

# Phases of fuzzy field theories

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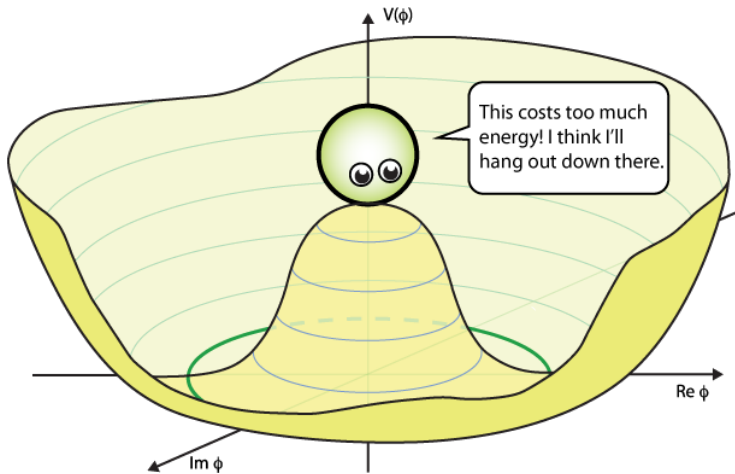
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Physics in fuzzy spaces, Stará Lesná, 26.9.2016

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# The ABEGHHK'tH mechanism

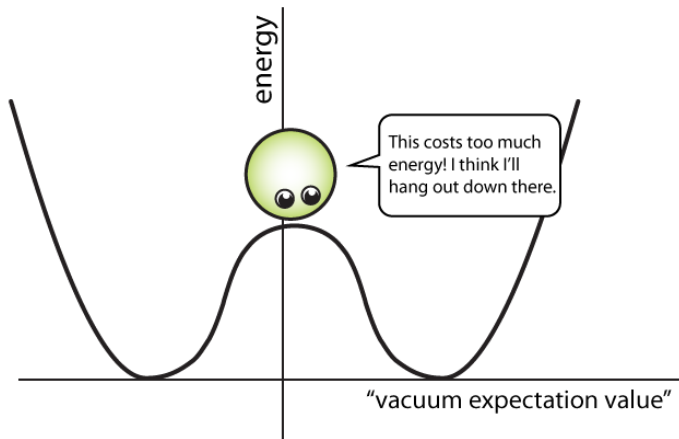


# Outline

- What do we mean by phase structure and why is it important?
- Lightning fast recapitulation of fuzzy field theories.
- Matrix model description of fuzzy field theories.
- Implications for their phase structure.



# Real scalar $\phi^4$ field on plane



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- The commutative field theory has two phases in the phase diagram, disorder and uniform order phases.  
Glimm, Jaffe '74; Glimm, Jaffe, Spencer '75; Chang '76  
Loinaz, Willey '98; Schaich, Loinaz '09
- In disorder phase the field oscillates around the value  $\phi = 0$ .
- In uniform order phase the field oscillates around the a nonzero value which minimim of the potential.



# Real scalar $\phi^4$ field on plane



# Real scalar $\phi^4$ field noncommutative theories

- The phase diagram of noncommutative field theories has one more phase in the phase diagram. It is a non-uniform order phase, or a striped phase. Gubser, Sondhi '01; G.-H. Chen and Y.-S. Wu '02
- In this phase, the field does not oscillate around one given value in the whole space. Translational symmetry is broken.
- This has been established in numerous numerical works for variety different spaces.

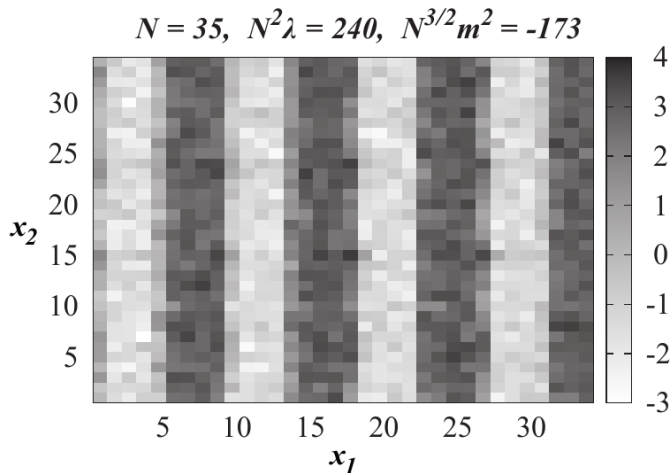
Martin '04; García Flores, Martin, O'Connor '06, '09; Panero '06, '07; Ydri '14; W. Bietenholz, F. Hofheinz, H. Mejía-Díaz, M. Panero '14; H. Mejía-Díaz, W. Bietenholz, M. Panero '14; J. Medina, W. Bietenholz, D. O'Connor '07





# Real noncommutative scalar $\phi^4$ field on plane

Mejía-Díaz, Bietenholz, Panero '14



# UV/IR mixing

- This phase is a result of the nonlocality of the theory. Mermin-Wagner Theorem : no spontaneous symmetry breaking in local 2-dimensional theories.
- This phase survives the commutative limit of the noncommutative theory! Result of the UV/IR mixing.
- The trademark property of the noncommutative field theories, which arises as a consequence of the non-locality of the theory. Causes interplay of long and short distance phenomena. [Minwalla, Van Raamsdonk, Seiberg '00](#); [Chu, Madore, Steinacker '01](#)
- The commutative limit of such noncommutative theory is (very) different than the commutative theory we started with.



- For a noncommutative theory with no UV/IR mixing, the extra phase should not be present in the commutative limit of the phase diagram.
  - B.P. Dolan, D. O'Connor and P. Prešnajder [arXiv:0109084],
  - H. Grosse and R. Wulkenhaar [arXiv:0401128],
  - R. Gurau, J. Magnen, V. Rivasseau and A. Tanasa [arXiv:0802.0791].
- Understanding the phase diagram of such theories, especially mechanism of the departure the striped phase could teach us a lot technically and conceptually.
- We need tools to analyze the phase diagrams of the noncommutative theories. A good idea is to start with the simplest case.



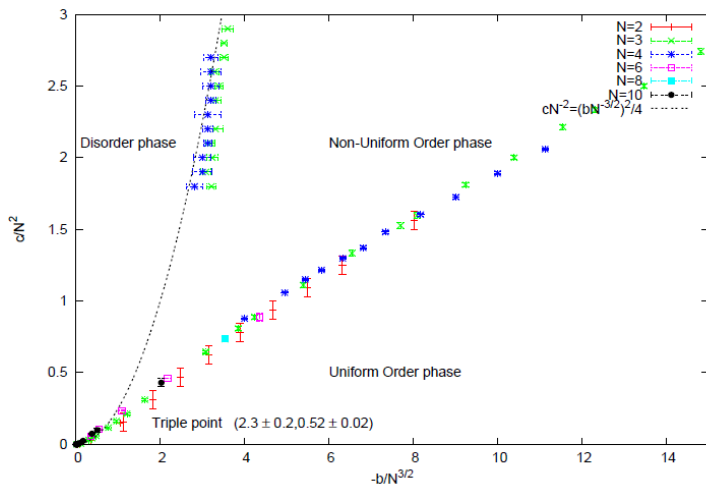
# Phase diagram for $\phi^4$ on $S_F^2$



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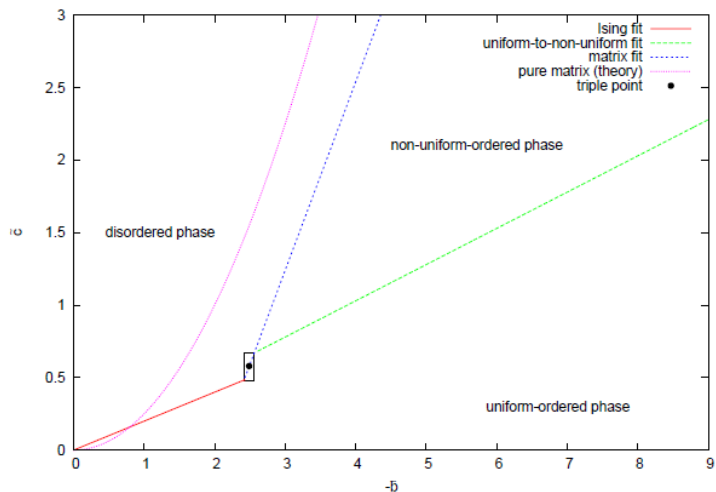
García Flores, Martín, O'Connor '09



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(Published) Numerical results agree on the critical value of the coupling

$$g_c \approx (0.12, 0.17)$$



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- The fuzzy sphere  $S_F^2$  is a space, which has the algebra of functions generated by

$$x_i x_i = \rho^2 \quad , \quad x_i x_j - x_j x_i = i\theta \varepsilon_{ijk} x_k$$

- This can be realized as a  $N = 2j + 1$  dimensional representation of the  $SU(2)$

$$x_i = \frac{2r}{\sqrt{N^2 - 1}} L_i \quad , \quad \theta = \frac{2r}{\sqrt{N^2 - 1}} \quad , \quad \rho^2 = \frac{4r^2}{N^2 - 1} j(j + 1) = r^2$$

- The coordinates  $x_i$  still carry an action of  $SU(2)$  and thus the space still has the symmetry of the sphere.
- Limit of large  $N$  reproduces the original sphere  $S^2$ .
- $x_i$  are  $N \times N$  matrices and functions on  $S_F^2$  are combinations of products  $\rightarrow$  a hermitian matrix  $M$



# Fuzzy sphere

- Finite mode approximation to the regular round sphere  $S^2$ .
- Introduces minimal length (minimal area).
- Still posses the original symmetry.
- Functions become  $N \times N$ -matrices, where

$$\theta \sim \frac{1}{N} .$$

- Derivatives  $\rightarrow$  commutators with  $L_i$ .  
Integrals  $\rightarrow$  traces.



**The scalar field theory** on a fuzzy space is a multi-trace matrix model.



# Scalar field on $S_F^2$

- We can write an Euclidean field theory action

$$\begin{aligned} S(M) &= -\frac{4\pi R^2}{N} \text{Tr} \left( \frac{1}{2R^2} [L_i, M][L_i, M] + \frac{1}{2} r M^2 + V(M) \right) = \\ &= \text{Tr} \left( \frac{1}{2} M [L_i, [L_i, M]] + \frac{1}{2} r M^2 + V(M) \right) \end{aligned}$$

- The theory is given by functional correlation functions

$$\langle F \rangle = \frac{\int dM F(M) e^{-S(M)}}{\int dM e^{-S(M)}}$$

Balachandran, Krkolu, Vaidya '05; Szabo '03



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# Hermitian matrix model

- Fuzzy field theory = matrix model with

$$S(M) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} (M[L_i, [L_i, M]]) + \frac{1}{2} r \text{Tr} (M^2) + g \text{Tr} (M^4)$$

- What kind of matrix model is this? We diagonalize  $M = U \Lambda U^\dagger$  for some  $U \in SU(N)$  and  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)$ , the integration measure becomes

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and we are to compute integrals like

$$\langle F \rangle \sim \int \left( \prod_{i=1}^N d\lambda_i \right) F(\lambda_i) e^{-N^2 [\frac{1}{2} r \sum \lambda_i^2 + g \sum \lambda_i^4 - \frac{2}{N^2} \sum_{i < j} \log |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|]} \\ \times \int dU e^{-N^2 \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} (U \Lambda U^\dagger [L_i, [L_i, U \Lambda U^\dagger])}$$

(minus the red [Brezin, Itzykson, Parisi, Zuber '78](#))



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# Multitraces in the effective action

- Perturbative calculation of the integral show that the  $S_{eff}$  contains products of traces of  $M$ . O'Connor, Sämann '07; Sämann '10

$$e^{-N^2 S_{eff}(\lambda_i)} = \int dU e^{-N^2 \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{Tr}(U \Lambda U^\dagger [L_i, [L_i, U \Lambda U^\dagger]])}$$

- The most recent result is Sämann '15

$$\begin{aligned} S_{eff}(M) = & \frac{1}{2} \left[ \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{2} (c_2 - c_1^2) - \varepsilon^2 \frac{1}{24} (c_2 - c_1^2)^2 + \varepsilon^4 \frac{1}{2880} (c_2 - c_1^2)^4 \right] - \\ & - \varepsilon^4 \frac{1}{3456} \left[ (c_4 - 4c_3c_1 + 6c_2c_1^2 - 3c_1^4) - 2(c_2 - c_1^2)^2 \right]^2 - \\ & - \varepsilon^3 \frac{1}{432} \left[ c_3 - 3c_1c_2 + 2c_1^3 \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$c_n = \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr}(M^n)$$



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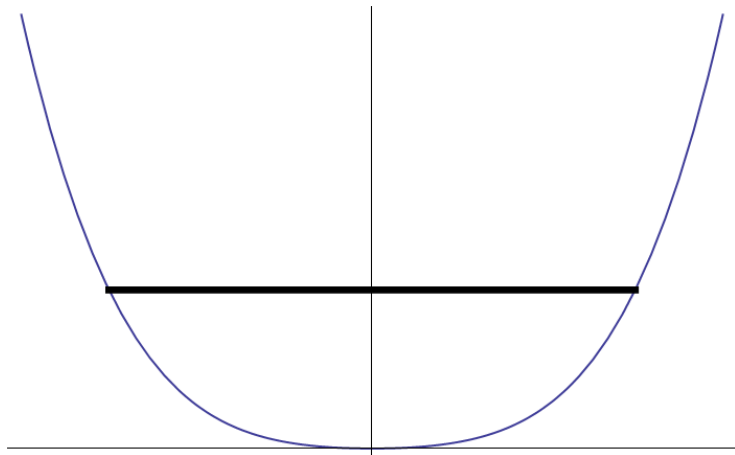


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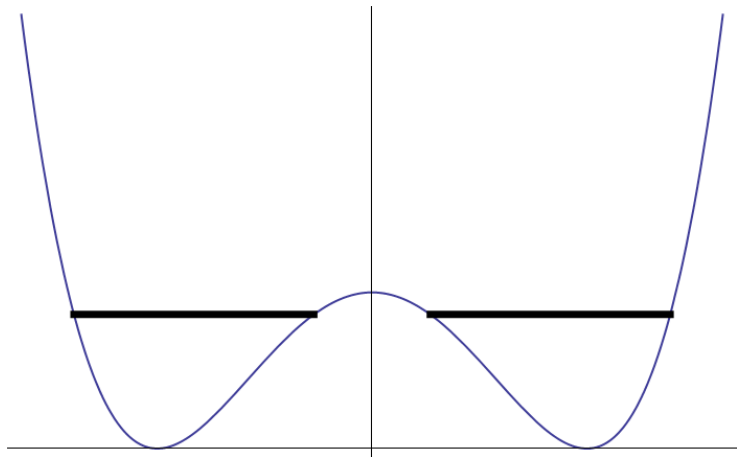
- Coulomb gas description.
- Eigenvalue repulsion.



# Single trace matrix models



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# Some basics of asymmetric single trace matrix models



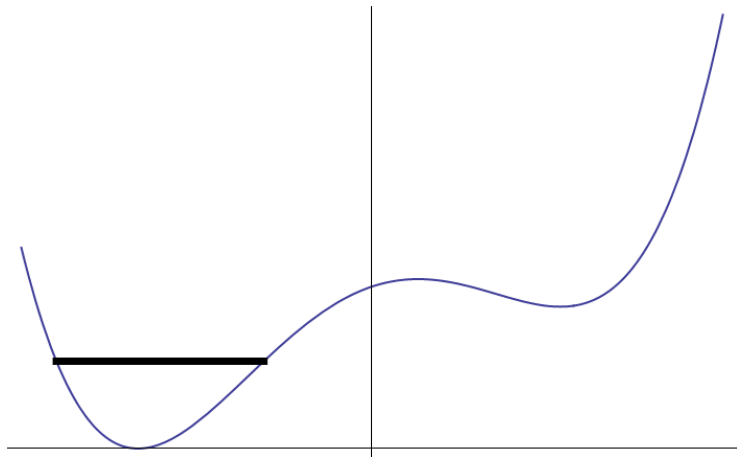
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- Nothing new in principle, just equations not solvable analytically.





# Asymmetric single trace matrix models



# Some basics of multitrace matrix models

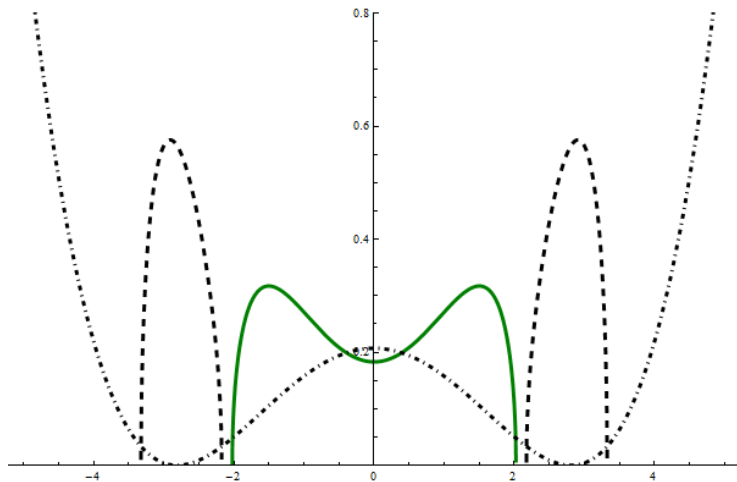


# Some basics of multitrace matrix models

- Further interaction among the eigenvalues.



# Some basics of multitrace matrix models



$$g = 0.1, r = -3.152$$



# Perturbative model



# Perturbative effective action

- The model

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is not good. (Or at least its symmetric regime)

- Self interaction which is introduced is way too strong in the important region.



# Non-perturbative considerations I





# Effective action

- For the free theory  $g = 0$  the kinetic term just rescales the eigenvalues. [Steinacker '05](#)
- There is a unique parameter independent effective action that reconstructs this rescaling. [Polychronakos '13](#)

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- Recall the perturbative action

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these are exactly the first terms of the small  $c_2$  expansion with  $c_2 \rightarrow c_2 - c_1^2$ .



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- Introducing the asymmetry  $c_2 \rightarrow c_2 - c_1^2$  and interaction we obtain a matrix model

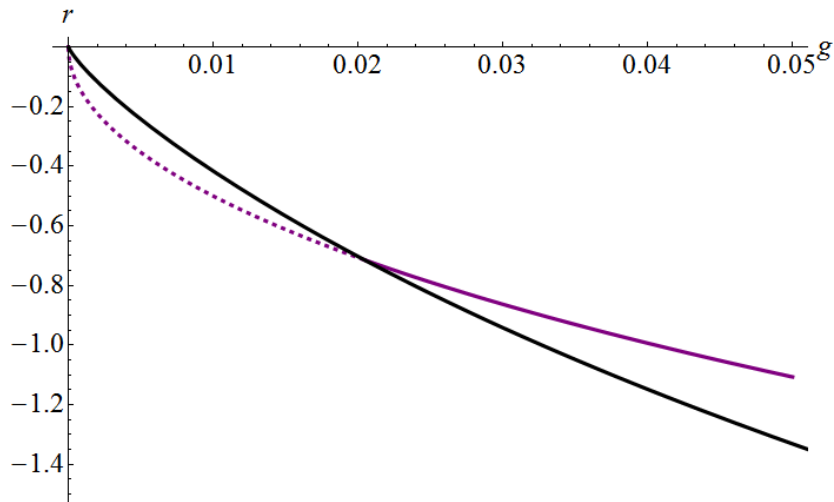
$$S(M) = \frac{1}{2}F(c_2 - c_1^2) + \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}(M^2) + g\text{Tr}(M^4) \quad , \quad F(t) = \log \left( \frac{t}{1 - e^{-t}} \right)$$

[Polychronakos '13](#); [JT '14](#), [JT '15](#)

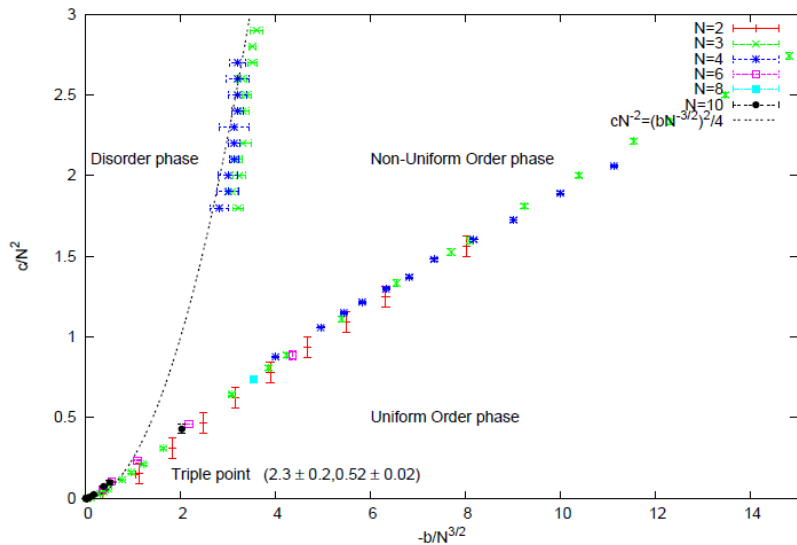


# Phase diagram

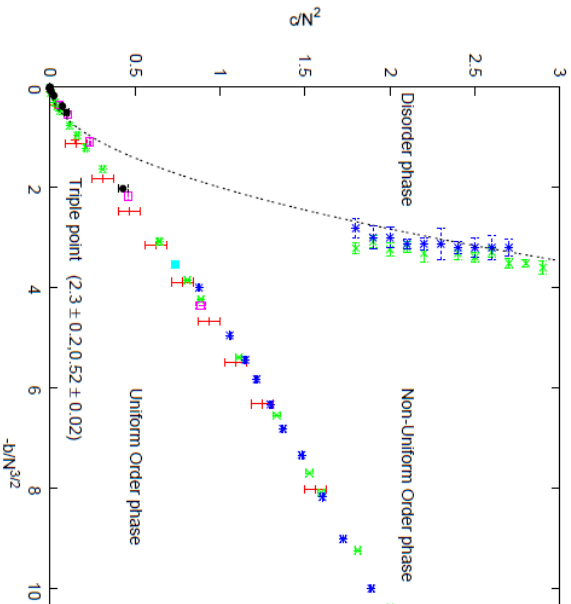
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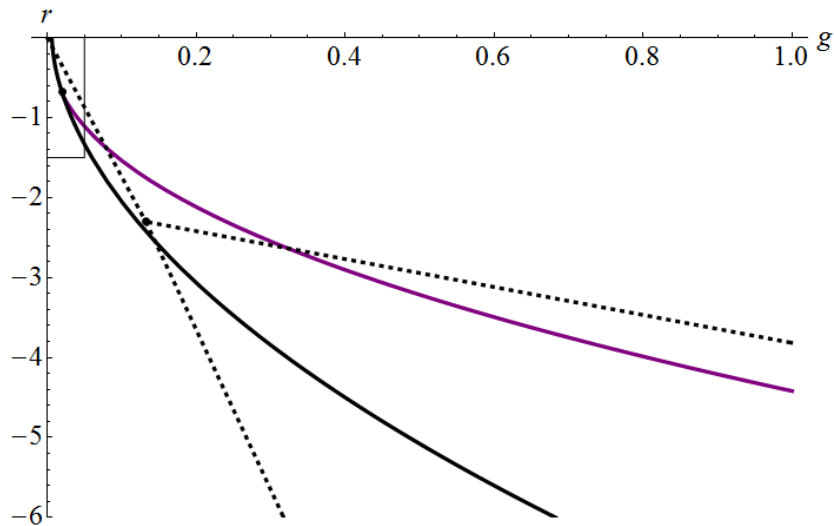
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# Non-perturbative considerations II



# Beyond the second moment

- To progress, we need somehow include further terms from the perturbative effective action

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in a way that is well behaved close to the triple point.

- There is a class of models which does this consistently with the new numerical data. [JT '16](#)

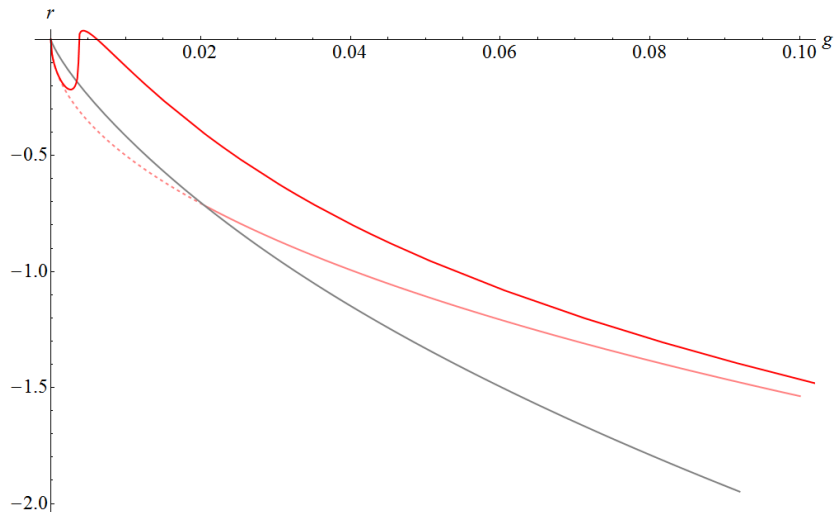
$$S_{eff}(M) = \frac{1}{2} F(c_2) + \left[ 1 + \frac{n(c_4 - 2c_2^2)^2}{3456} \right]^{-1/n} - 1$$





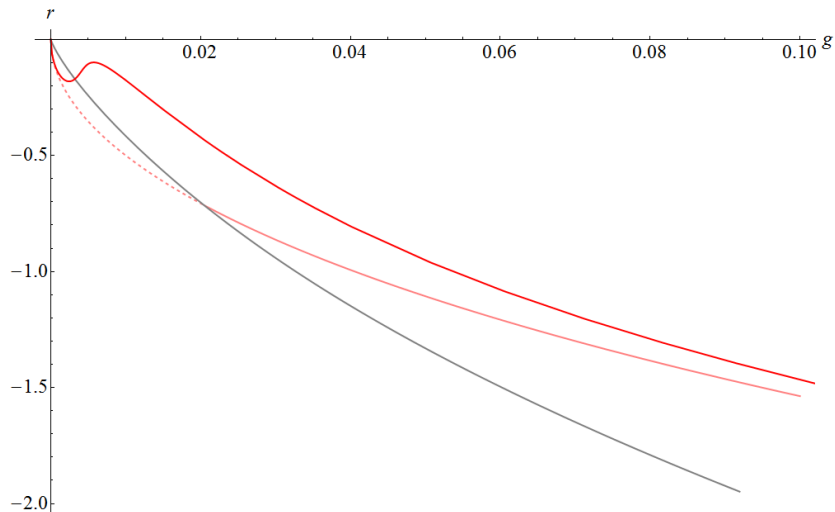
# Beyond the second moment

Symmetric regime for  $n = 1$



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Symmetric regime for  $n = 2$



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- It has been suggested that models with kinetic term

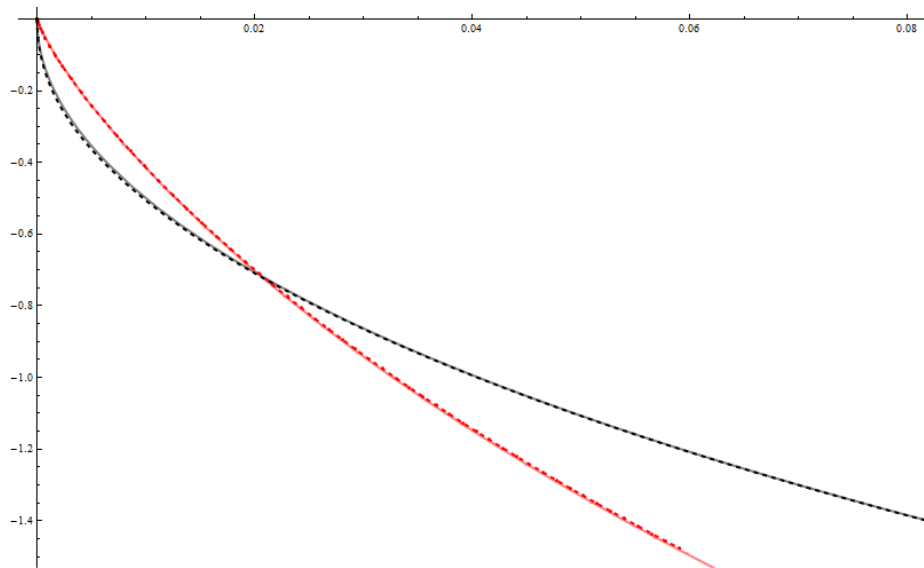
$$\frac{1}{2}MC_2M + aMC_2C_2M, \quad \frac{1}{2}MC_2M + agMC_2C_2M$$

with changing parameter  $a$  could represent a UV/IR-free theory on  $S_F^2$ .  
O'Connor, Sämann '07.

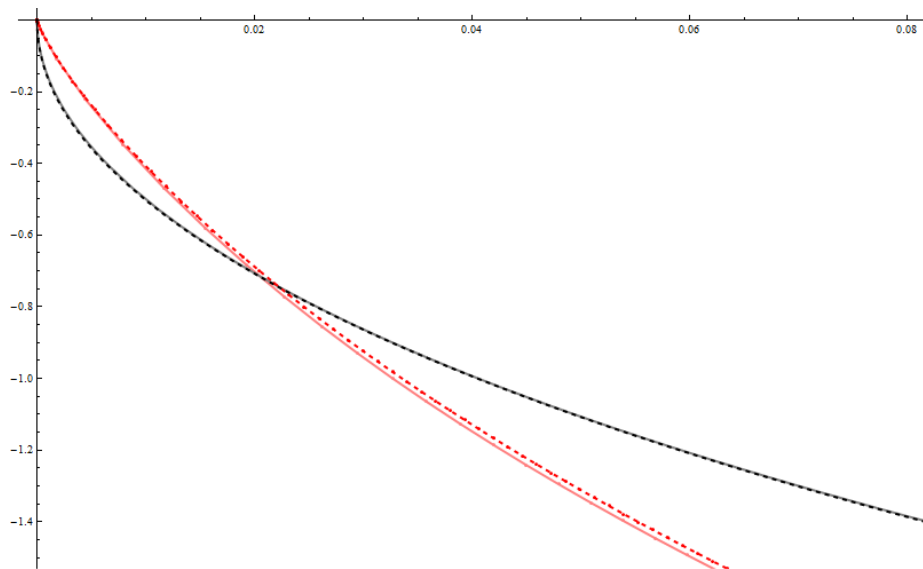
- This modifies the effective action  $F$  in the presented approach.
- Some preliminary results look promising, extra term moves the triple point away from the origin.



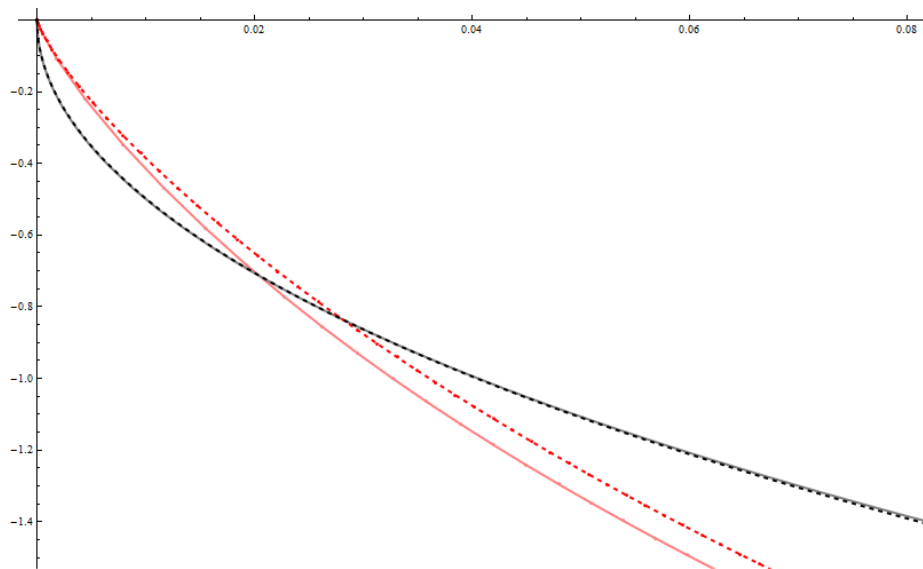
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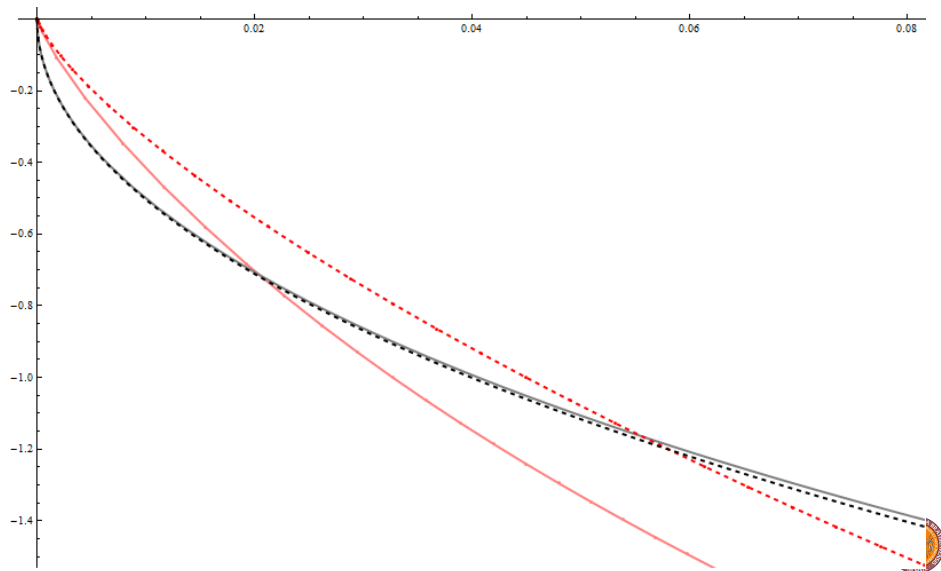
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# Conclusion and outlook

Matrix models are a powerful tool to analyze the phase structure of fuzzy field theories, which is an appealing window into their properties.

As we have seen, interesting questions left to be answered include

- Finding a way how to evaluate the angular integral.
- Investigating the phase structure of the UV/IR-free theories analytically, mainly beyond  $S_F^2$ .
- Investigating the phase structure of the UV/IR-free theories numerically.



Thank you for your attention!

