

Symplectic integration methods for multidimensional disordered nonlinear lattices

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Autonomous Hamiltonian systems

Consider an N degree of freedom autonomous Hamiltonian system having a Hamiltonian function of the form:

$$H(\overbrace{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N}^{\text{positions}}, \overbrace{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N}^{\text{momenta}})$$

The time evolution of an orbit (trajectory) with initial condition

$$P(0) = (q_1(0), q_2(0), \dots, q_N(0), p_1(0), p_2(0), \dots, p_N(0))$$

is governed by the Hamilton's equations of motion

$$\frac{dp_i}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i}, \quad \frac{dq_i}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}$$

Symplectic Integration schemes

Formally the solution of the Hamilton equations of motion can be written as:

$$\frac{d\vec{X}}{dt} = \{H, \vec{X}\} = L_H \vec{X} \Rightarrow \vec{X}(t) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{t^n}{n!} L_H^n \vec{X} = e^{tL_H} \vec{X}$$

where \vec{X} is the full coordinate vector and L_H the Poisson operator:

$$L_H f = \sum_{j=1}^N \left\{ \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_j} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_j} \right\}$$

If the Hamiltonian H can be **split into two integrable parts as $H=A+B$** , a symplectic scheme for integrating the equations of motion **from time t to time $t+\tau$** consists of approximating the operator $e^{\tau L_H}$ by

$$e^{\tau L_H} = e^{\tau(L_A + L_B)} = \prod_{i=1}^j e^{c_i \tau L_A} e^{d_i \tau L_B} + O(\tau^{n+1})$$

for appropriate values of constants c_i, d_i . This is **an integrator of order n** .

So the dynamics over an integration time step τ is described by a series of successive acts of Hamiltonians A and B .

Symplectic Integrator SABA₂C

The operator $e^{\tau L_H}$ can be approximated by the symplectic integrator [Laskar & Robutel, Cel. Mech. Dyn. Astr. (2001)]:

$$SABA_2 = e^{c_1 \tau L_A} e^{d_1 \tau L_B} e^{c_2 \tau L_A} e^{d_1 \tau L_B} e^{c_1 \tau L_A}$$

with $c_1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$, $c_2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$, $d_1 = \frac{1}{2}$.

The integrator has only **small positive steps** and its **error is of order 2**.

In the case where **A is quadratic in the momenta and B depends only on the positions** the method can be improved by introducing a corrector C , having a small negative step:

$$C = e^{-\tau^3 \frac{c}{2} L_{\{\{A,B\}, B\}}}$$

with $c = \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{24}$.

Thus the full integrator scheme becomes: **$SABAC_2 = C (SABA_2) C$** and its **error is of order 4**.

Interplay of disorder and nonlinearity

Waves in disordered media – Anderson localization

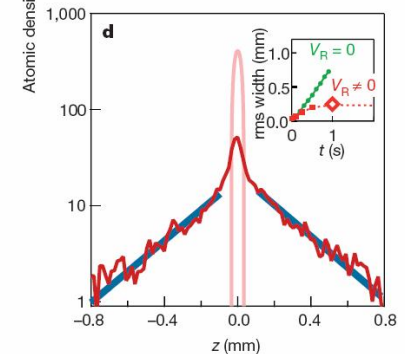
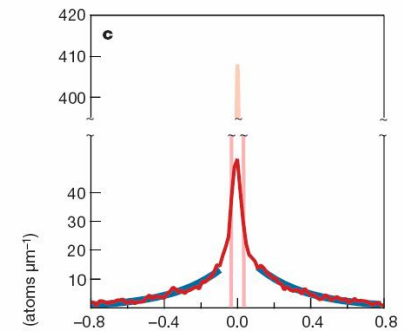
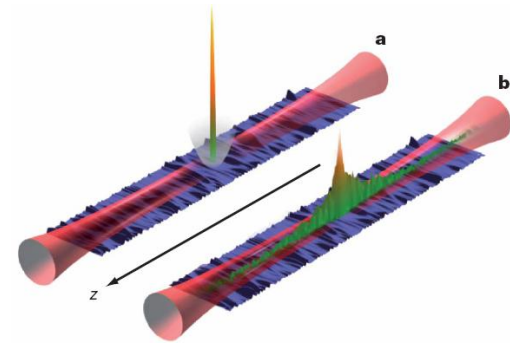
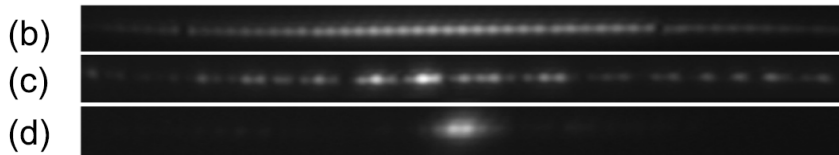
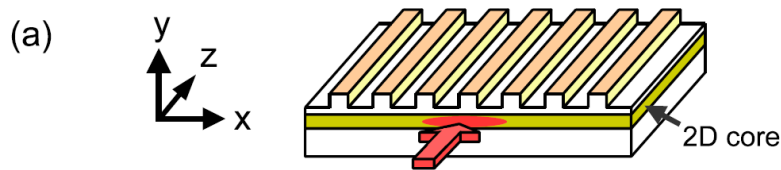
[Anderson, Phys. Rev. (1958)]. Experiments on BEC

[Billy et al., Nature (2008)]

Waves in nonlinear disordered media – localization or delocalization?

Theoretical and/or numerical studies [Shepelyansky, PRL, (1993) – Molina, Phys. Rev. B (1998) - Pikovsky & Shepelyansky, PRL, (2008) - Kopidakis et al., PRL, (2008)]

Experiments: propagation of light in disordered 1d waveguide lattices [Lahini et al., PRL, (2008)]



The Klein – Gordon (KG) model

$$H_K = \sum_{l=1}^N \frac{p_l^2}{2} + \frac{\tilde{\varepsilon}_l}{2} u_l^2 + \frac{1}{4} u_l^4 + \frac{1}{2W} (u_{l+1} - u_l)^2$$

with **fixed boundary conditions** $u_0=p_0=u_{N+1}=p_{N+1}=0$. Typically $N=1000$.

Parameters: W and the **total energy E**. $\tilde{\varepsilon}_l$ **chosen uniformly from** $\left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right]$.

The discrete nonlinear Schrödinger (DNLS) equation

We also consider the system:

$$H_D = \sum_{l=1}^N \varepsilon_l |\psi_l|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} |\psi_l|^4 - (\psi_{l+1} \psi_l^* + \psi_{l+1}^* \psi_l)$$

where ε_l **chosen uniformly from** $\left[-\frac{W}{2}, \frac{W}{2}\right]$ and β is the

nonlinear parameter.

Conserved quantities: The energy and the norm of the wave packet.

Distribution characterization

We consider normalized **energy distributions** in normal mode (NM) space

$$z_v \equiv \frac{E_v}{\sum_m E_m} \quad \text{with} \quad E_v = \frac{1}{2} \left(\dot{A}_v^2 + \omega_v^2 A_v^2 \right), \quad \text{where } A_v \text{ is the amplitude}$$

of the v th NM.

Second moment:
$$m_2 = \sum_{v=1}^N (v - \bar{v})^2 z_v \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{v} = \sum_{v=1}^N v z_v$$


Participation number:
$$P = \frac{1}{\sum_{v=1}^N z_v^2}$$

measures the number of stronger excited modes in z_v . Single mode $P=1$,
Equipartition of energy $P=N$.


The KG model

We apply the **SABAC₂** integrator scheme to the KG Hamiltonian by using the **splitting**:

$$H_K = \sum_{l=1}^N \left(\underbrace{\frac{\mathbf{p}_l^2}{2}}_{\mathbf{A}} + \underbrace{\frac{\tilde{\epsilon}_l}{2} u_l^2 + \frac{1}{4} u_l^4 + \frac{1}{2W} (u_{l+1} - u_l)^2}_{\mathbf{B}} \right)$$



$$e^{\tau L_A}: \begin{cases} u'_l = p_l \tau + u_l \\ p'_l = p_l, \end{cases}$$



$$e^{\tau L_B}: \begin{cases} u'_l = u_l \\ p'_l = \left[-u_l(\tilde{\epsilon}_l + u_l^2) + \frac{1}{W}(u_{l-1} + u_{l+1} - 2u_l) \right] \tau + p_l, \end{cases}$$

with a **corrector term** which corresponds to the Hamiltonian function:

$$\mathbf{C} = \{ \{ \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \}, \mathbf{B} \} = \sum_{l=1}^N \left[u_l (\tilde{\epsilon}_l + u_l^2) - \frac{1}{W} (u_{l-1} + u_{l+1} - 2u_l) \right]^2.$$

The DNLS model

A **2nd order** SABA Symplectic Integrator with **5 steps**, combined with **approximate solution for the B part** (Fourier Transform): **SIFT₂**

$$H_D = \sum_l \epsilon_l |\psi_l|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} |\psi_l|^4 - (\psi_{l+1} \psi_l^* + \psi_{l+1}^* \psi_l), \quad \psi_l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (q_l + ip_l)$$

$$H_D = \sum_l \left(\underbrace{\frac{\epsilon_l}{2} (q_l^2 + p_l^2) + \frac{\beta}{8} (q_l^2 + p_l^2)^2}_{\mathbf{A}} - \underbrace{q_n q_{n+1} - p_n p_{n+1}}_{\mathbf{B}} \right)$$

$$e^{\tau L_A}: \begin{cases} q'_l = q_l \cos(\alpha_l \tau) + p_l \sin(\alpha_l \tau), \\ p'_l = p_l \cos(\alpha_l \tau) - q_l \sin(\alpha_l \tau), \\ \alpha_l = \epsilon_l + \beta(q_l^2 + p_l^2)/2 \end{cases}$$

$$e^{\tau L_B}: \begin{cases} \varphi_q = \sum_{m=1}^N \psi_m e^{2\pi i q(m-1)/N} \\ \varphi'_q = \varphi_q e^{2i \cos(2\pi(q-1)/N) \tau} \\ \psi'_l = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{q=1}^N \varphi'_q e^{-2\pi i l(q-1)/N} \end{cases}$$

The DNLS model

Symplectic Integrators produced by **Successive Splits (SS)**

$$H_D = \sum_l \left(\underbrace{\frac{\varepsilon_l}{2} (q_l^2 + p_l^2) + \frac{\beta}{8} (q_l^2 + p_l^2)^2}_{\text{A}} \underbrace{- q_n q_{n+1} - p_n p_{n+1}}_{\text{B}} \right)$$

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Using the **SABA₂** integrator we get a **2nd order integrator with 13 steps, SS(SABA₂)₂**:

$$\text{SS(SABA}_2)_2 = e^{\left[\frac{(3-\sqrt{3})}{6} \tau \right] L_A} \underbrace{e^{\frac{\tau}{2} L_B}}_{\text{A}} e^{\frac{\sqrt{3}\tau}{3} L_A} \underbrace{e^{\frac{\tau}{2} L_B}}_{\text{B}} e^{\left[\frac{(3-\sqrt{3})}{6} \tau \right] L_A}$$

$$\tau' = \tau / 2 \quad \underbrace{e^{\left[\frac{(3-\sqrt{3})}{6} \tau' \right] L_{B_1}} e^{\frac{\tau'}{2} L_{B_2}} e^{\frac{\sqrt{3}\tau'}{3} L_{B_1}} e^{\frac{\tau'}{2} L_{B_2}} e^{\left[\frac{(3-\sqrt{3})}{6} \tau' \right] L_{B_1}}}_{\text{B}_1} \underbrace{e^{\left[\frac{(3-\sqrt{3})}{6} \tau' \right] L_{B_1}} e^{\frac{\tau'}{2} L_{B_2}} e^{\frac{\sqrt{3}\tau'}{3} L_{B_1}} e^{\frac{\tau'}{2} L_{B_2}} e^{\left[\frac{(3-\sqrt{3})}{6} \tau' \right] L_{B_1}}}_{\text{B}_2}$$

Different Dynamical Regimes

Three expected evolution regimes [Flach, Chem. Phys (2010) - Ch.S. & Flach, PRE (2010) - Lapyteva et al., EPL (2010) - Bodyfelt et al., PRE (2011)]

Δ : width of the frequency spectrum, d : average spacing of interacting modes, δ : nonlinear frequency shift.

Weak Chaos Regime: $\delta < d$, $m_2 \sim t^{1/3}$

Frequency shift is less than the average spacing of interacting modes. NMs are weakly interacting with each other. [Molina, PRB (1998) – Pikovsky, & Shepelyansky, PRL (2008)].

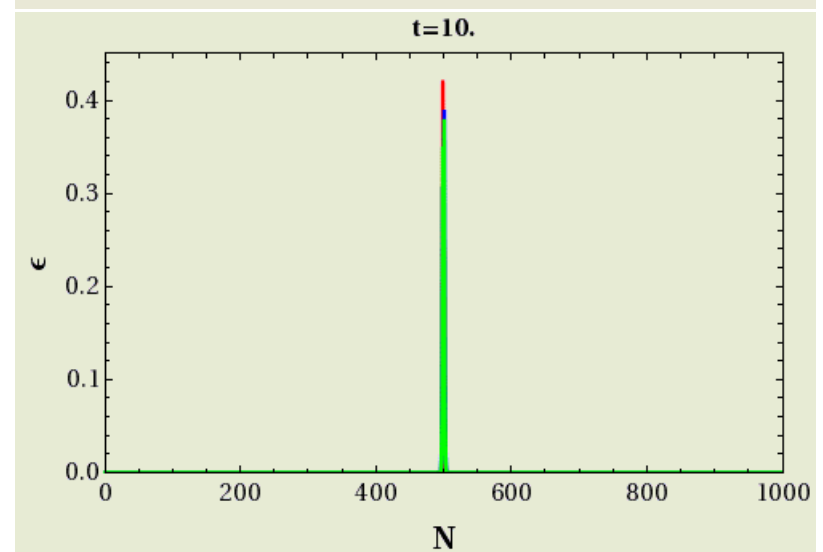
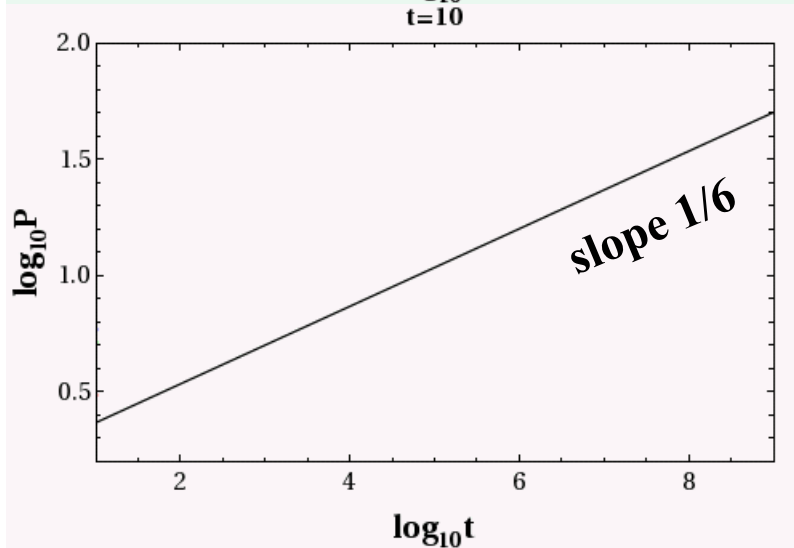
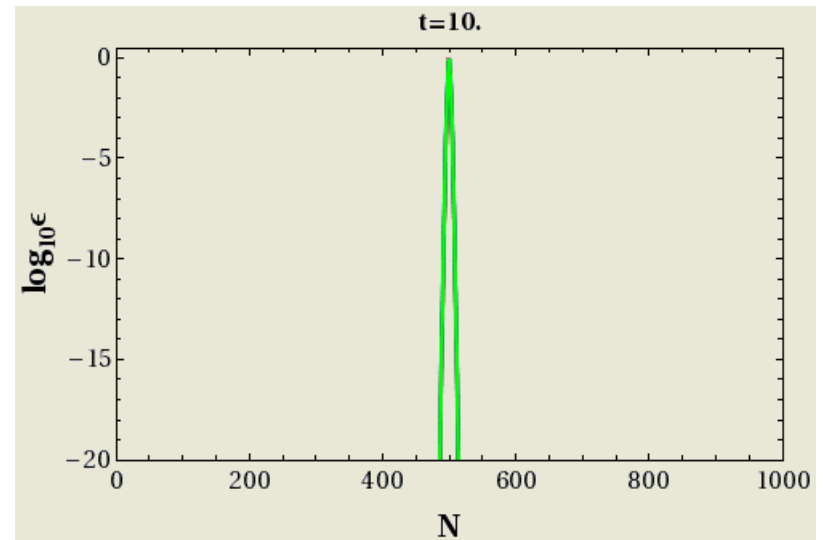
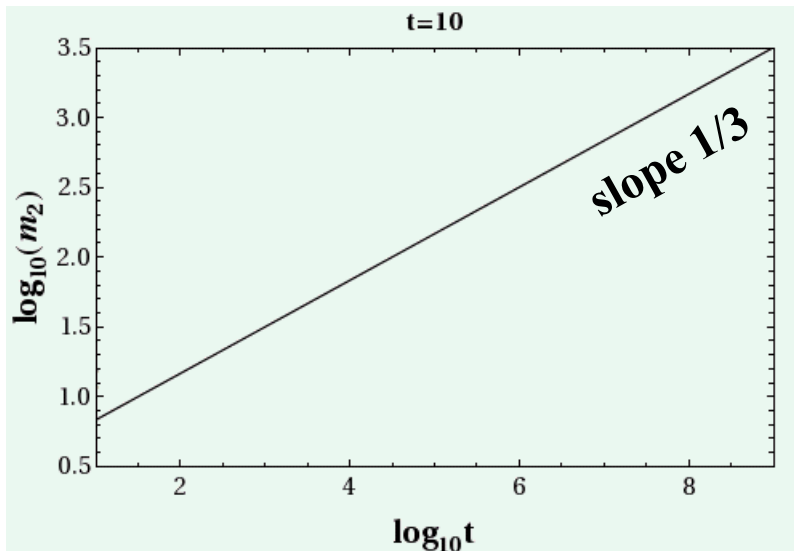
Intermediate Strong Chaos Regime: $d < \delta < \Delta$, $m_2 \sim t^{1/2} \rightarrow m_2 \sim t^{1/3}$

Almost all NMs in the packet are resonantly interacting. Wave packets initially spread faster and eventually enter the weak chaos regime.

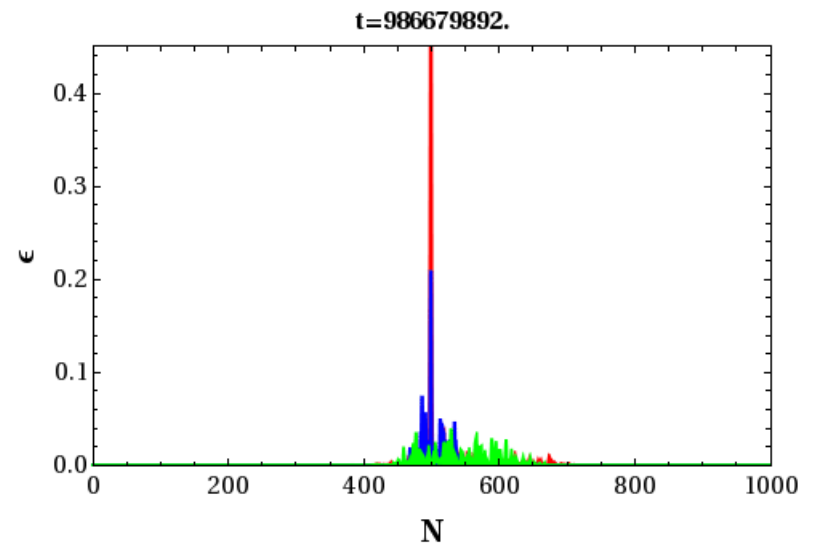
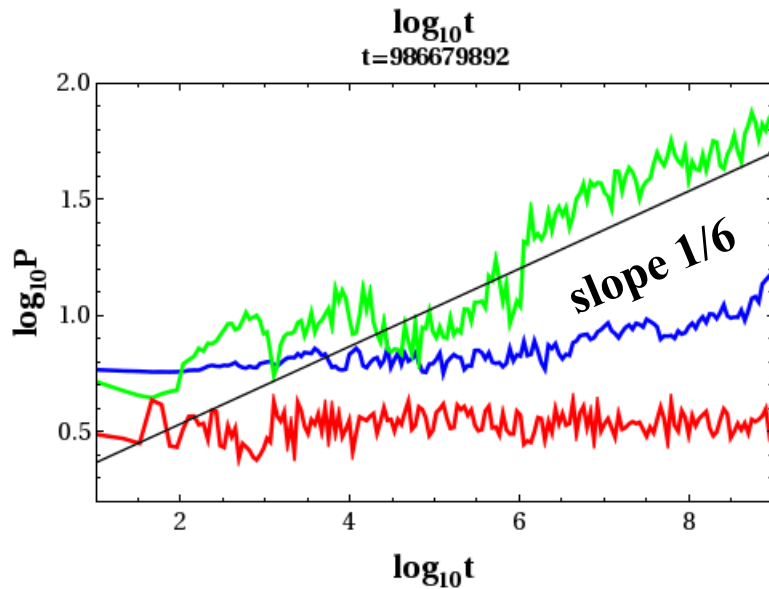
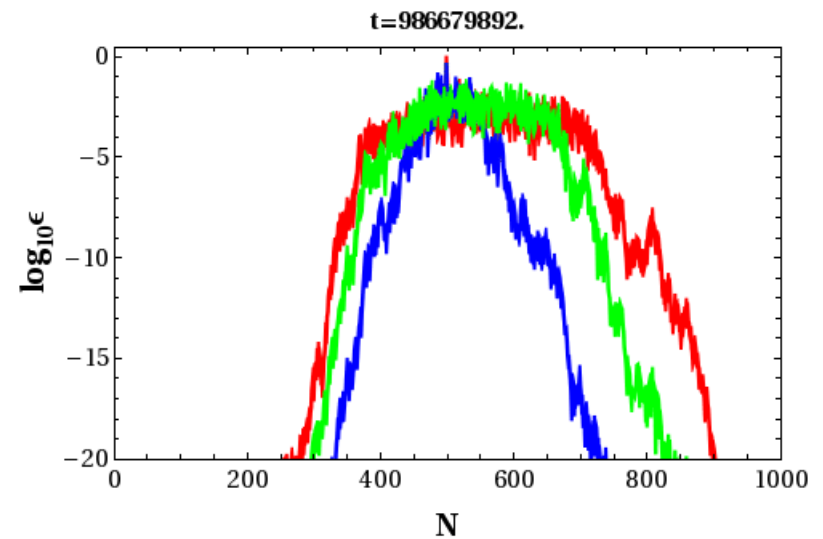
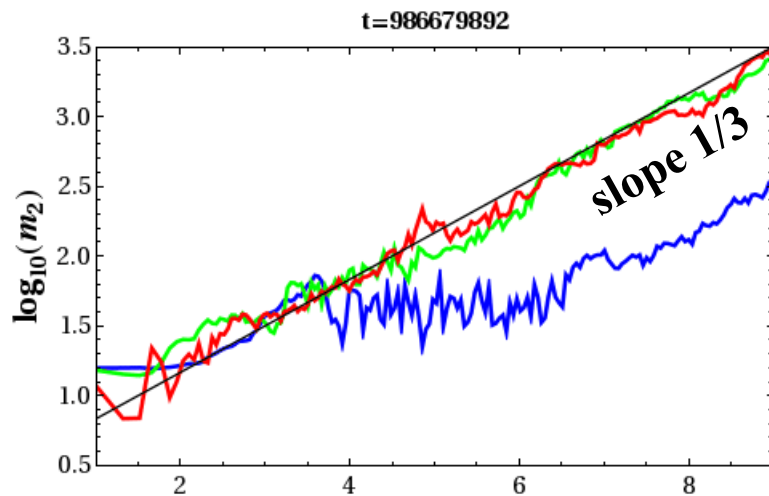
Selftrapping Regime: $\delta > \Delta$

Frequency shift exceeds the spectrum width. Frequencies of excited NMs are tuned out of resonances with the nonexcited ones, leading to selftrapping, while a small part of the wave packet subdiffuses [Kopidakis et al., PRL (2008)].

Different spreading regimes



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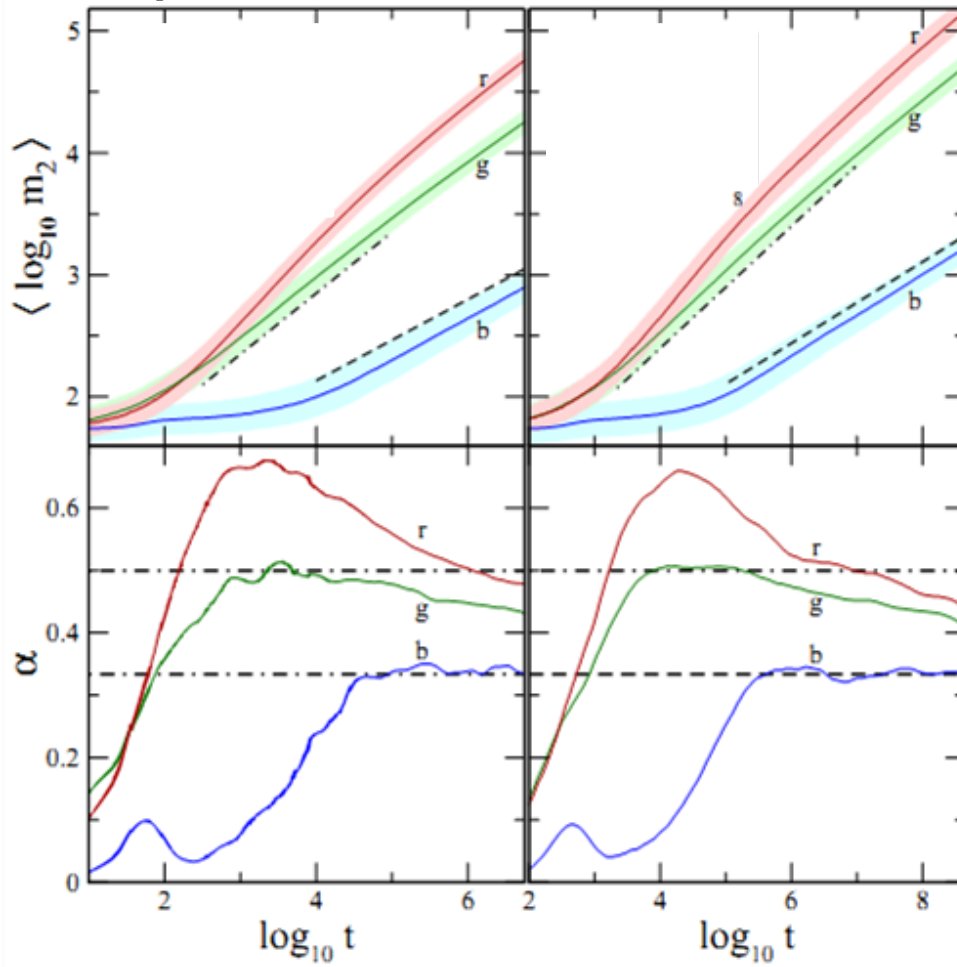


Crossover from strong to weak chaos

DNLS $\beta = 0.04, 0.72, 3.6$ KG $E = 0.01, 0.2, 0.75$

$W=4$

Average over 1000 realizations!



$$\alpha(\log t) = \frac{d \langle \log m_2 \rangle}{d \log t}$$

$\alpha=1/2$

$\alpha=1/3$

Symplectic integration of variational equations

Autonomous Hamiltonian systems

We study **N degree of freedom** autonomous Hamiltonian systems of the form:

$$H(\vec{q}, \vec{p}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N p_i^2 + V(\vec{q})$$

As an example, we consider the Hénon-Heiles system:

$$H_2 = \frac{1}{2}(p_x^2 + p_y^2) + \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2) + x^2y - \frac{1}{3}y^3$$

Hamilton equations of motion:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = p_x \\ \dot{y} = p_y \\ \dot{p}_x = -x - 2xy \\ \dot{p}_y = y^2 - x^2 - y \end{cases}$$

Variational equations:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\delta x} = \delta p_x \\ \dot{\delta y} = \delta p_y \\ \dot{\delta p}_x = -(1 + 2y)\delta x - 2x\delta y \\ \dot{\delta p}_y = -2x\delta x + (-1 + 2y)\delta y \end{cases}$$

Chaos detection methods

The maximum Lyapunov exponent of a given orbit characterizes the mean exponential rate of divergence of trajectories surrounding this orbit.

$$\text{mLCE} = \lambda_1 = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \ln \frac{\|\vec{w}(t)\|}{\|\vec{w}(0)\|}$$

$\lambda_1=0 \rightarrow$ Regular motion ($\propto t^{-1}$)

$\lambda_1 \neq 0 \rightarrow$ Chaotic motion

Following the evolution of k deviation vectors with $2 \leq k \leq 2N$, we define (Ch.S. et al., 2007) the **Generalized Alignment Index (GALI)** of order k :

$$\text{GALI}_k(t) = \|\hat{w}_1(t) \wedge \hat{w}_2(t) \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{w}_k(t)\|$$

Chaotic motion:

$$\text{GALI}_k(t) \propto e^{-[(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_3) + \dots + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_k)]t}$$

Regular motion on an

s -dimensional torus with $s \leq N$:

$$\text{GALI}_k(t) \propto \begin{cases} \text{constant} & \text{if } 2 \leq k \leq s \\ \frac{1}{t^{k-s}} & \text{if } s < k \leq 2N - s \\ \frac{1}{t^{2(k-N)}} & \text{if } 2N - s < k \leq 2N \end{cases}$$

Tangent Map (TM) Method

Use symplectic integration schemes for the whole set of equations [Ch.S. & Gerlach, PRE (2010) - Gerlach & Ch.S., Discr. Cont. Dyn. Sys. Supp. (2011) – Gerlach et al., Int. J. Bif. Chaos (2012)]

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$$A = \frac{1}{2}(p_x^2 + p_y^2), \quad B = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2) + x^2y - \frac{1}{3}y^3,$$

with a **corrector term** which corresponds to the Hamiltonian function:

$$C = \{\{A, B\}, B\} = (x + 2xy)^2 + (x^2 - y^2 + y)^2$$

We approximate the dynamics by **the act of Hamiltonians A, B and C, which correspond to the symplectic maps:**

$$e^{\tau L_A} : \begin{cases} x' = x + p_x \tau \\ y' = y + p_y \tau \\ p'_x = p_x \\ p'_y = p_y \end{cases}, \quad e^{\tau L_C} : \begin{cases} x' = x \\ y' = y \\ p'_x = p_x - 2x(1 + 2x^2 + 6y + 2y^2)\tau \\ p'_y = p_y - 2(y - 3y^2 + 2y^3 + 3x^2 + 2x^2y)\tau \end{cases}.$$
$$e^{\tau L_B} : \begin{cases} x' = x \\ y' = y \\ p'_x = p_x - x(1 + 2y)\tau \\ p'_y = p_y + (y^2 - x^2 - y)\tau \end{cases},$$

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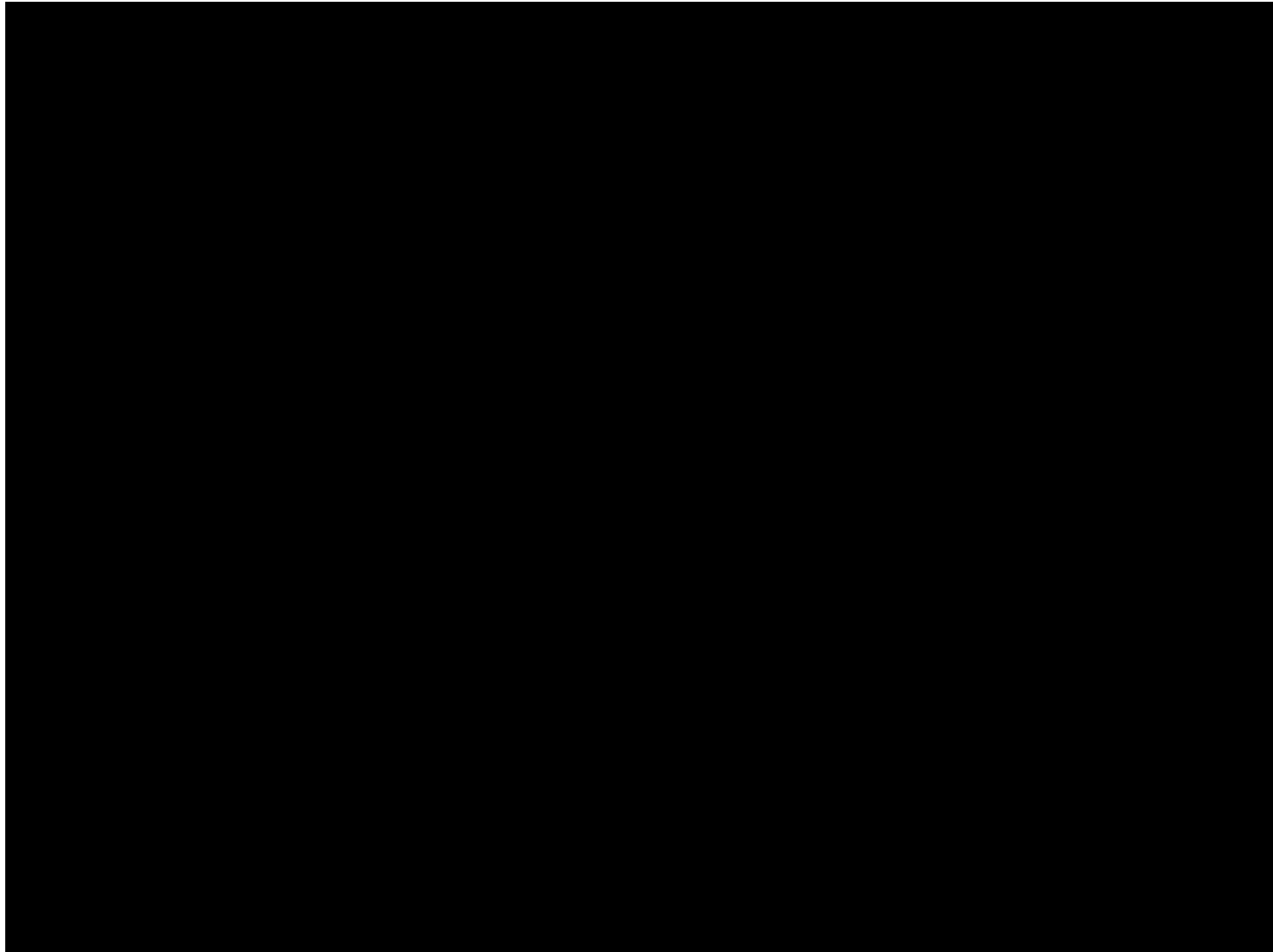
Any symplectic integration scheme used for solving the Hamilton equations of motion, which involves the act of Hamiltonians A, B and C, can be extended in order to integrate simultaneously the variational equations.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 e^{\tau L_A} : \begin{cases} x' = x + p_x \tau \\ y' = y + p_y \tau \\ p'_x = p_x \\ p'_y = p_y \end{cases} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & e^{\tau L_{AV}} : \begin{cases} x' = x + p_x \tau \\ y' = y + p_y \tau \\ p'_x = p_x \\ p'_y = p_y \\ \delta x' = \delta x + \delta p_x \tau \\ \delta y' = \delta y + \delta p_y \tau \\ \delta p'_x = \delta p_x \\ \delta p'_y = \delta p_y \end{cases} \\
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 e^{\tau L_C} : \begin{cases} x' = x \\ y' = y \\ p'_x = p_x - 2x(1 + 2x^2 + 6y + 2y^2)\tau \\ p'_y = p_y - 2(y - 3y^2 + 2y^3 + 3x^2 + 2x^2y)\tau \end{cases} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & e^{\tau L_{CV}} : \begin{cases} x' = x \\ y' = y \\ p'_x = p_x - 2x(1 + 2x^2 + 6y + 2y^2)\tau \\ p'_y = p_y - 2(y - 3y^2 + 2y^3 + 3x^2 + 2x^2y)\tau \\ \delta x' = \delta x \\ \delta y' = \delta y \\ \delta p'_x = \delta p_x - 2[(1 + 6x^2 + 2y^2 + 6y)\delta x + 2x(3 + 2y)\delta y]\tau \\ \delta p'_y = \delta p_y - 2[2x(3 + 2y)\delta x + (1 + 2x^2 + 6y^2 - 6y)\delta y]\tau \end{cases}
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Chaotic behavior of the KG model

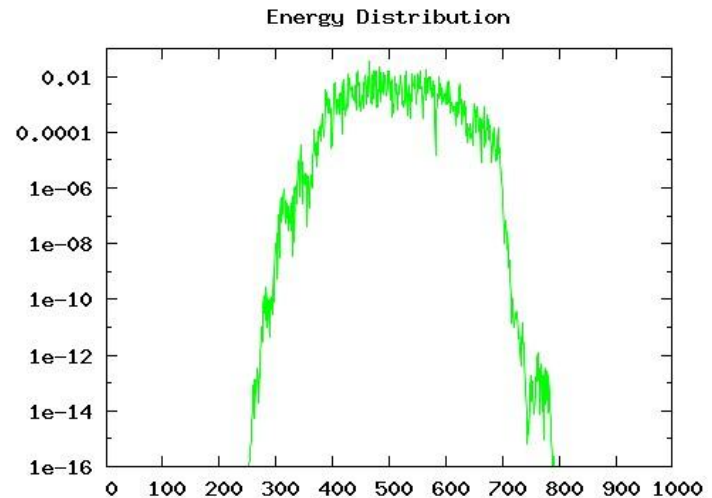
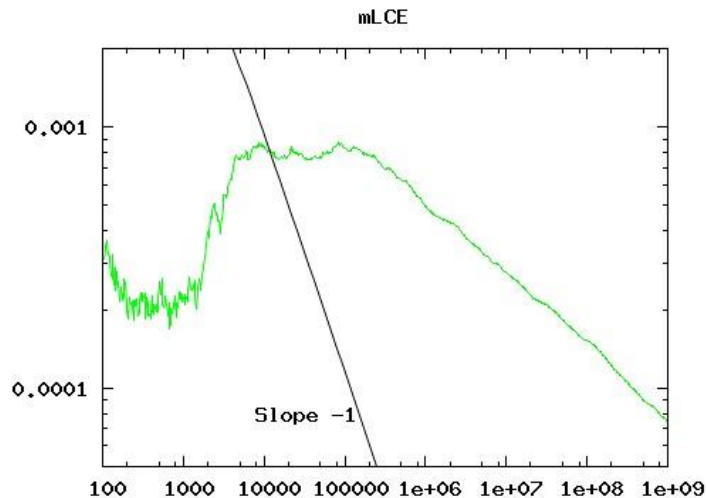
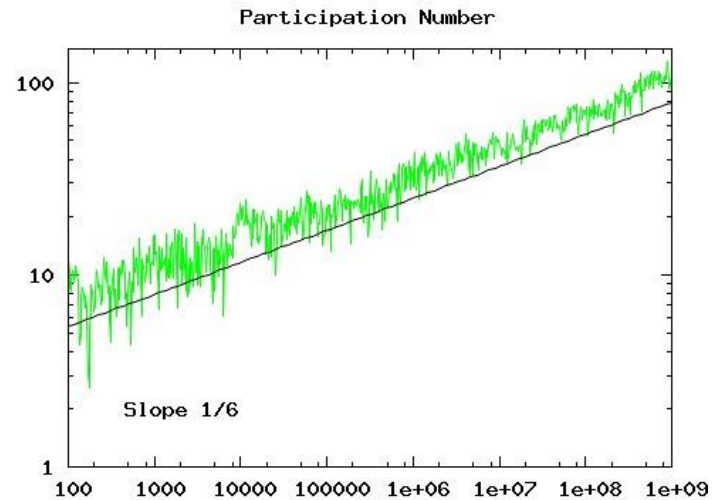
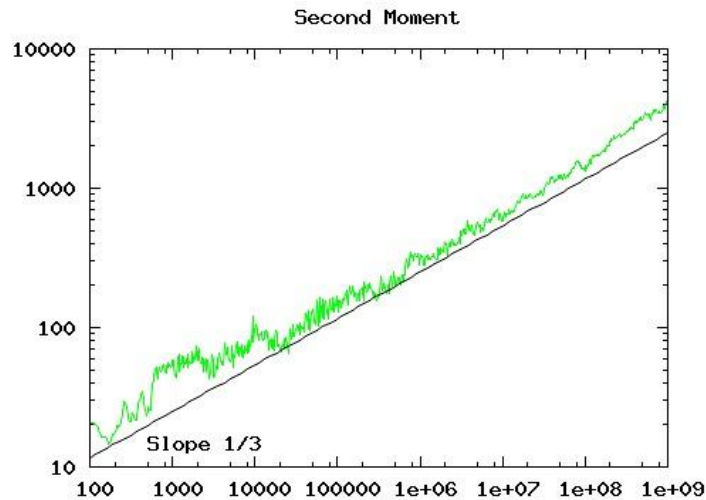
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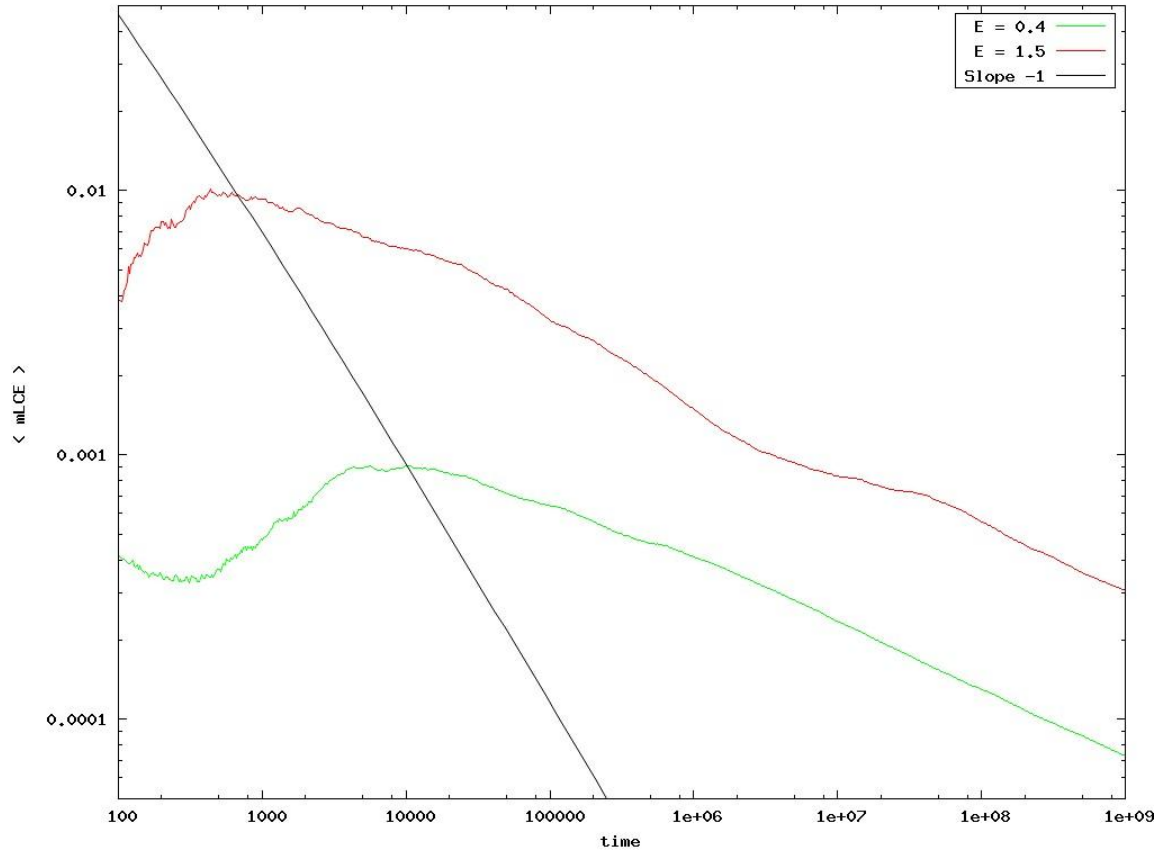
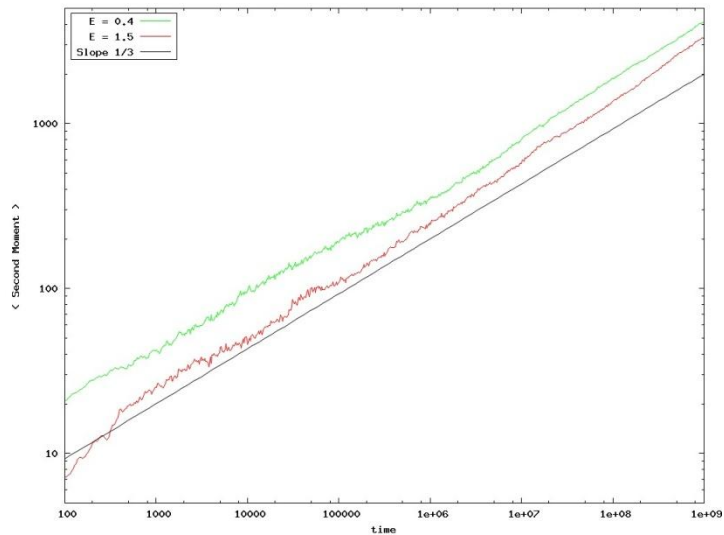
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Single site excitations: Different spreading regimes

KG $W = 4$, $E = 0.4, 1.5$

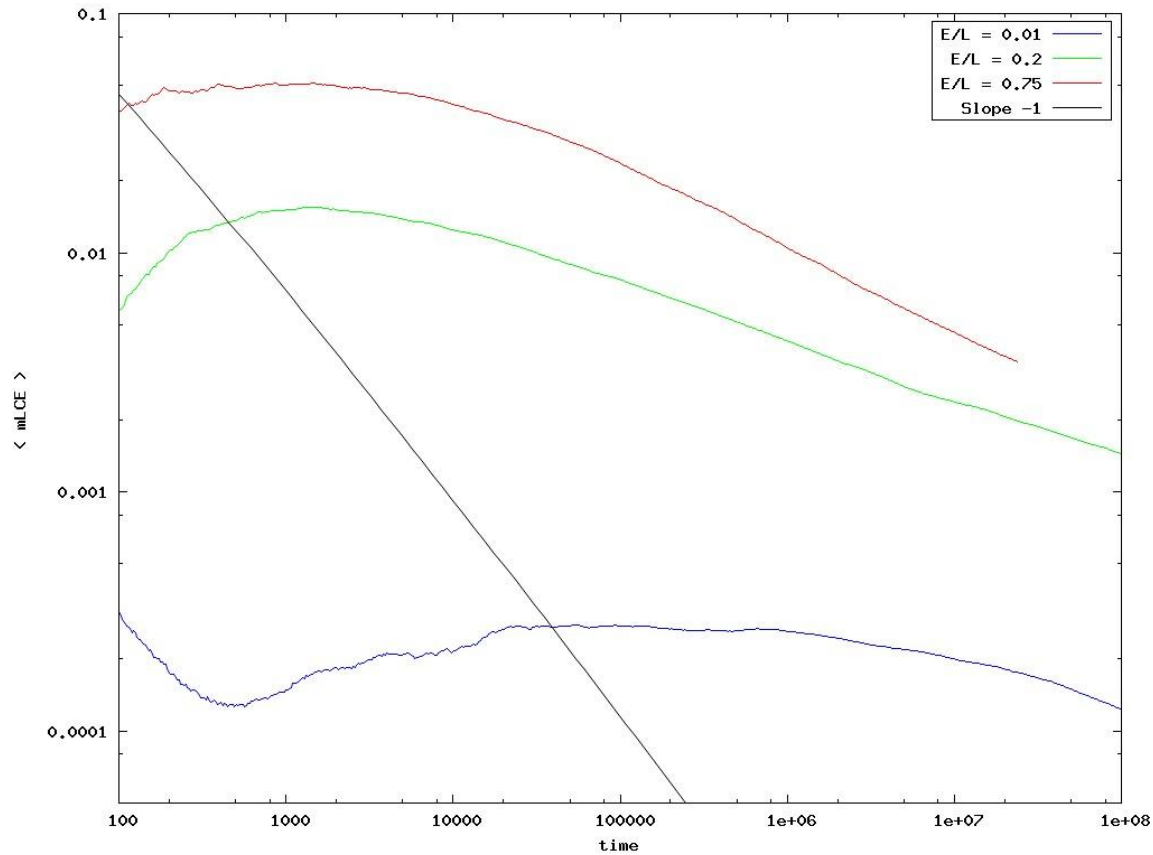
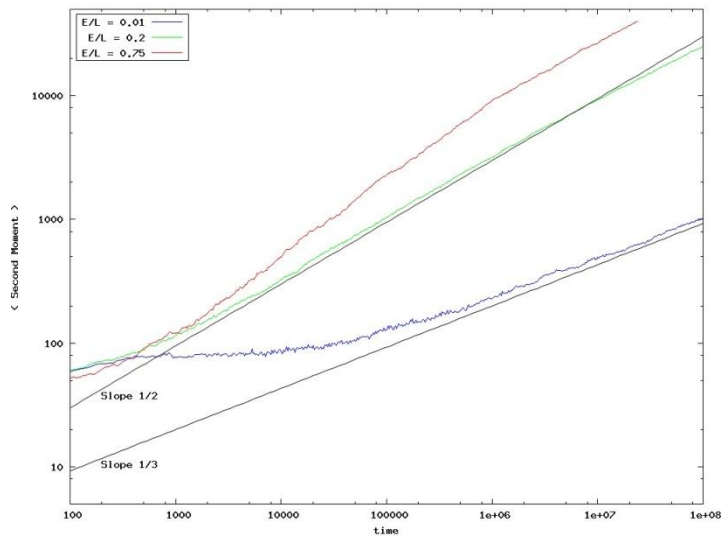
Average over 20 realizations



Block excitations: Different spreading regimes

$W = 4$, $E/L = 0.01, 0.2, 0.75$

Average over 20 realizations



High order three part split symplectic integrators for the DNLS model

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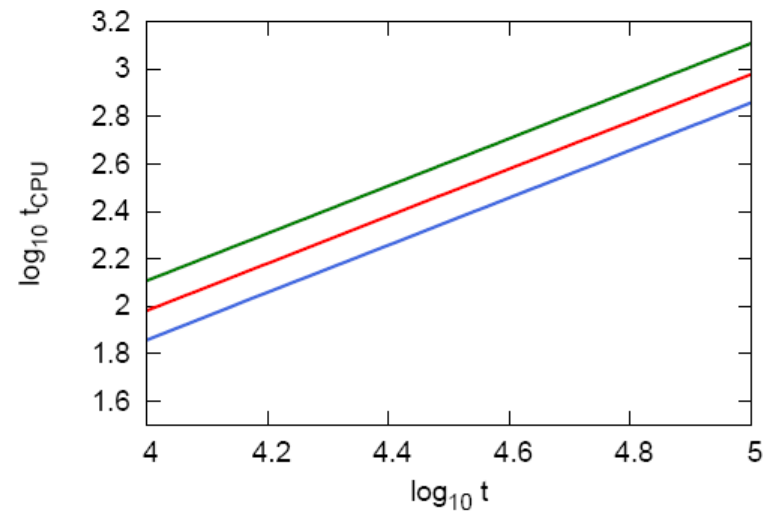
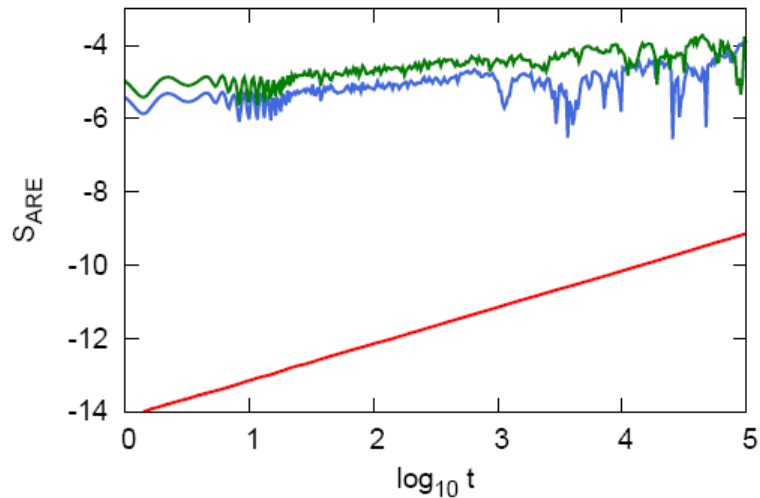
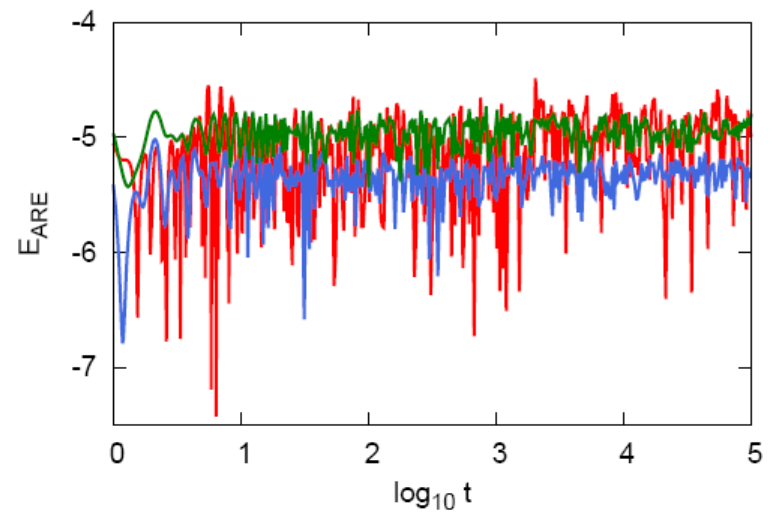
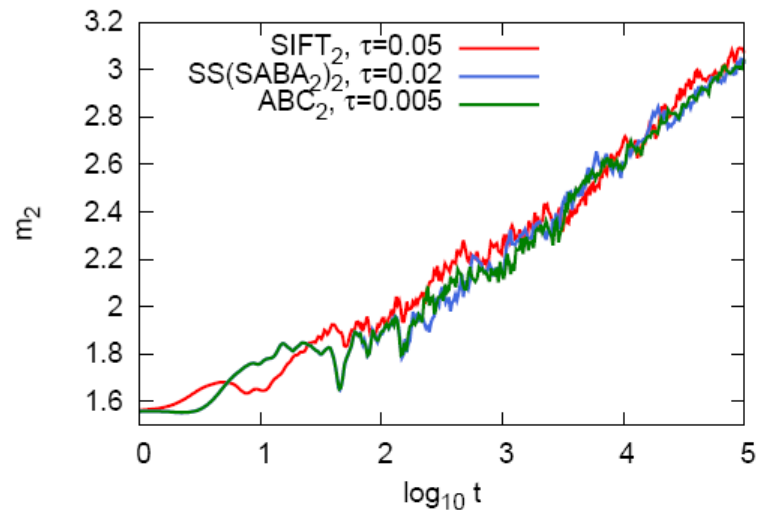
Three part split symplectic integrator of order 2, with 5 steps: ABC_2

$$H_D = \sum_l \left(\underbrace{\frac{\varepsilon_l}{2} (q_l^2 + p_l^2) + \frac{\beta}{8} (q_l^2 + p_l^2)^2}_A \underbrace{-q_n q_{n+1}}_B \underbrace{-p_n p_{n+1}}_C \right)$$

$$ABC_2 = e^{\frac{\tau}{2} L_A} e^{\frac{\tau}{2} L_B} e^{\tau L_C} e^{\frac{\tau}{2} L_B} e^{\frac{\tau}{2} L_A}$$

This low order integrator has already been used by e.g. Chambers, MNRAS (1999) – Goździewski et al., MNRAS (2008).

2nd order integrators: Numerical results



4th order symplectic integrators

Starting from any 2nd order symplectic integrator $S_{2\text{nd}}$, we can construct a 4th order integrator $S_{4\text{th}}$ using a **composition method** [Yoshida, Phys. Let. A (1990)]:

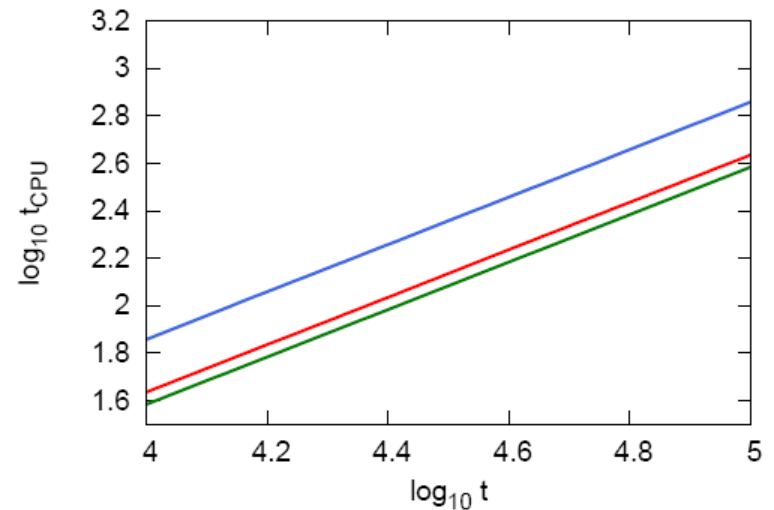
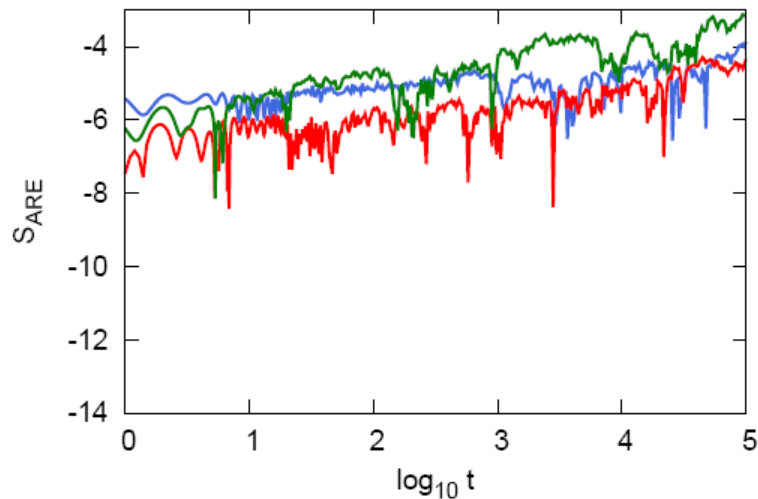
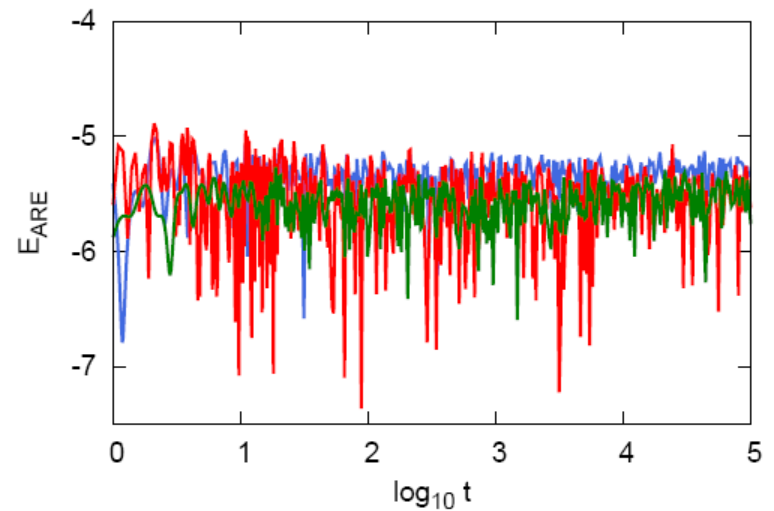
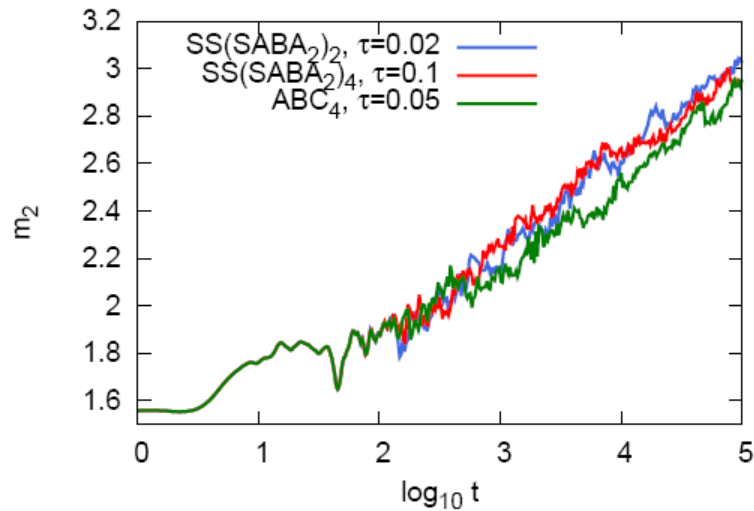
$$S_{4\text{th}}(\tau) = S_{2\text{nd}}(\mathbf{x}_1 \tau) \times S_{2\text{nd}}(\mathbf{x}_0 \tau) \times S_{2\text{nd}}(\mathbf{x}_1 \tau)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = -\frac{2^{1/3}}{2 - 2^{1/3}}, \quad \mathbf{x}_1 = \frac{1}{2 - 2^{1/3}}$$

Starting with the 2nd order integrators $SS(SABA_2)_2$ and ABC_2 we construct the 4th order integrators:

- $SS(SABA_2)_4$ with 37 steps
- ABC_4 with 13 steps

4th order integrators: Numerical results



Outlook

- **Disordered nonlinear lattices:**
 - ✓ **Quantify the chaotic behavior of energy spreading:** Find theoretical or empirical laws for the evolution of Lyapunov exponents.
 - ✓ Use **covariant Lyapunov vectors** and **frequency map analysis** in order to study the chaotic nature of energy spreading: Do ‘**chaotic hot spots**’ exist?
 - ✓ Determine the **limiting states of wave packets**.
 - ✓ Identification of the **selftrapped and spreading parts** of wave packets.
 - ✓ Extension to **higher spatial dimensions**, and **interactions beyond nearest neighbors**.
- **Three part split symplectic integrators**
 - ✓ Computation of **chaos indicators for the DNLS model**.
 - ✓ Different techniques for **constructing high order integrators**.
 - ✓ Investigate the possible use of **corrector terms**.
 - ✓ **Applications to other dynamical systems** (e.g. models studied at UCT).
- **Chaos detection techniques**
 - ✓ Behavior of $GALI_k$ indices for **time dependent Hamiltonians, dissipative systems, and time series**.
 - ✓ Computation of the spectrum of LCEs using the **compound matrix theory**.
 - ✓ Review paper: **Comparative study** of the various existing methods.

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Summary

- **Multidimensional disordered nonlinear lattices :**
 - ✓ The use of **symplectic schemes** allow us to follow their evolution for **very long time intervals**.
 - ✓ We predicted theoretically and verified numerically the existence of **different dynamical behaviors**: a) Weak Chaos Regime: $\delta < d$, $m_2 \sim t^{1/3}$, b) Intermediate Strong Chaos Regime: $d < \delta < \Delta$, $m_2 \sim t^{1/2} \rightarrow m_2 \sim t^{1/3}$, c) Selftrapping Regime: $\delta > \Delta$
 - ✓ **Generality** of results: a) Two different models: KG and DNLS, b) Predictions made for DNLS are verified for both models.
- **Numerical schemes based on **symplectic integrators** can be used for the efficient integration of the variational equations of multidimensional Hamiltonian systems.**
 - ✓ Our results suggest that **Anderson localization is eventually destroyed by the slightest amount of nonlinearity**, since spreading does not show any sign of slowing down.
 - ✓ **Energy spreading is a chaotic phenomenon**, as Lyapunov exponent estimators decrease following an evolution different than in the case of regular motion.
- **Three part split symplectic integrators**
 - ✓ Proved to be **efficient integration methods** suitable for **the integration of the DNLS model**.
 - ✓ The **4th order integrator** allows integration of the DNLS model for very long times.
 - ✓ **A systematic way** of constructing high order three part split symplectic integrators was introduced.