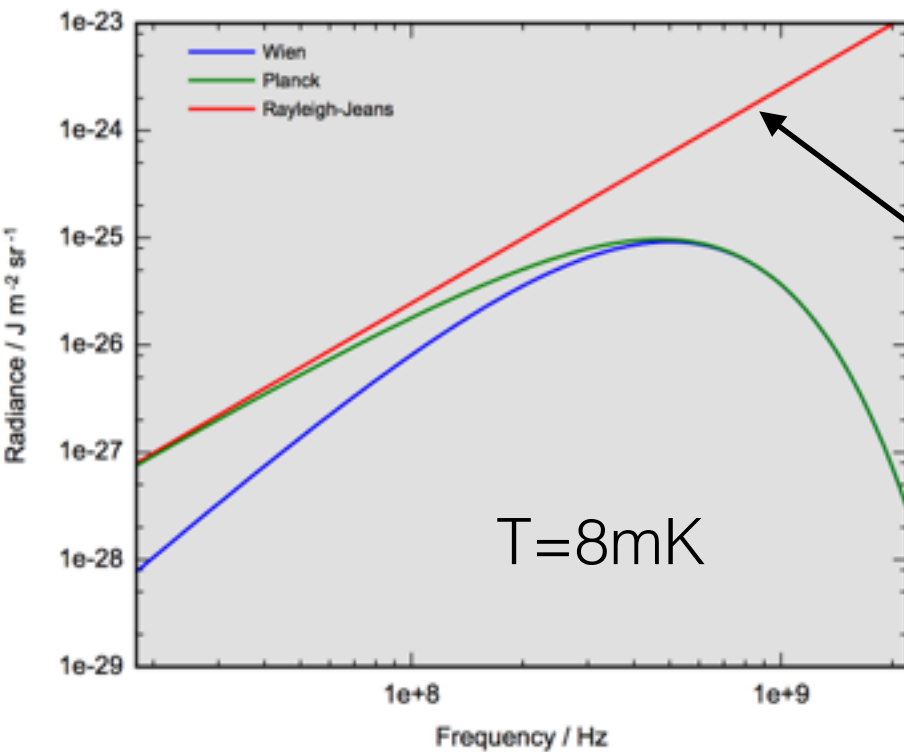
This saturation is a numerical artifact.  
(We used finite difference, rather than derivative.)



The same  $\lambda_L$  is obtained.

# Classical Yang-Mills theory?

(nonzero spatial dimensions)



(wikipedia)

equipartition of energy  
+ infinite d.o.f. in UV

→ UV catastrophe

In classical YM, energy flows to UV;  
thermal equilibrium is never reached.



Lord Rayleigh  
1842-1919



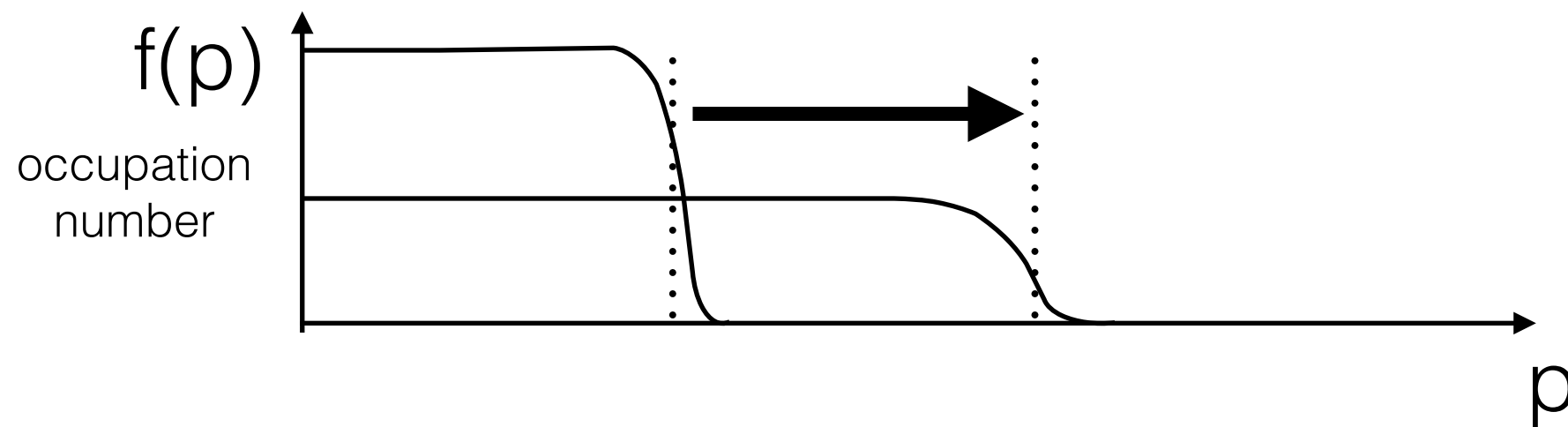
James Jeans  
1877-1946



Max Planck  
1858-1947

# But UV catastrophe might not be so catastrophic

- Energy flow to UV is slow. (Kurkela-Moore, 2012)



$$p_{\max} \sim aQ \quad @ \quad t \sim a^7/Q$$

where  $\varepsilon = Q^4 N^2 / \lambda'_{\text{t Hooft}}$  : energy density

scrambling time  $\sim (\log N)/Q$

no problem when  $(\log N) \ll a^7$

$$\exp((3/2)^7) \sim 2.6 \times 10^7$$

‘thermalization’ at IR is achieved, then very slow flow to UV follows.

# What can we do?

- Thermalization of black brane.
- Correlation functions.
- Scrambling in 2d, 3d and 4d theories; how perturbations grow in color space and in spatial dimensions.
- Black hole / black string topology change.
- What is the ‘stringy effect’ ?

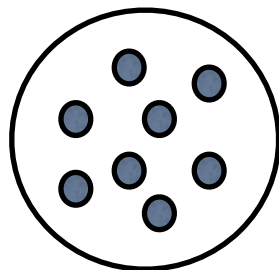
Similarity to & difference from  
strong coupling limit (supergravity) ?

# Evaporation

(in progress)

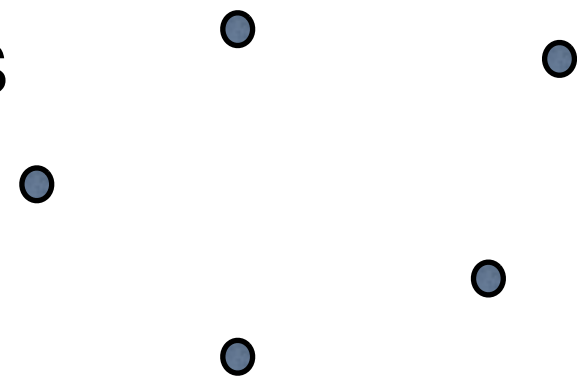
chaos (or ergodicity) + flat direction  
→ evaporation

BH



entropy  $\sim N^2$

gas



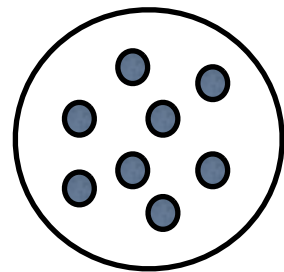
entropy  $\sim N$

Exponentially suppressed,  
but still can appear after long time.



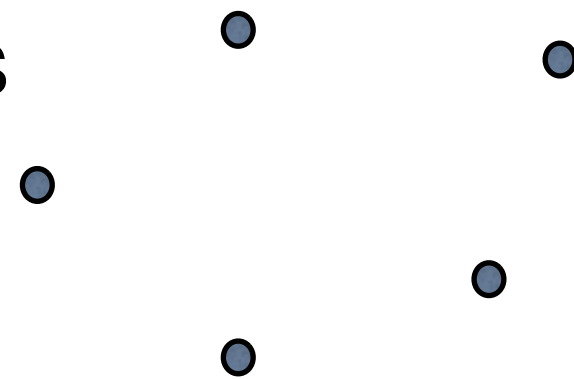
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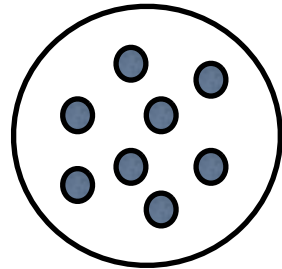
entropy  $\sim N \times \infty$

(space volume)

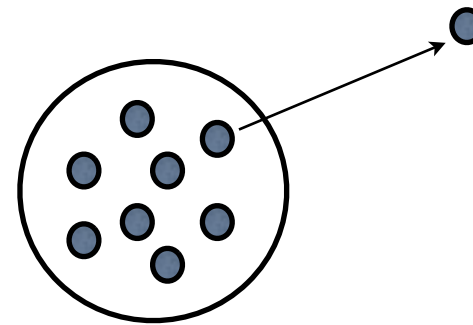
※ Flat direction must be sufficiently flat. Will be explained shortly. →

Once brane is emitted, it does not come back.

‘eigenvalues’ = position of D0-branes



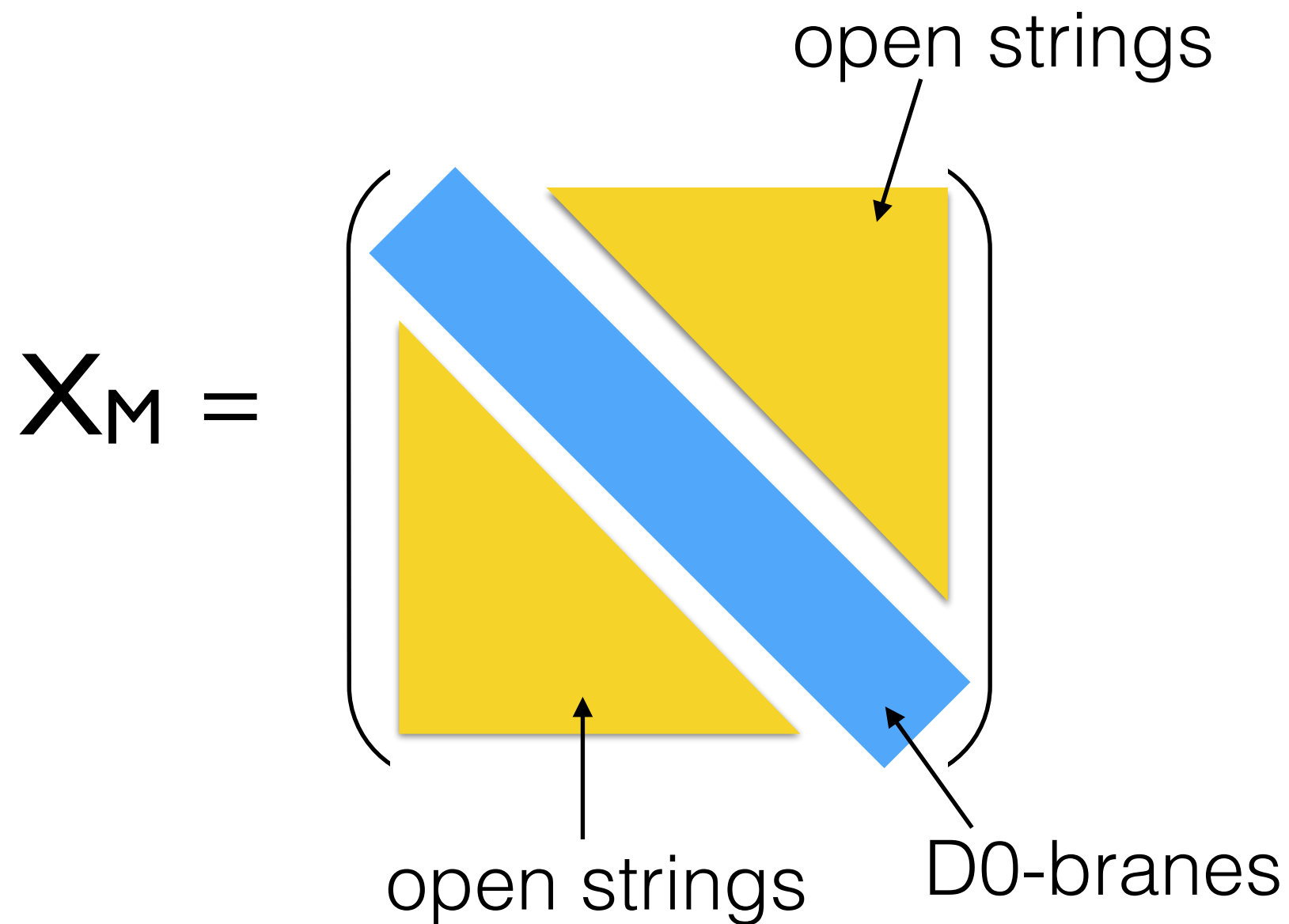
entropy  $\sim N^2$



entropy  $\sim (N-1)^2$

Emission rate  $\sim \exp(-N)$

- ※ This is different from the emission of massless particles, in the sense  $m_{D0} \sim N$ .
- ※ However the same mechanism would work for light particles at low- $T$ , M-theory region, due to ‘quantum chaos’ + flat direction

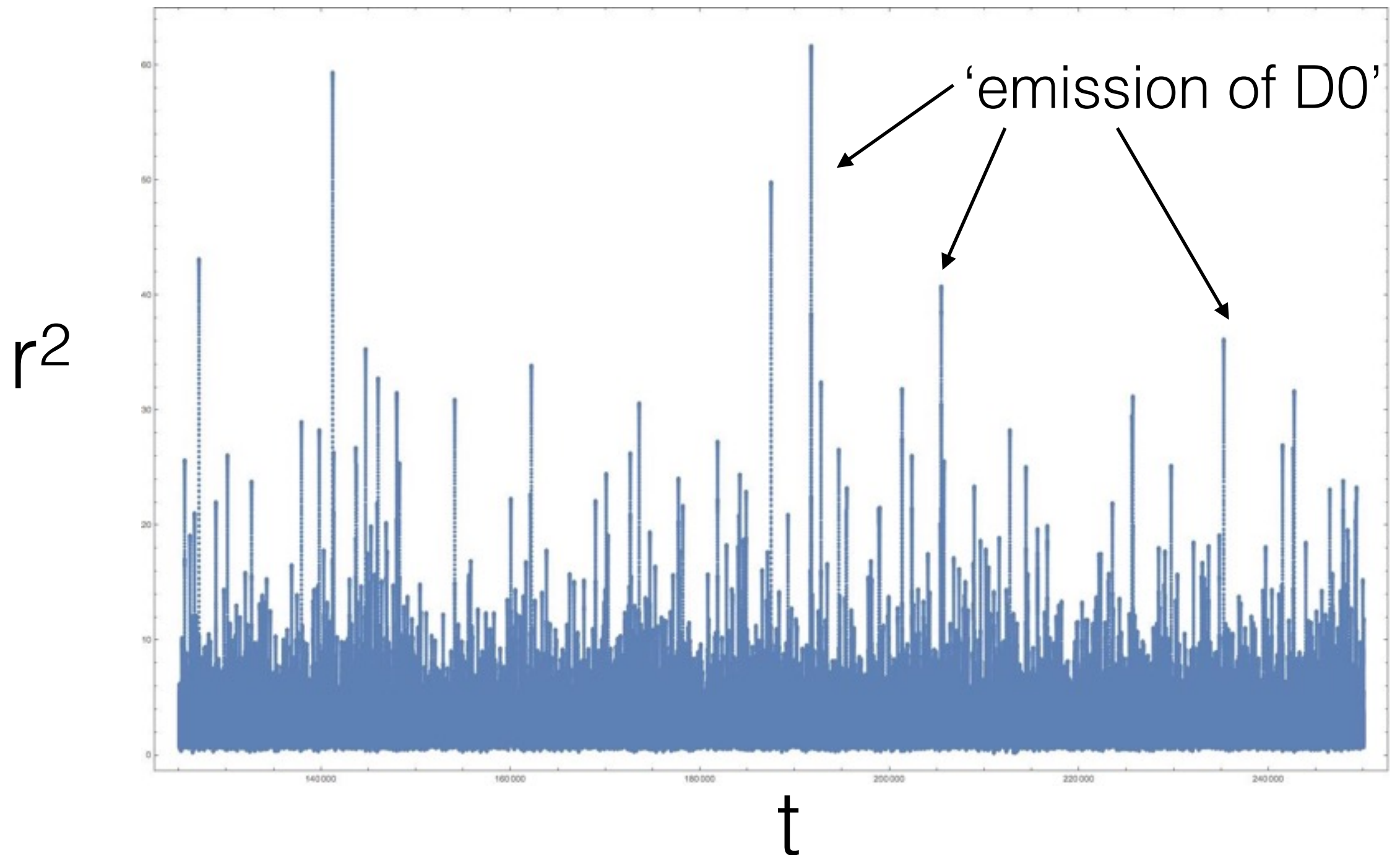


eigenvalue of  $(X_M^2)_{ij}$   
 $\hat{=}$  radial coordinate of D0

the largest eigenvalue:  $r^2$

# Distribution of $r^2$

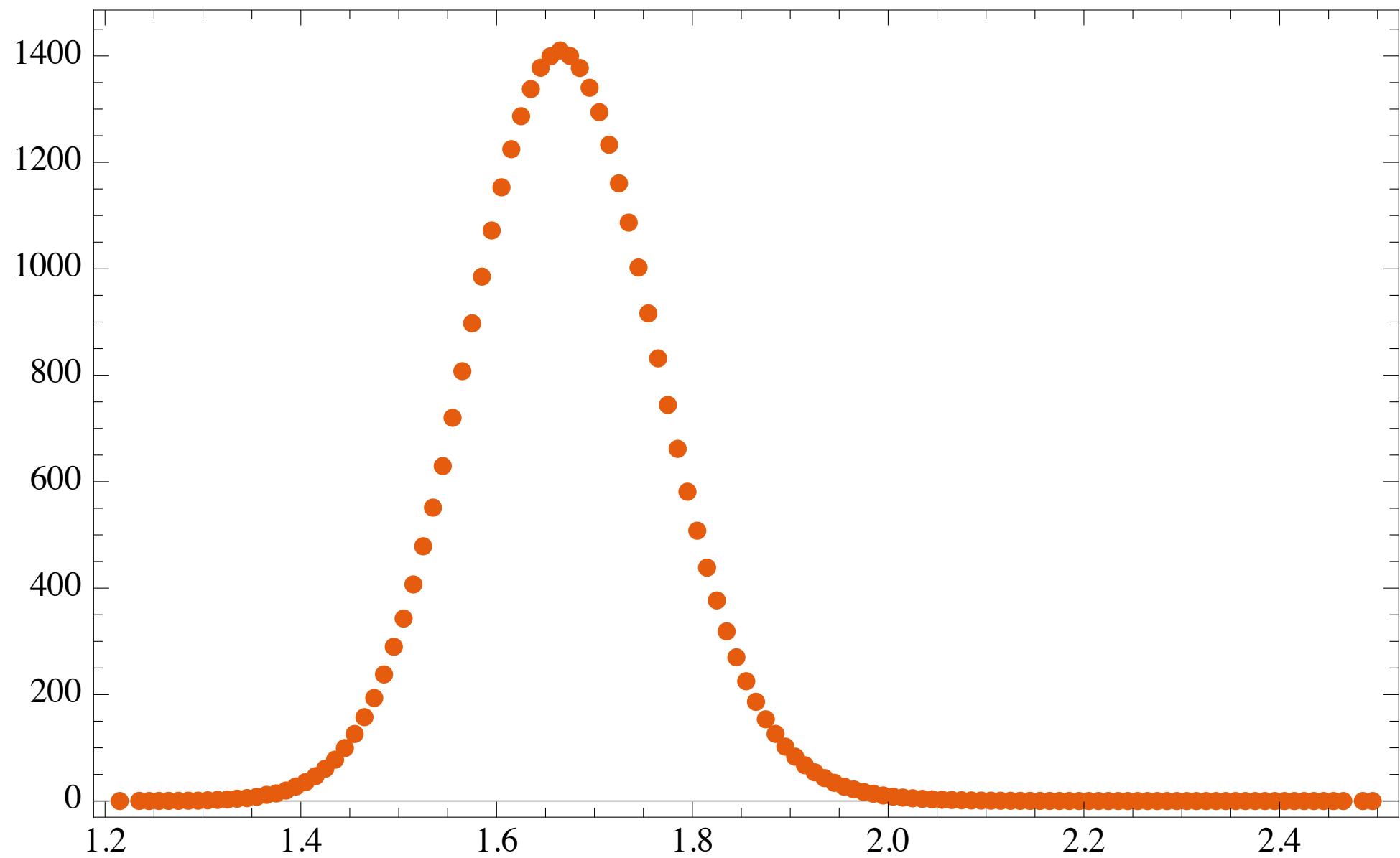
$D=3$  (3-matrix model),  $N=3$

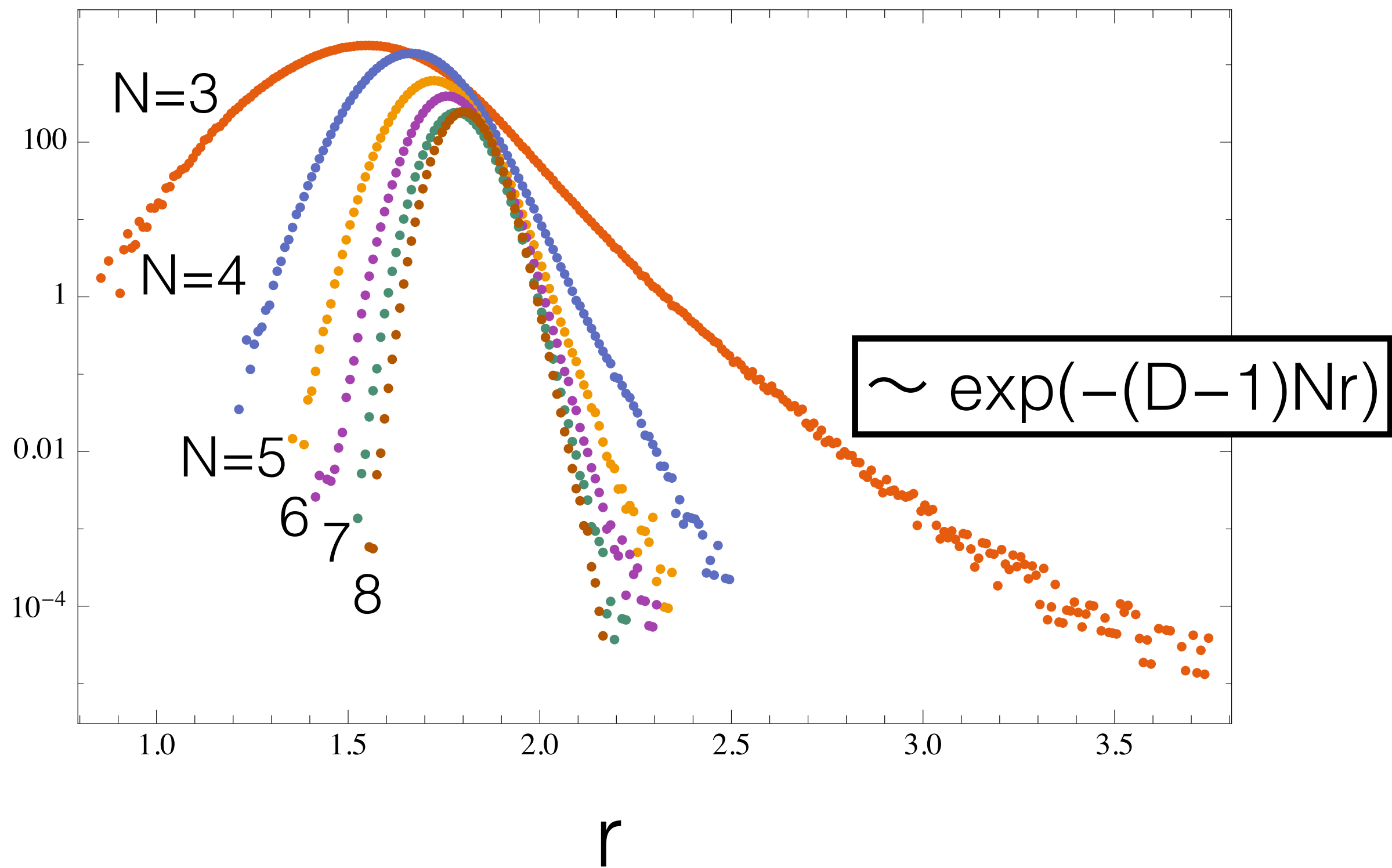


Rather unstable. BFSS ( $D=9$ ) has the same instability.

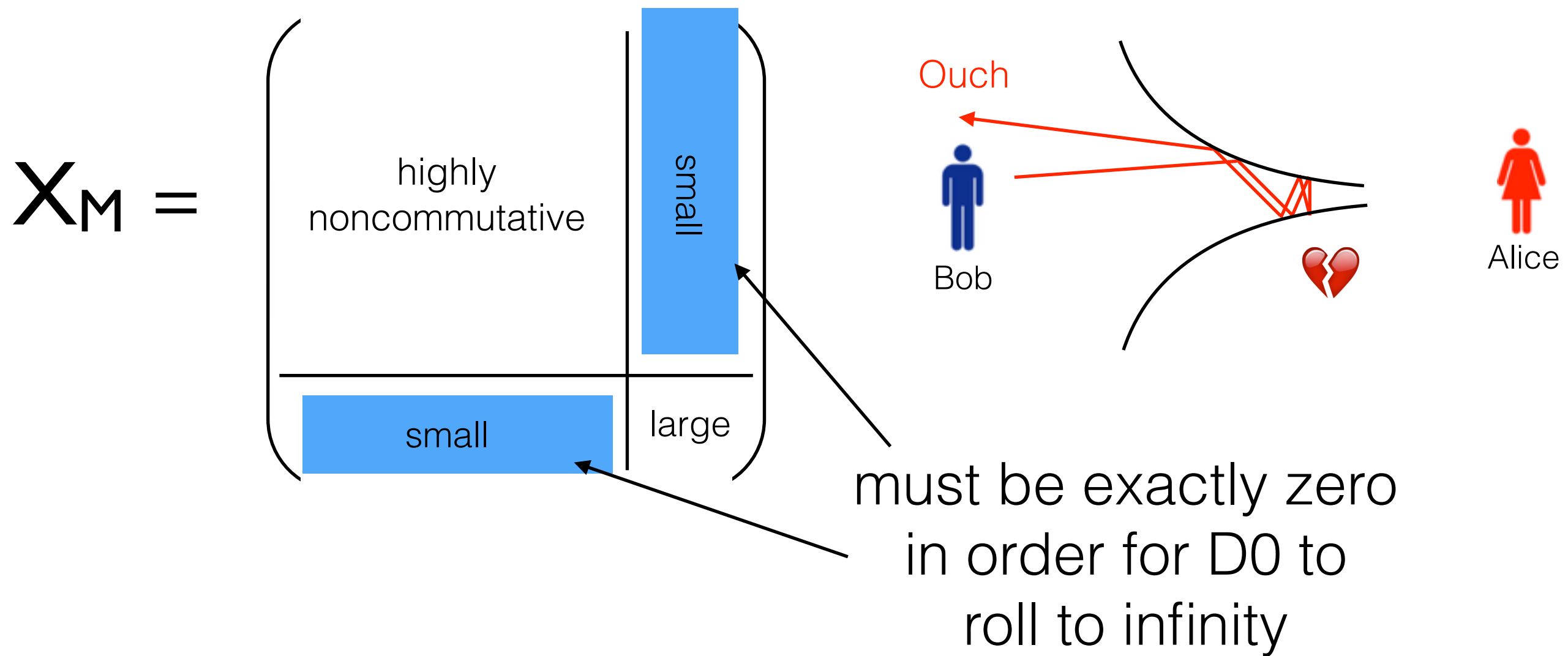
# Histogram of $r$

$D=9, N=4$





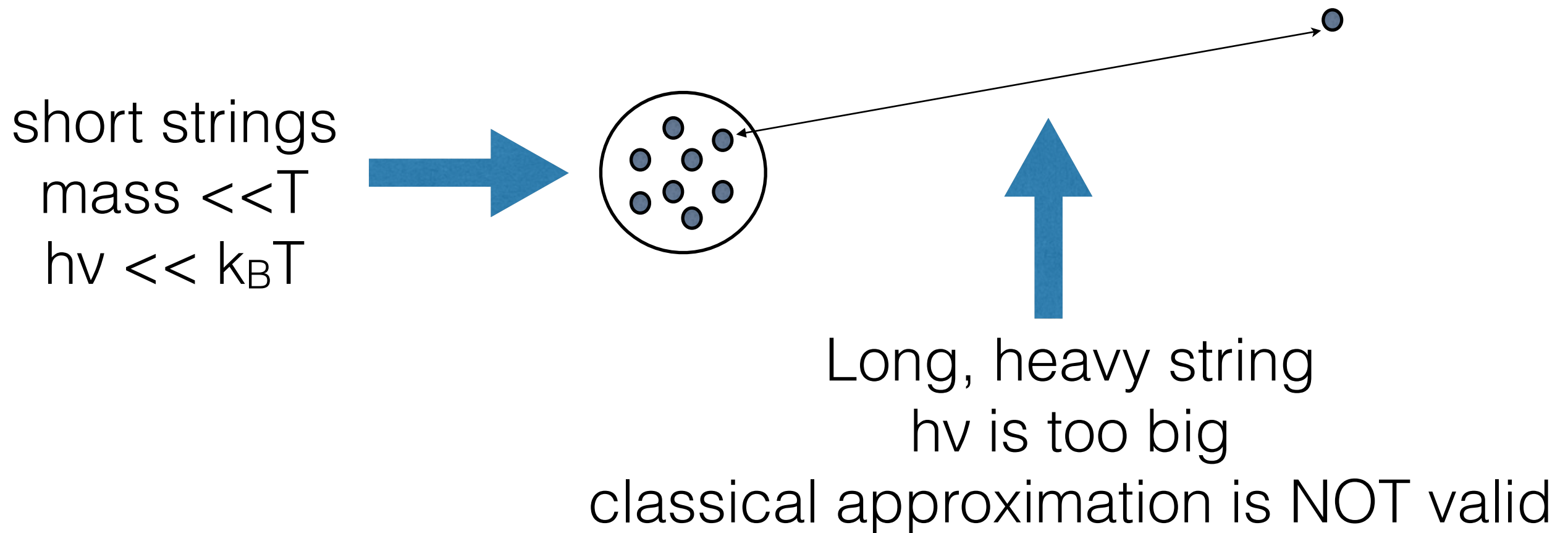
# but flat direction is too narrow...



This is not Bob's fault.

This is just an artifact of the classical treatment.

# What was wrong?



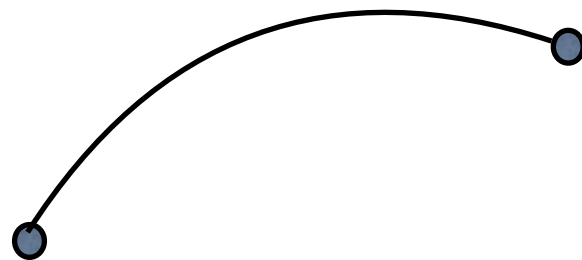
classical approximation is valid when  $h\nu \ll k_B T$



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open string mass =  $h\nu$  of harmonic oscillator

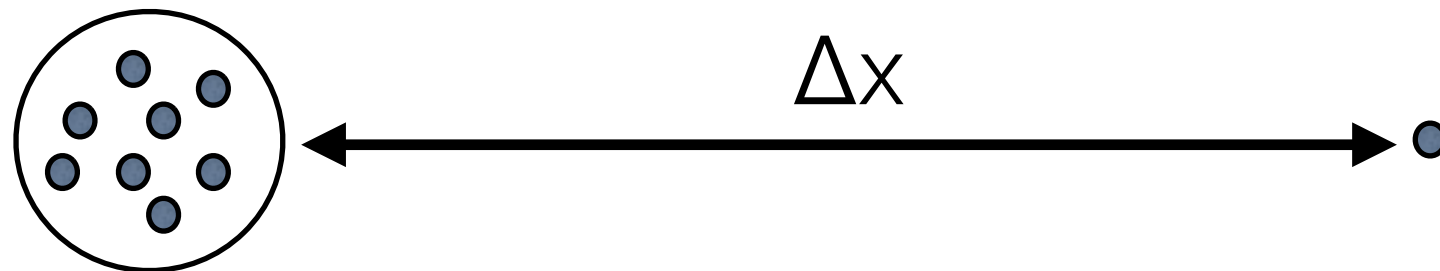
off diagonal element  
= open string



diagonal element  
= D0-brane

$$L = \frac{1}{2g_{YM}^2} \text{Tr} \left( \sum_i (D_t X^i)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} [X_i, X_j]^2 \right)$$

# SUSY makes flat direction flatter



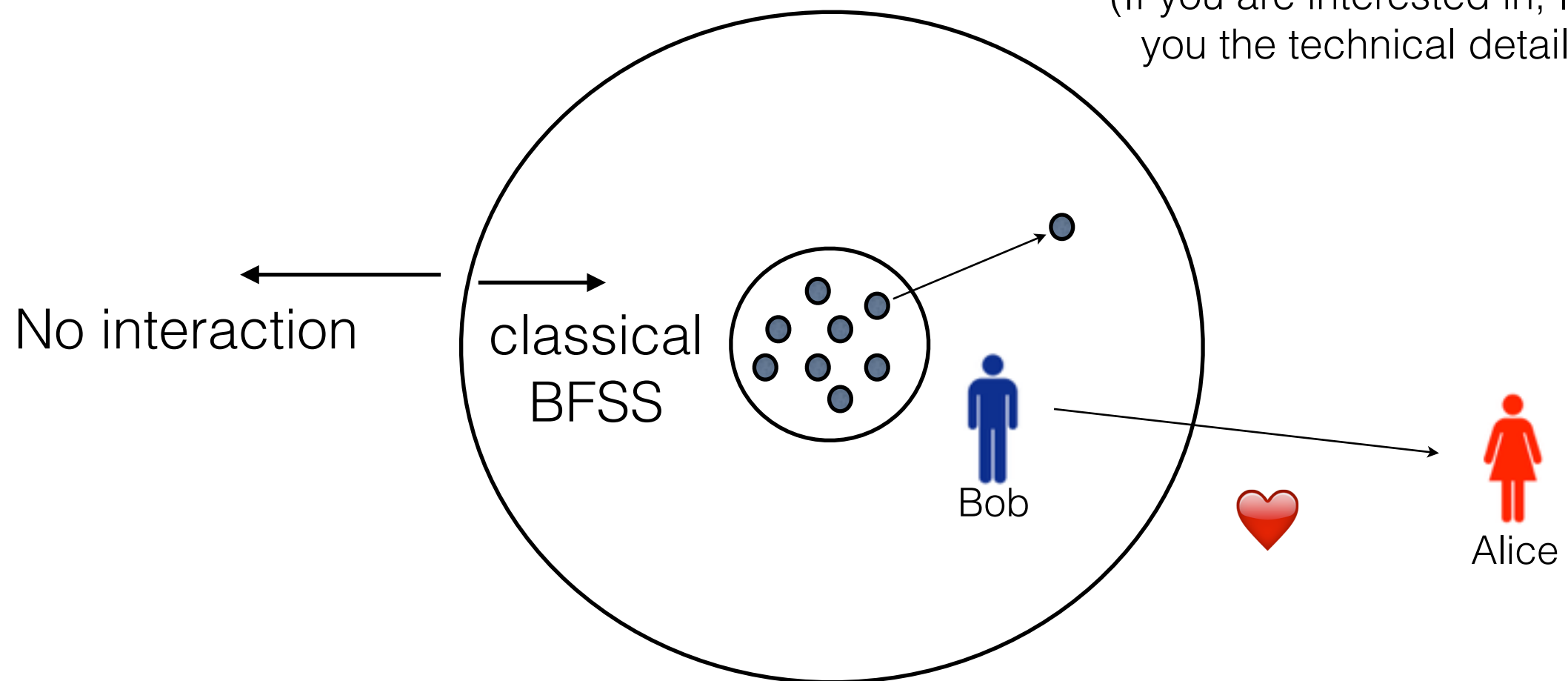
One-loop approximation  
should be valid when  $\Delta x$  is large.

There, fermions are not negligible,  
they cancel the attraction coming from bosons.

# An effective model

- Turn-off the interaction (off-diagonal elements) once  $D_0$  goes beyond a threshold value.
- It can be done by keeping full  $SU(N)$  symmetry.

(If you are interested in, I can tell you the technical detail later.)



Classical time evolution mimics formation and evaporation of BH.

# Future directions

- More on the thermalization & scrambling processes.
- What can we learn from  $1/N$  corrections?
- Can we make a better effective theory? Learn from QGP industry? Determine the potential by Euclidean simulation?
- Can we somehow mimic emission of massless particles?  
( $\rightarrow$  Information Puzzle)
- $(1+1)$ -,  $(1+2)$ - and  $(1+3)$ -d YM; BH/BS topology change.  
( $\rightarrow$  How stringy effects resolve the singularity)
- Full quantum simulation?
- Firewall? No Firewall?