

Resonances for open quantum maps

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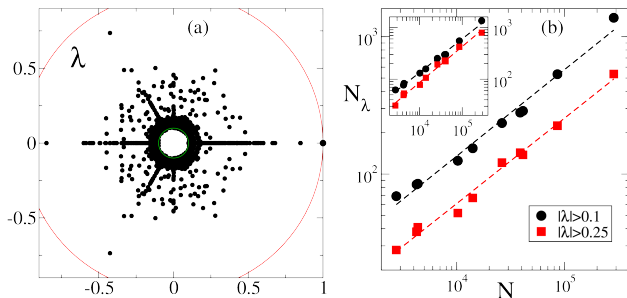
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- **Open quantum maps**: popular models in open quantum chaos
See reviews by **Nonnenmacher** '11 (math), **Novaes** '13 (physics)
- Proposed experiments: **Hannay–Keating–Ozorio de Almeida** '94, **Brun–Schack** '99
- Attractive model for numerical experimentation:
Schomerus–Tworzydło '04, **Nonnenmacher–Zworski** '05, '07,
Keating et al. '06, **Nonnenmacher–Rubin** '07, **Keating et al.** '08,
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Open baker's maps

Open baker's maps $\varkappa = \varkappa_{M,\mathcal{A}}$ are determined by

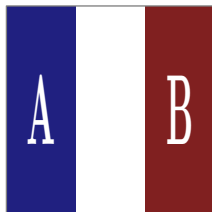
- an integer $M \geq 3$, the **base**
- a set $\mathcal{A} \subset \{0, \dots, M-1\}$, the **alphabet**
- we always assume $1 < |\mathcal{A}| < M$

\varkappa is a canonical relation on $(0, 1)_x \times (0, 1)_\xi$:

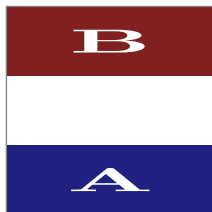
$$\varkappa : (x, \xi) \mapsto \left(Mx - a, \frac{\xi + a}{M} \right)$$

if $x \in \left(\frac{a}{M}, \frac{a+1}{M} \right)$, $a \in \mathcal{A}$

Basic model for a hyperbolic transformation with 'holes' through which one can escape



$\downarrow \varkappa_{3,\{0,2\}}$



Cantor sets

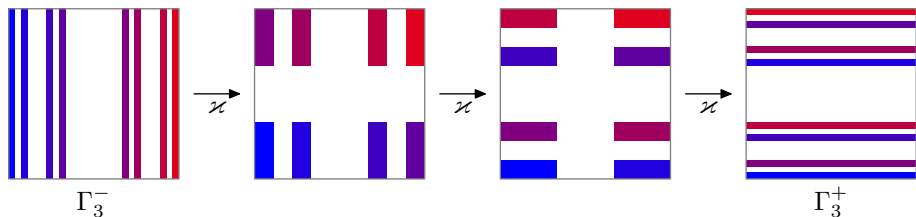
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The limiting Cantor set

$$\mathcal{C}_\infty := \bigcap_k \bigcup_{c \in \mathcal{C}_k} \left[\frac{c}{M^k}, \frac{c+1}{M^k} \right] \subset [0, 1]$$

has Hausdorff dimension

$$\delta := \frac{\log |\mathcal{A}|}{\log M} \in (0, 1)$$

Topological pressure: $P(s) = \delta - s$, $s \in \mathbb{R}$

Discrete microlocal analysis

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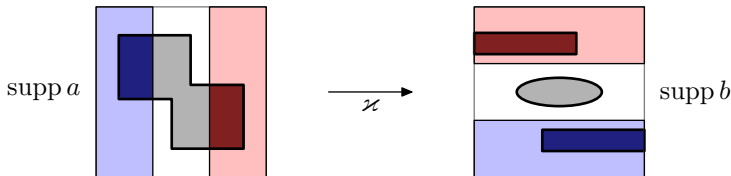
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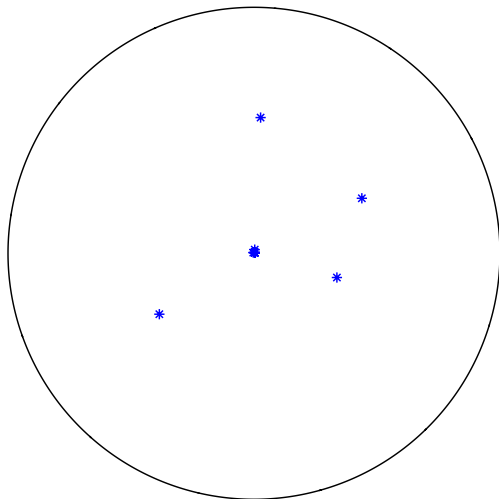
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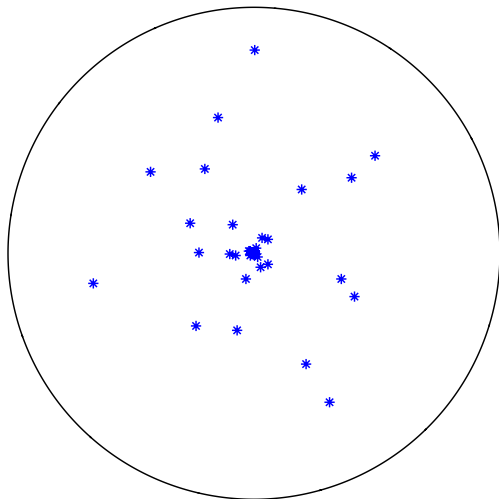
- **Resonances** = eigenvalues of B_N
 $\text{Spec}(B_N) \subset D(0, 1)$
- Similar procedure works for any M, \mathcal{A}

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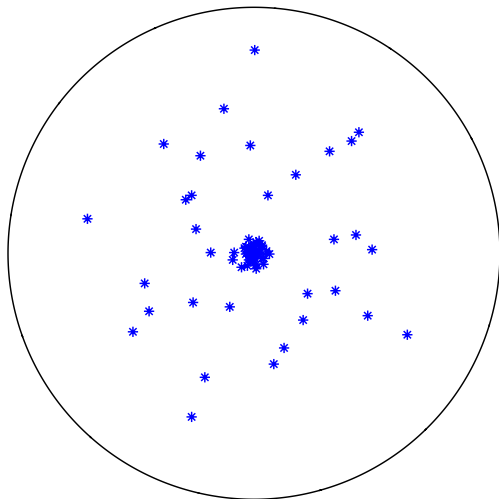
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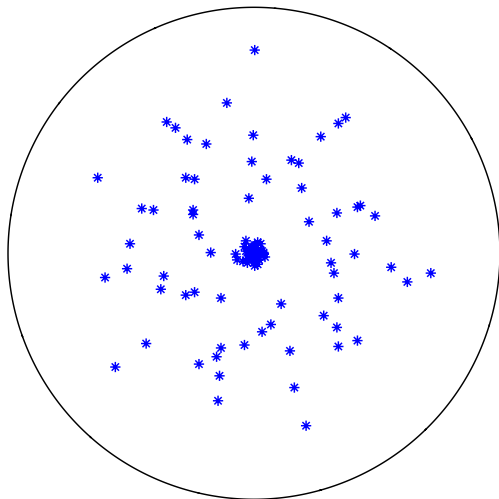
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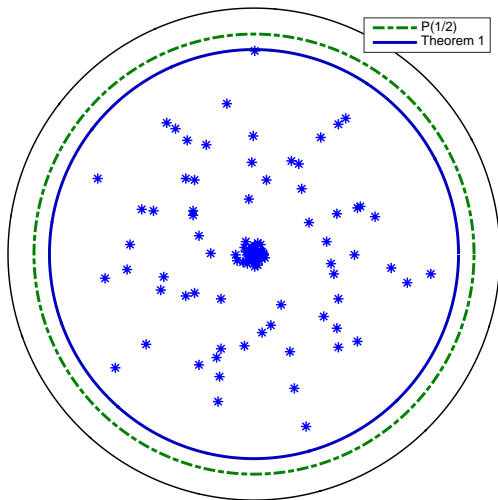
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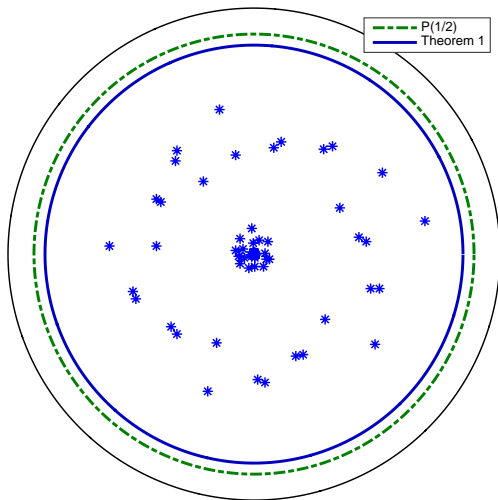
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... and for some cases, this upper bound is far from sharp

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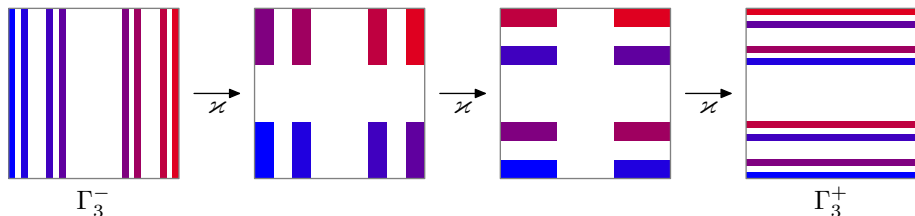
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- $b \equiv 1$, $a = \mathbf{1}_{\Gamma_k^-} \implies \|\text{Op}_N(\mathbf{1}_{\Gamma_k^-})u\| \geq |\lambda|^k$
- Contradiction if $|\lambda| \geq M^{-\beta+\varepsilon}$ and the fractal uncertainty principle holds with exponent β :

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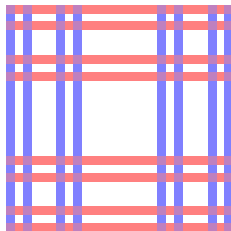
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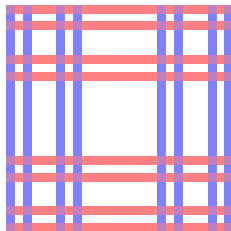
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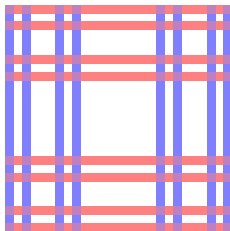
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$$p(z) = \sum_j u(j) z^j$$

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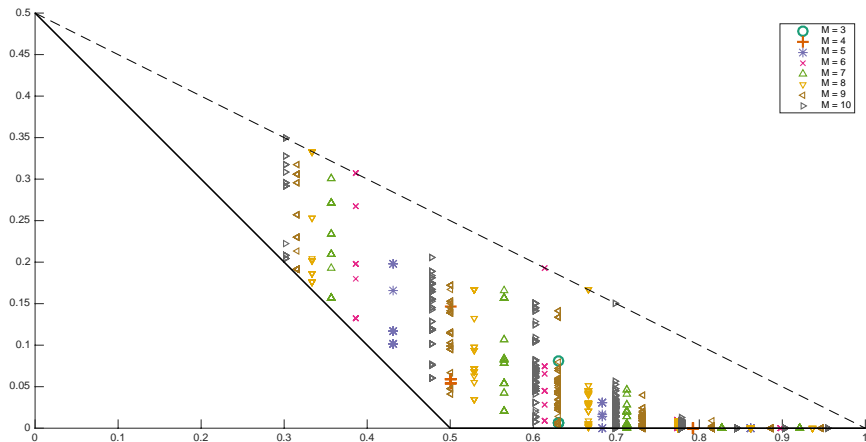
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Then $\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}_k} \mathcal{F}_N \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{C}_k}$ has rank 1, so all 2×2 minors are zero.
 Contradiction when $|\mathcal{A}| > 1$, $k = 2$

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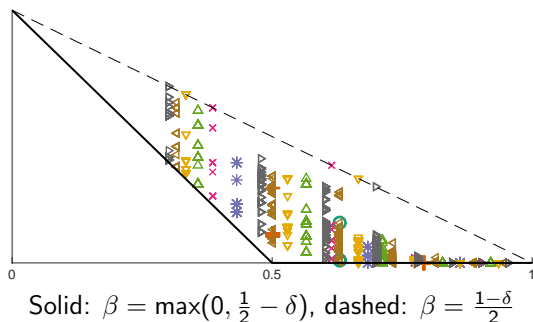
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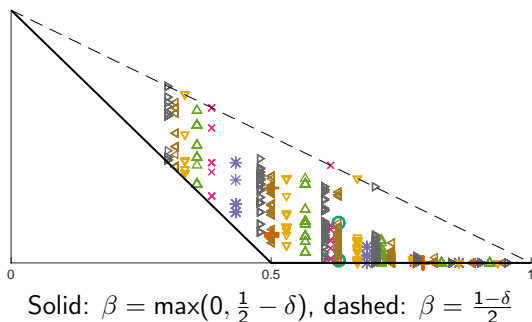
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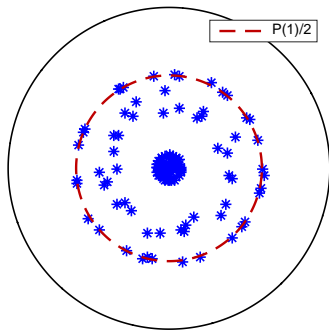
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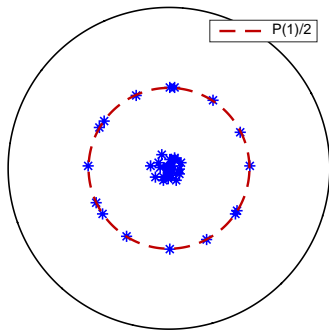
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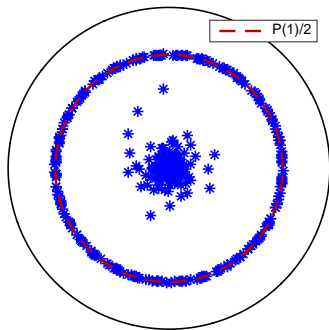
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- Eigenvalues in the first band satisfy exact **fractal Weyl law**:

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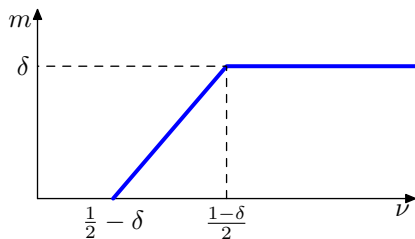
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[Nonnenmacher–Zworski '07](#): Exact fractal Weyl law for Walsh quantization

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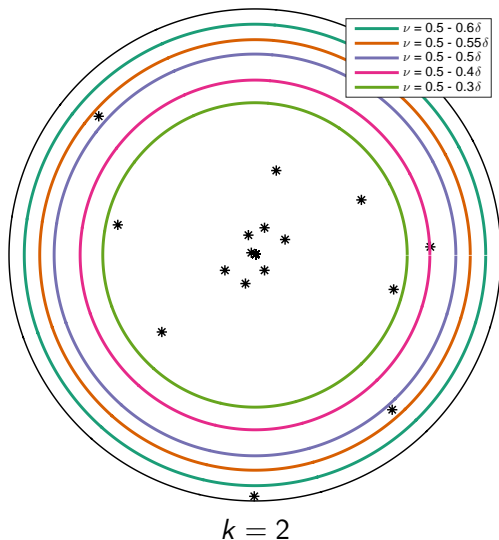
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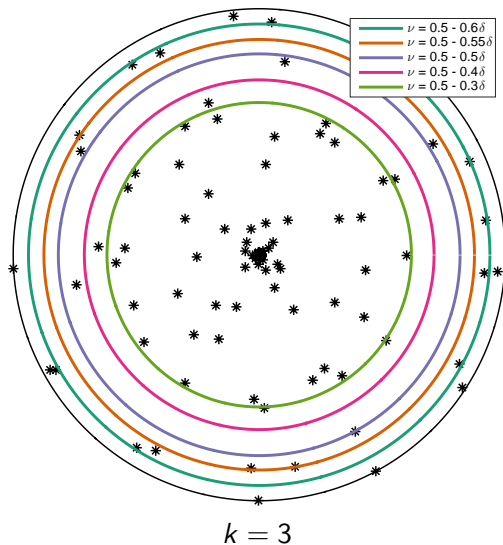
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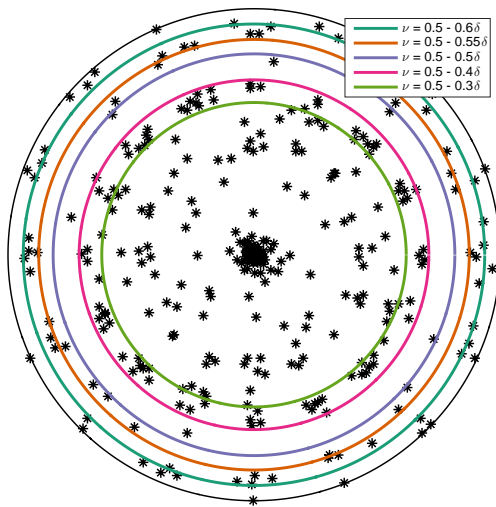
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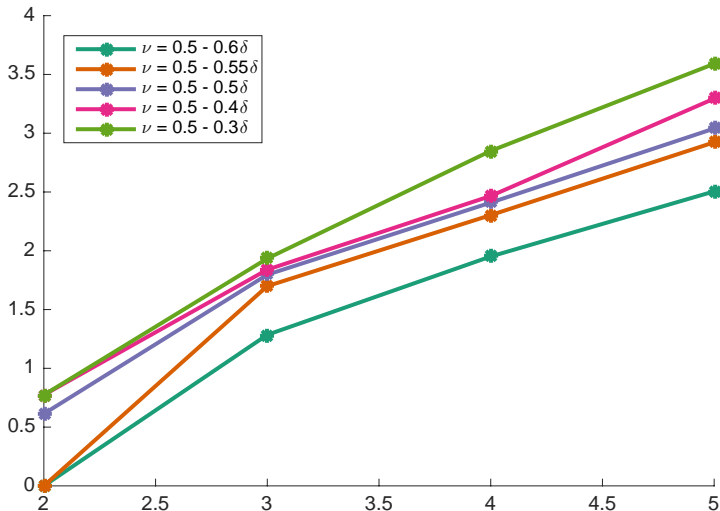


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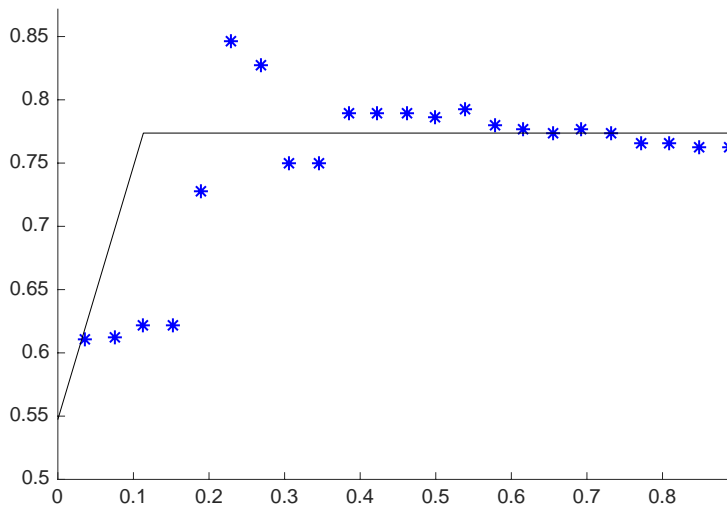
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Summary

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Thank you for your attention!

Results: dependence on cutoff

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e.g. for $M = 3$, $\mathcal{A} = \{0, 2\}$

$$B_N = \mathcal{F}_N^* \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{N/3} \mathcal{F}_{N/3} \chi_{N/3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \chi_{N/3} \mathcal{F}_{N/3} \chi_{N/3} \end{pmatrix}$$

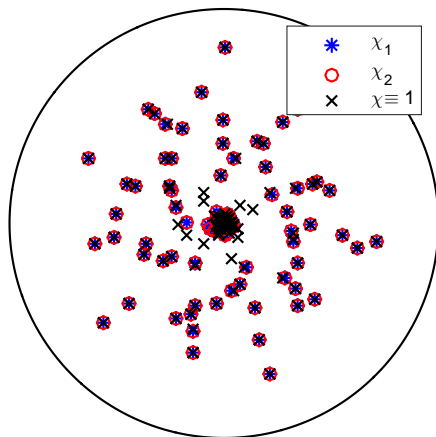
Theorem 4 [D–Jin '16]

Assume that $\chi_1, \chi_2 \in C_0^\infty((0, 1); [0, 1])$ and $\chi_1 = \chi_2$ near the Cantor set $\mathcal{C}_\infty \subset [0, 1]$. Then for each ν , eigenvalues of B_{N,χ_1} in $\{|\lambda| \geq M^{-\nu}\}$ are $\mathcal{O}(N^{-\infty})$ quasimodes of B_{N,χ_2} .

Dependence on cutoff

If $0, M - 1 \notin \mathcal{A}$ it is natural to take $\chi = 1$ near \mathcal{C}_∞ .

However we cannot take $\chi \equiv 1$:



$$M = 5, \mathcal{A} = \{1, 3\}, N = M^5, \chi_1 = \chi_2 = 1 \text{ near } \mathcal{C}_\infty$$