

# Emergent Symmetries in the Canonical Tensor Model

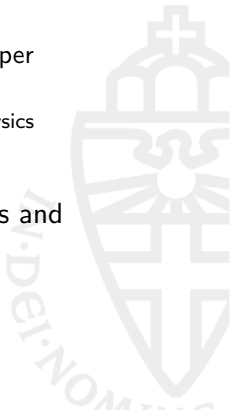
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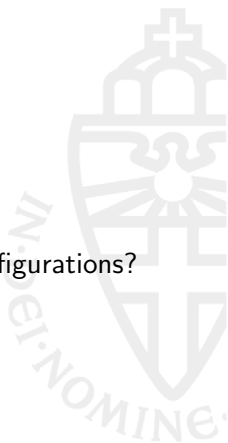




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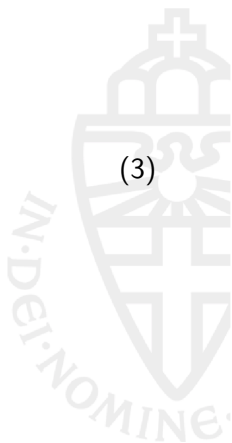
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Approximation by stationary phase approximation:

$$\Psi(P) \approx \sum_{\sigma} a_{\sigma} e^{iS(\phi^{\sigma}, P)} \approx 0 \quad (3)$$

$\phi^{\sigma}$ : critical points  $\left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial \phi_a} \right|_{\phi = \phi^{\sigma}} = 0$

$a_{\sigma}$ : pre-factor due to Gaussian integration







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Symmetric configurations:  $R(h)_i^j P_j = P_i$

$$S(\phi, P) = S(\phi^{(h)}, P^{(h)}) = S(\phi^{(h)}, P) \quad (4)$$

Orbit of  $\phi^{(h)}$  with the same phase!

$$\Psi(P) \approx \sum_{\sigma} \text{Vol}(H) \left| \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial h} \right| a_{\sigma} e^{iS(\phi^{\sigma}, P)} + \sum_{\sigma'} a_{\sigma'} e^{iS(\phi^{\sigma'}, P)} \quad (5)$$



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Example,  $\phi_a$  real N-dimensional vector and  $P_{abc}$  real symmetric N-dimensional 3-tensor:

$$\Psi(P) = \int \prod_a d\phi_a e^{iS(\phi,P) - \epsilon\phi^2}$$

$$S = \phi^2 + P_{abc}\phi_a\phi_b\phi_c$$

Underlying  $O(N)$  symmetry:

$$\phi_a \rightarrow T_{aa'}\phi_{a'} \quad (6)$$

$$P_{abc} \rightarrow T_{aa'}T_{bb'}T_{cc'}P_{a'b'c'} \quad (7)$$

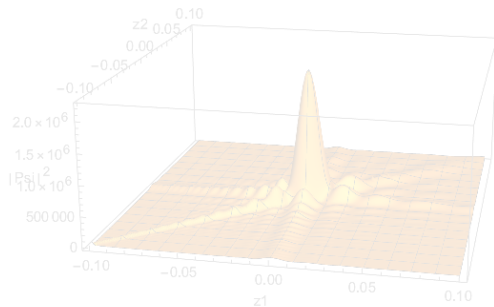




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$N = 4$ :  $G = O(4)$ ,  $H = O(3), O(2)$

$$S = \phi^2 + (x + z_1)\phi_1^2\phi_4 + (x + z_2)\phi_2^2\phi_4 + x\phi_3^2\phi_4 + y\phi_4^2 \quad (8)$$

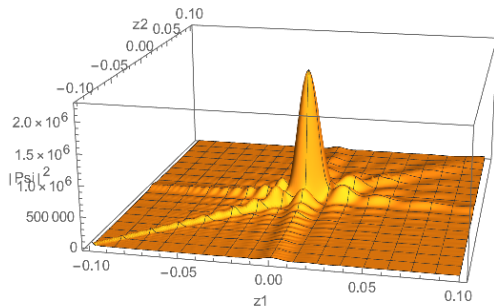




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# Canonical Tensor Model

- Model for QG in the Canonical framework
- Classically:  $\{P, Q\}$  invariant under  $O(N)$  transformations
- Invariance remains in Quantum model
- Underlying  $O(N)$  symmetry can be used for the mechanism!



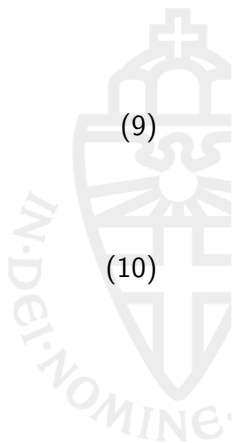
# CTM wave function

$$\Psi(P) = \int d\phi d\tilde{\phi} e^{i(P\phi^3 + \phi^2\tilde{\phi} - \frac{4}{27\lambda}\tilde{\phi}^3)} \quad (9)$$

Similar to general setup for the mechanism with

$$S(\phi, P) = P\phi^3 + \phi^2\tilde{\phi} - \frac{4}{27\lambda}\tilde{\phi}^3. \quad (10)$$

$O(N)$  symmetry  $\rightarrow$  investigate  $O(n)$  subgroups





# CTM wave function

Stationary phase analysis

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial \phi_a} \right|_{\phi=\phi^\sigma} = 0 &\Rightarrow 3(P\phi^2)_a + 2\phi_a \tilde{\phi} = 0 \\
 \phi^2 - \frac{4}{9\lambda} \tilde{\phi}^2 &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{(P\phi^3)^2}{(\phi^2)^3} \Big|_{\phi=\phi^\sigma} &
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{11}$$

So  $\lambda > 0$  for interesting behaviour!



# Evaluation of the wave function

$$(\phi, \tilde{\phi}) \rightarrow \phi, \quad P\phi^3 + \phi^2\tilde{\phi} - \frac{4}{27\lambda}\tilde{\phi}^3 \rightarrow \tilde{P}\phi^3$$

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Hyperspherical coordinates  $\phi \rightarrow \phi_{\Omega} r$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(P) &= \int_{S^N} d\Omega \int_0^{\infty} dr r^N e^{i\tilde{P}\phi_{\Omega}^3 r^3 - \epsilon r^3} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \Gamma\left(\frac{1+N}{3}\right) \int_{S^N} d\Omega (\epsilon - i\tilde{P}\phi_{\Omega}^3)^{-\frac{N+1}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

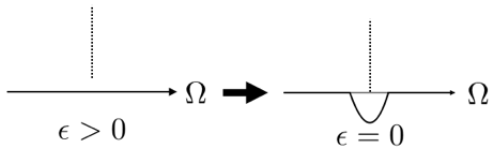




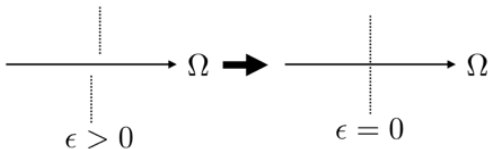


$$\epsilon \rightarrow 0_+$$

Generic  $P_{abc}$  will have a well defined  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0_+$  limit



However, sometimes this doesn't work:





## Deforming contour

Generic case: deform contour.

$$\Omega'_j = \Omega_j + i\delta \frac{\partial(P\phi_\Omega^3)}{\partial\Omega_j} \quad (12)$$

For small  $\delta$  this is like  $\epsilon$ :

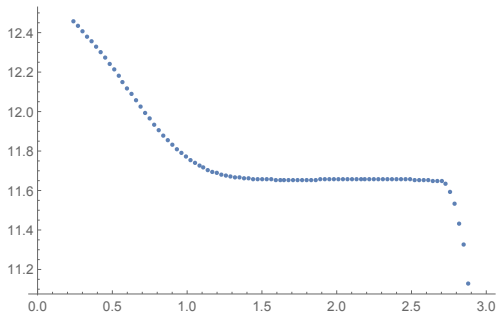
$$\tilde{P}\phi_{\Omega'} = \tilde{P}\phi_\Omega^3 + i\delta \sum_{j=1}^N \left( \frac{\partial(\tilde{P}_\Omega^3)}{\partial\Omega_j} \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}(\delta^2) \quad (13)$$

Safe to take  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0_+$  limit:

$$\Psi(P) = \frac{1}{3} \Gamma\left(\frac{N+1}{3}\right) \int_{S^N} d\Omega \left| \frac{\partial\Omega'}{\partial\Omega} \right| (-i\tilde{P}\phi_{\Omega'}^3)^{-\frac{N+1}{3}} \quad (14)$$



# Deforming contour: check



Here:  $\delta = 10^{-\Delta}$



$$N = 3$$

$$S = x(\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2)\phi_3 + y\phi_3^3 + z\phi_1\phi_3^2 + \phi^2\tilde{\phi} - \frac{4}{27\lambda}\tilde{\phi}^3$$

$O(2)$  symmetry for  $z = 0$ .

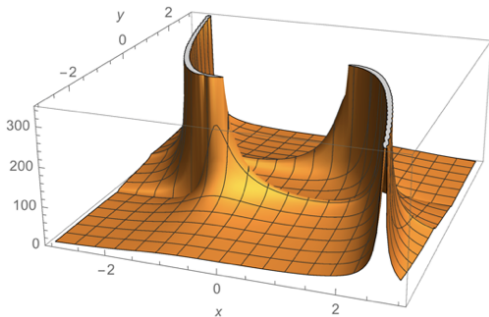
$$\phi = \tilde{\phi} = 0$$

$$\phi_1 = \phi_2 = 0, \quad \phi_3 = -\frac{2}{3y}\tilde{\phi}, \quad \lambda = y^2$$

$$\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 = \frac{2x - 3y}{x^3}\tilde{\phi}^2, \quad \phi_3 = -\frac{1}{x}\tilde{\phi}, \quad \lambda = \frac{4x^3}{27(x - y)}$$



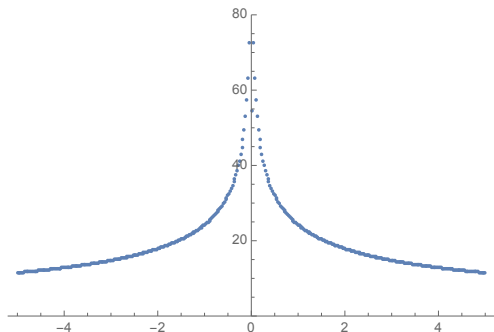
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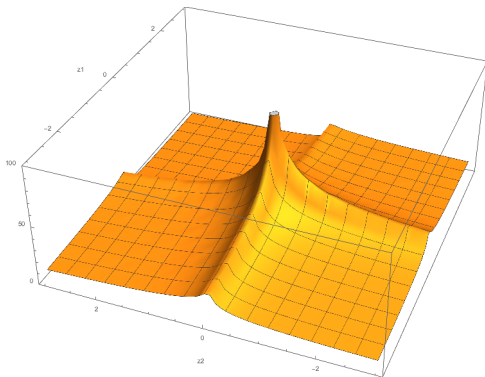
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For  $x_i = x$   $SO(N-1)$  symmetric. Reducible to a single integration:

$$\Psi(x_i, y) = \frac{2\pi^{\frac{N-1}{2}}}{3} \Gamma\left(\frac{5-N}{6}\right) \operatorname{Re} \left[ \int d\tilde{\phi} \prod_{i=1}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{-i(x_i + \tilde{\phi})}} (-ih(\tilde{\phi}))^{\frac{N-5}{6}} \right]$$

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Gives a kind of toy model to test some large  $N$  behaviour.

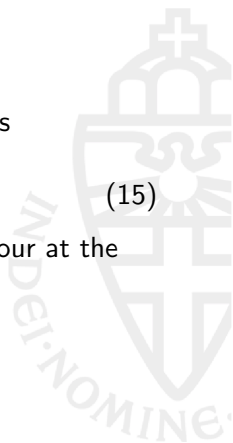


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Possible to create representations of  $SO(n_1)$  subgroups

$$\vec{x} = (x_1, x_1, x_2, x_2, x_2, x_3, \dots) \quad (15)$$

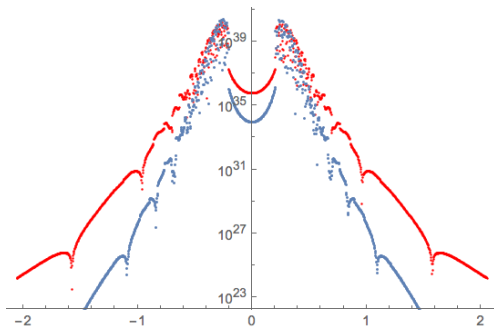
However; just two subgroups can have singular behaviour at the same time due to the cubic form of  $h(\vec{\phi})$ :





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Large  $N$  behaviour nontrivial





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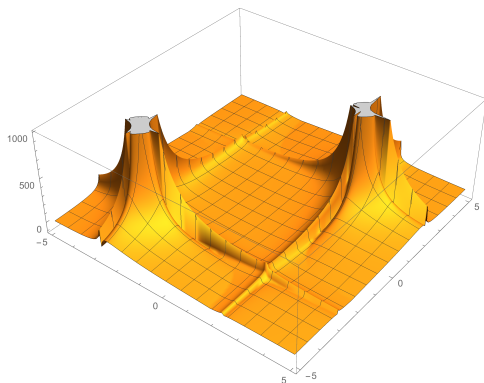
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