

# **Chaos in disordered nonlinear Hamiltonian systems**

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# Outline

- **Disordered lattices:**
  - ✓ The quartic Klein-Gordon (KG) model
  - ✓ The disordered nonlinear Schrödinger equation (DNLS)
  - ✓ Different dynamical behaviors
- **Chaotic behavior of the KG model**
  - ✓ Lyapunov exponents
  - ✓ Deviation Vector Distributions
  - ✓ q-Gaussian distributions
- **Chaotic behavior of granular chains**
- **DNA model [Malcolm Hillebrand, Saturday 17 June]**
- **Summary**

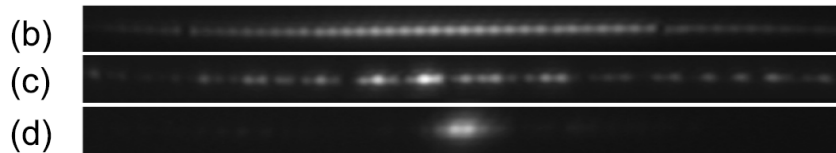
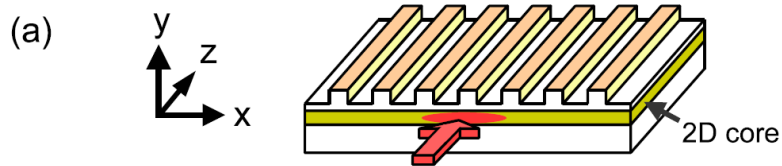
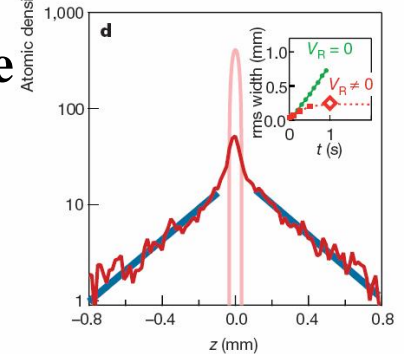
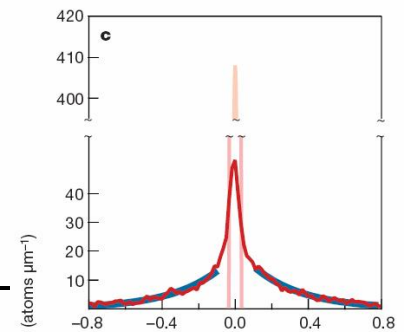
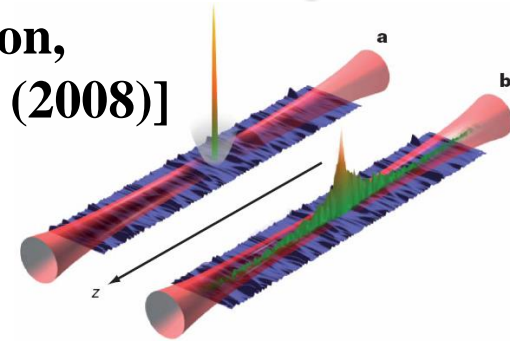
# Interplay of disorder and nonlinearity

**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) – Flach et al., PRL (2009) – S. et al., PRE (2009) – Mulansky & Pikovsky, EPL (2010) – S. & Flach, PRE (2010) – Lapyteva et al., EPL (2010) – Mulansky et al., PRE & J.Stat.Phys. (2011) – Bodyfelt et al., PRE (2011) – Bodyfelt et al., IJBC (2011)]

**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**  $\left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right]$ .

Linear case (neglecting the term  $u_l^4/4$ )

**Ansatz:**  $u_l = A_l \exp(i\omega t)$ . **Normal modes (NMs)  $A_{v,l}$  - Eigenvalue problem:**

$$\lambda A_l = \varepsilon_l A_l - (A_{l+1} + A_{l-1}) \text{ with } \lambda = W\omega^2 - W - 2, \quad \varepsilon_l = W(\tilde{\varepsilon}_l - 1)$$

# 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  $\varepsilon_l$  **chosen uniformly from**  $\left[-\frac{W}{2}, \frac{W}{2}\right]$  and  $\beta$  **is the nonlinear parameter**.

**Conserved quantities:** The energy and the norm  $S = \sum_l |\psi_l|^2$  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 (KG) or **norm distributions** (DNLS).

**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  $P=N$ .

# Scales

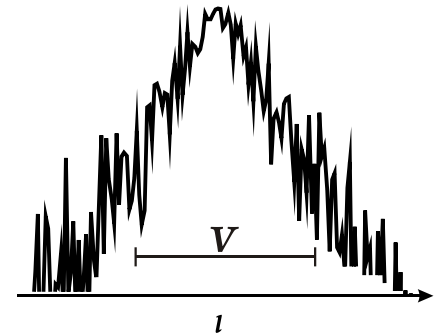
Linear case:  $\omega_v^2 \in \left[ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} + \frac{4}{W} \right]$ , width of the squared frequency spectrum:

$$\Delta_K = 1 + \frac{4}{W}$$

$$(\Delta_D = W + 4)$$

Localization  
volume of an  
eigenstate:

$$V \sim \frac{1}{\sum_{l=1}^N A_{v,l}^4}$$



Average spacing of squared eigenfrequencies of NMs within the range of a  
localization volume:  $d_K \approx \frac{\Delta_K}{V}$

Nonlinearity induced squared frequency shift of a single site oscillator

$$\delta_l = \frac{3E_l}{2\tilde{\epsilon}_l} \propto E \quad (\delta_l = \beta |\psi_l|^2)$$

The relation of the two scales  $d_K \leq \Delta_K$  with the nonlinear frequency shift  $\delta_l$  determines the packet evolution.

# Different Dynamical Regimes

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

$\Delta$ : width of the frequency spectrum,  $d$ : average spacing of interacting modes,  $\delta$ : 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:**  $d < \delta < \Delta$ ,  $m_2 \sim t^{1/2} \rightarrow m_2 \sim t^{1/3}$

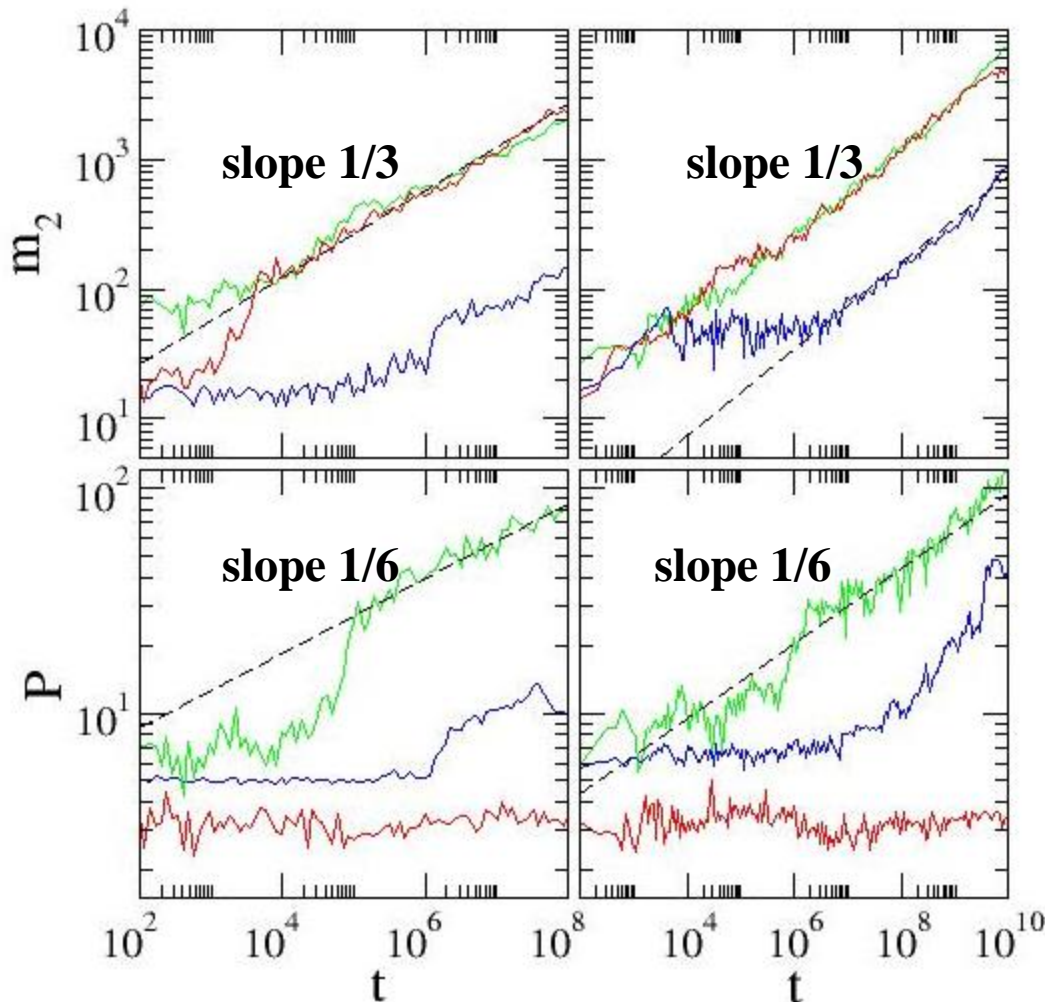
Almost all NMs in the packet are resonantly interacting. Wave packets initially spread faster and eventually enter the weak chaos regime.

**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)].

# Single site excitations

**DNLS**  $W=4$ ,  $\beta=0.1, 1, 4.5$     **KG**  $W=4$ ,  $E=0.05, 0.4, 1.5$



No strong chaos regime

In weak chaos regime we averaged the measured exponent  $\alpha$  ( $m_2 \sim t^\alpha$ ) over 20 realizations:

$$\alpha = 0.33 \pm 0.05 \text{ (KG)}$$

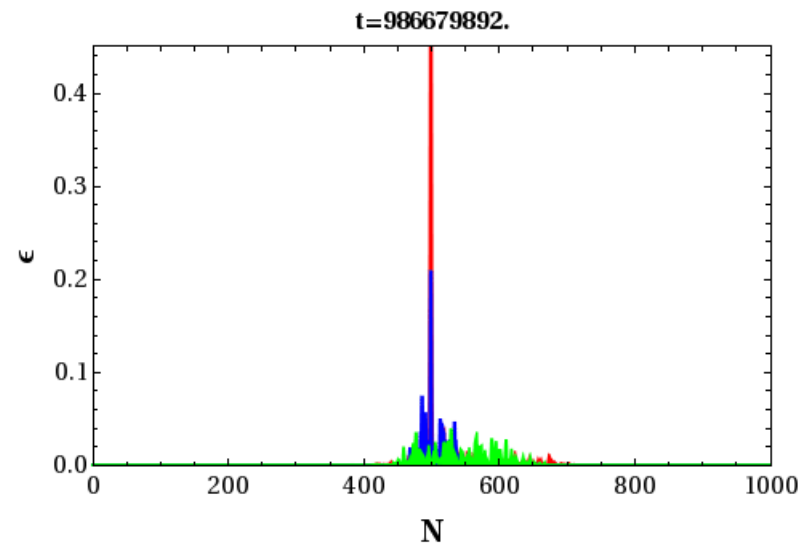
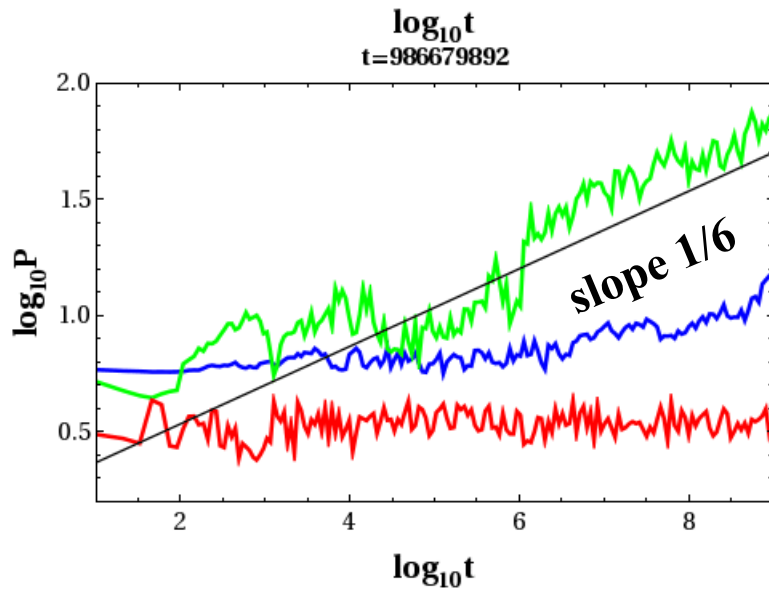
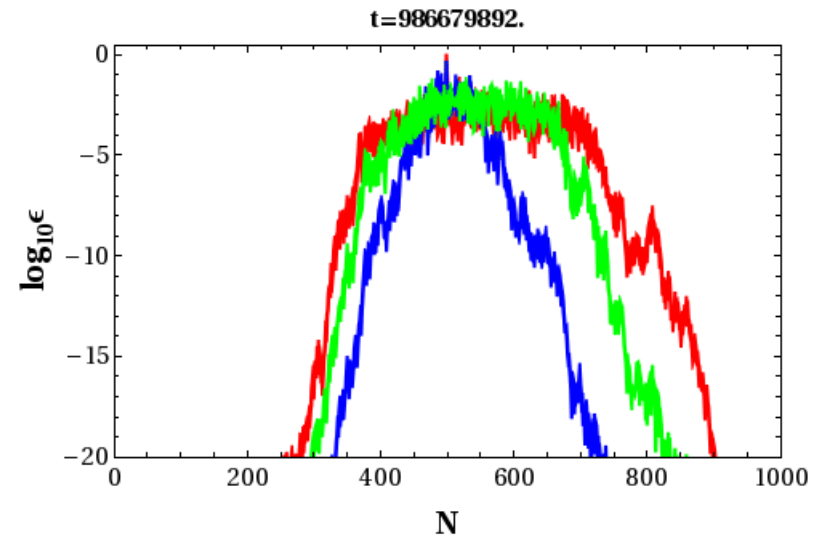
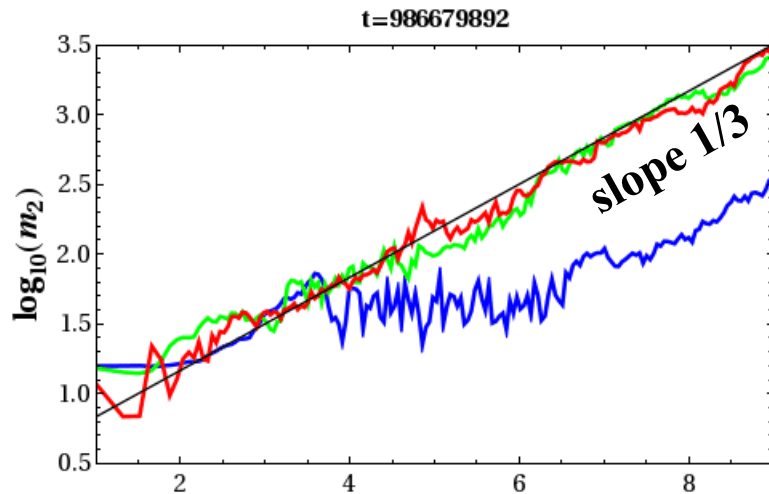
$$\alpha = 0.33 \pm 0.02 \text{ (DLNS)}$$

Flach et al., PRL (2009)

S. et al., PRE (2009)

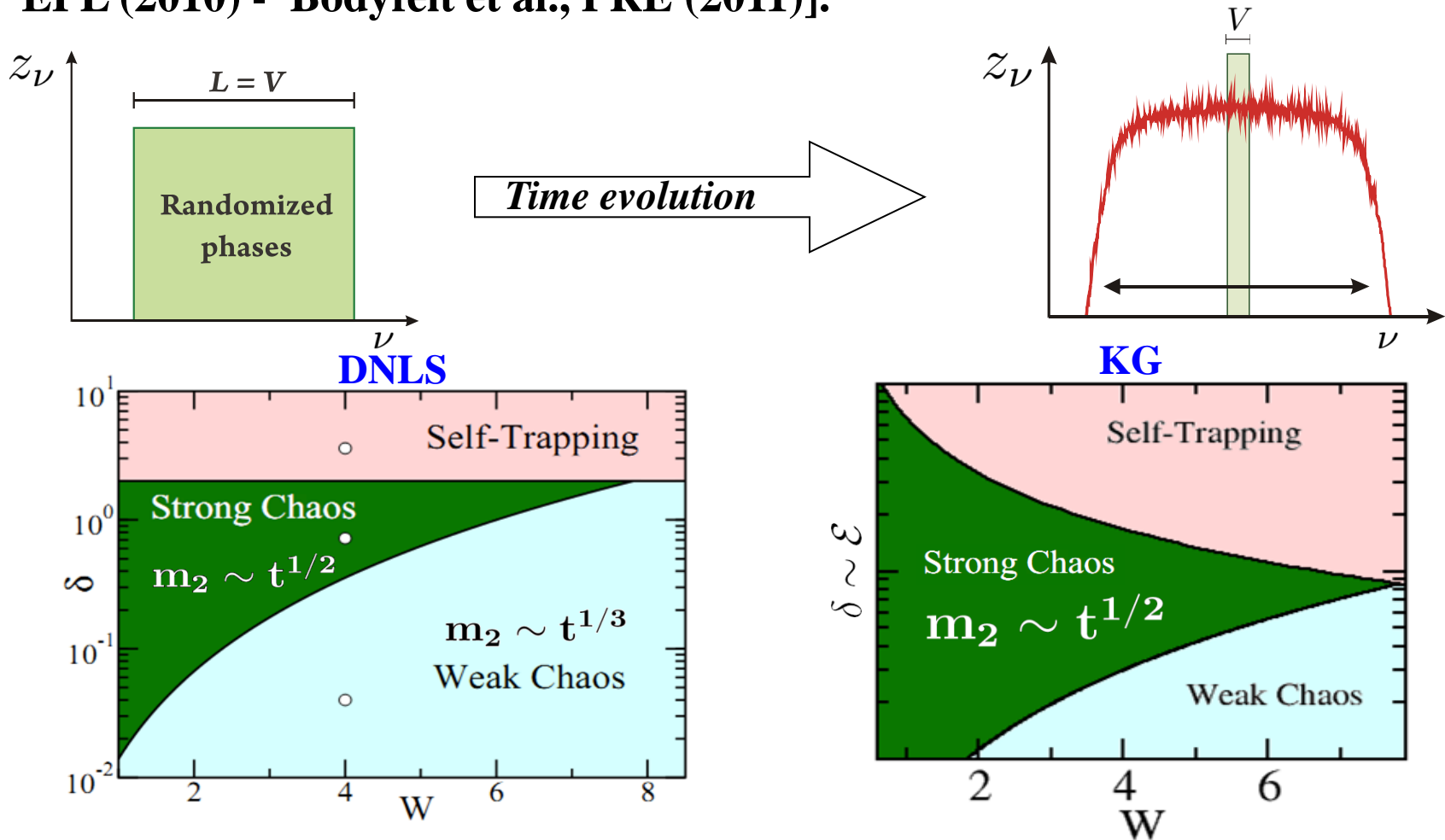


# KG: Different spreading regimes



# Crossover from strong to weak chaos

We consider **compact initial wave packets of width  $L=V$**  [Laptyeva et al., EPL (2010) - Bodyfelt et al., PRE (2011)].

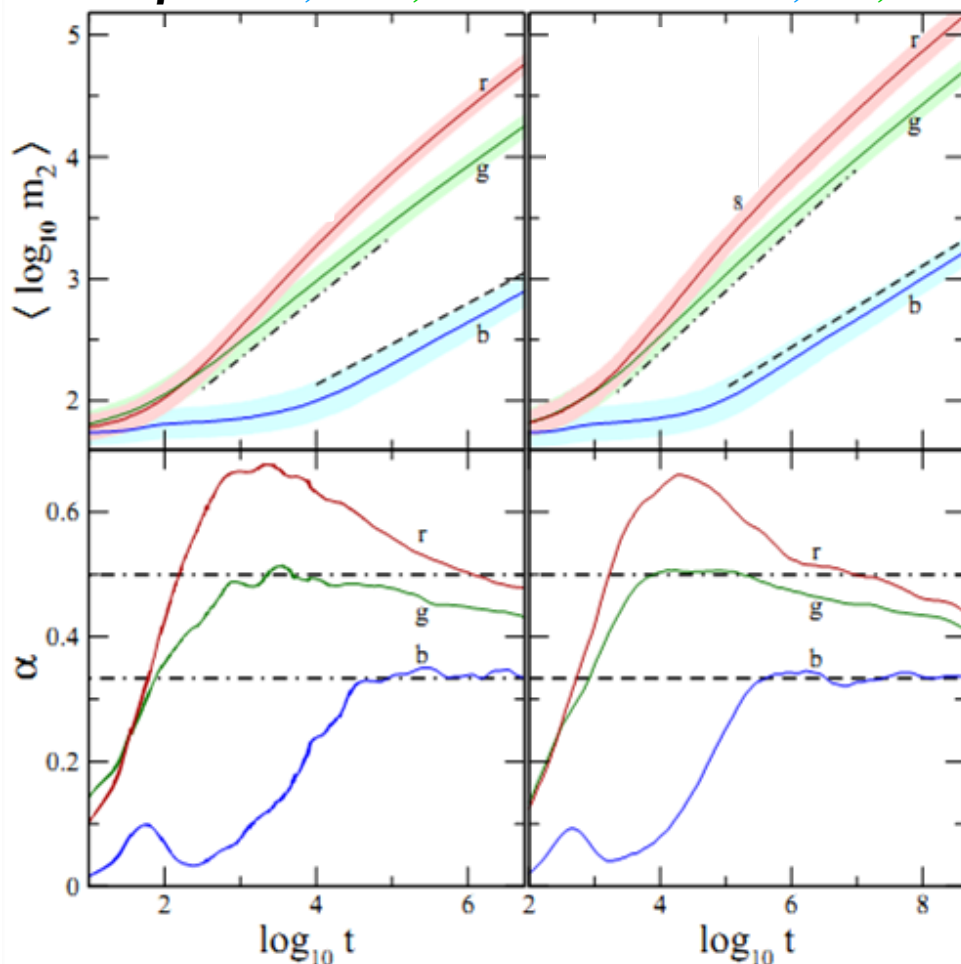


# Crossover from strong to weak chaos (block excitations)

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

$W=4$

Average over 1000 realizations!



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

$\alpha=1/2$

$\alpha=1/3$

Laptyeva et al., EPL (2010)

Bodyfelt et al., PRE (2011)

# Lyapunov Exponents (LEs)

Roughly speaking, the Lyapunov exponents of a given orbit characterize the **mean exponential rate of divergence** of trajectories surrounding it.

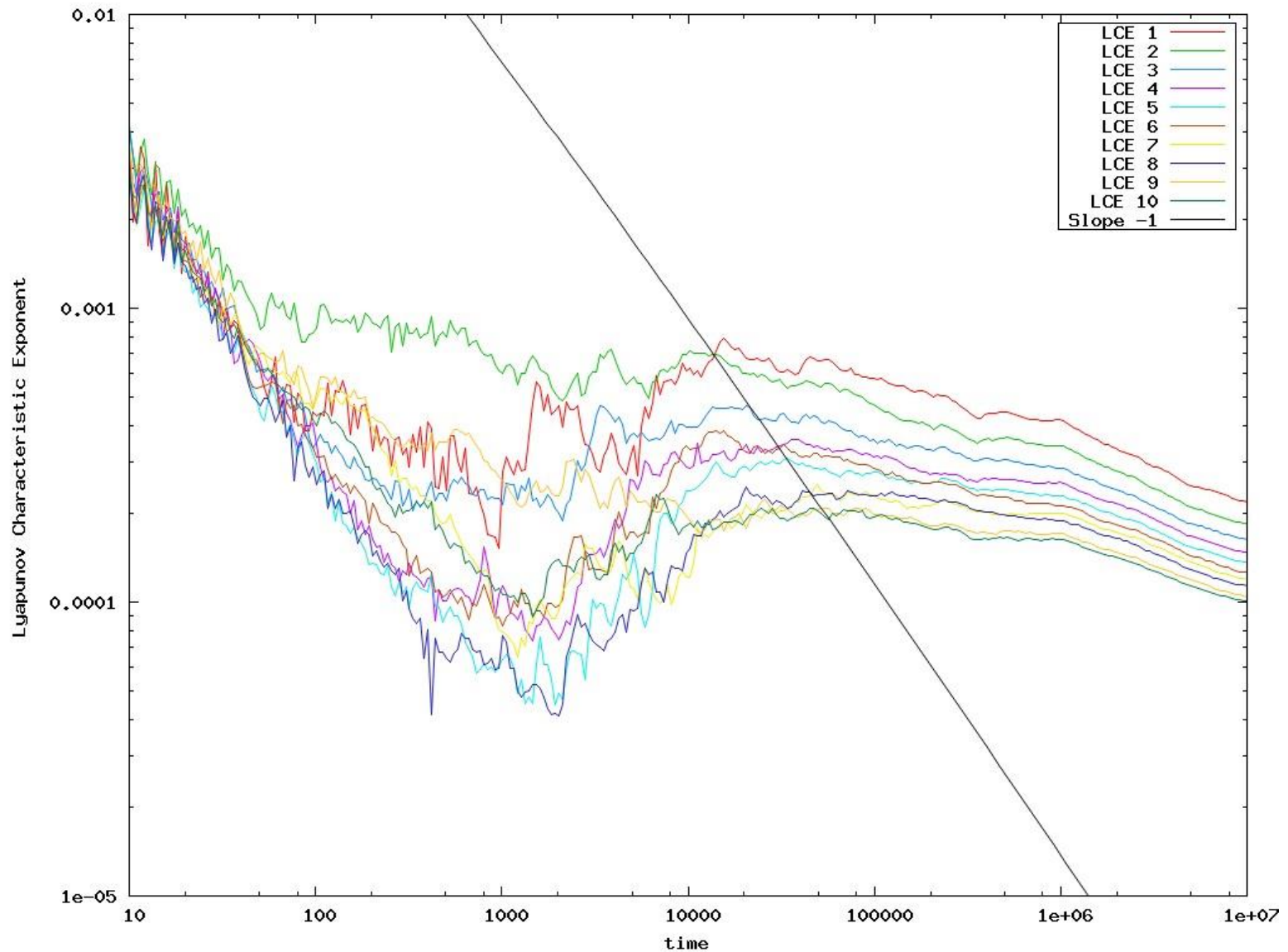
Consider an orbit in the  $2N$ -dimensional phase space with **initial condition  $\mathbf{x}(0)$**  and an **initial deviation vector from it  $\mathbf{v}(0)$** . Then the mean exponential rate of divergence is:

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

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

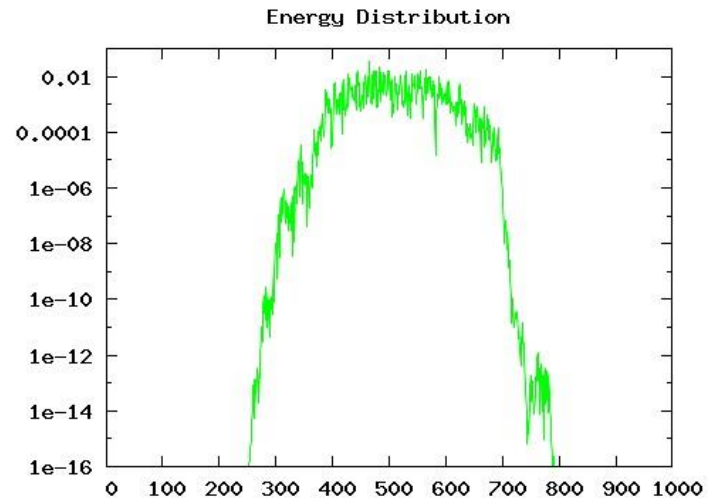
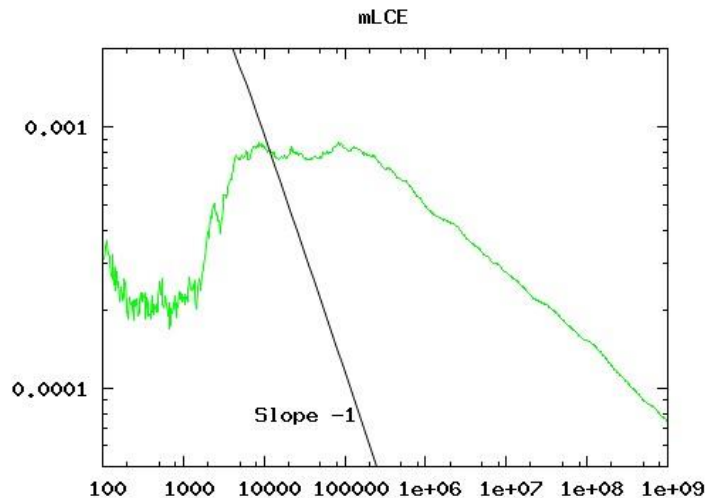
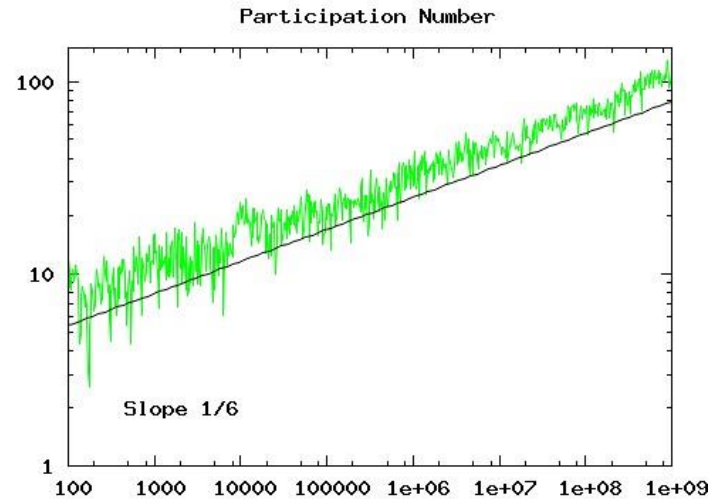
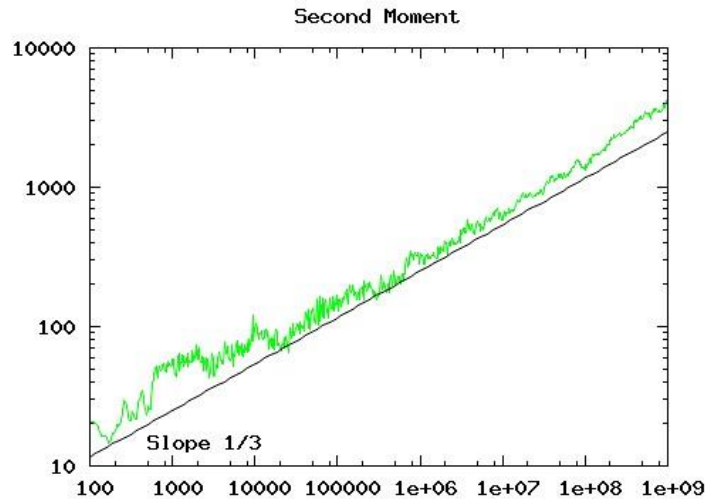
$\lambda_1 \neq 0 \rightarrow$  Chaotic motion

# KG: LEs for single site excitations ( $E=0.4$ )



# KG: Weak Chaos ( $E=0.4$ )

$t = 1000000000.00$

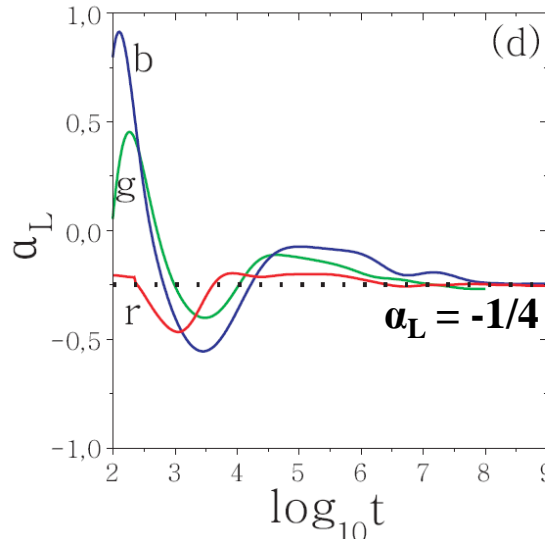
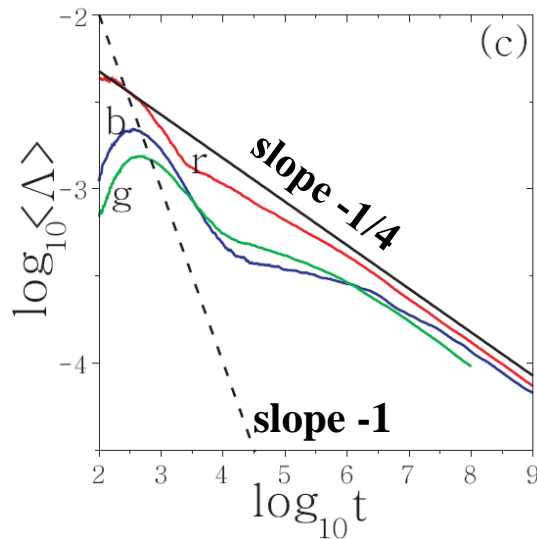
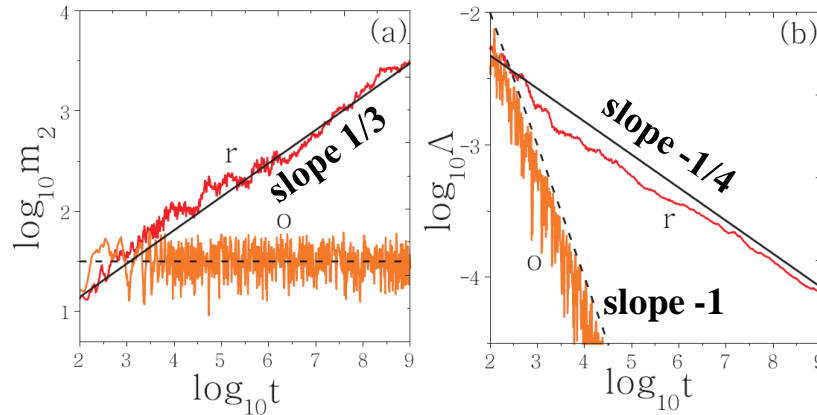


# KG: Weak Chaos

**Individual runs**

**Linear case**

**E=0.4, W=4**



**Average over 50 realizations**

**Single site excitation E=0.4,  
W=4**

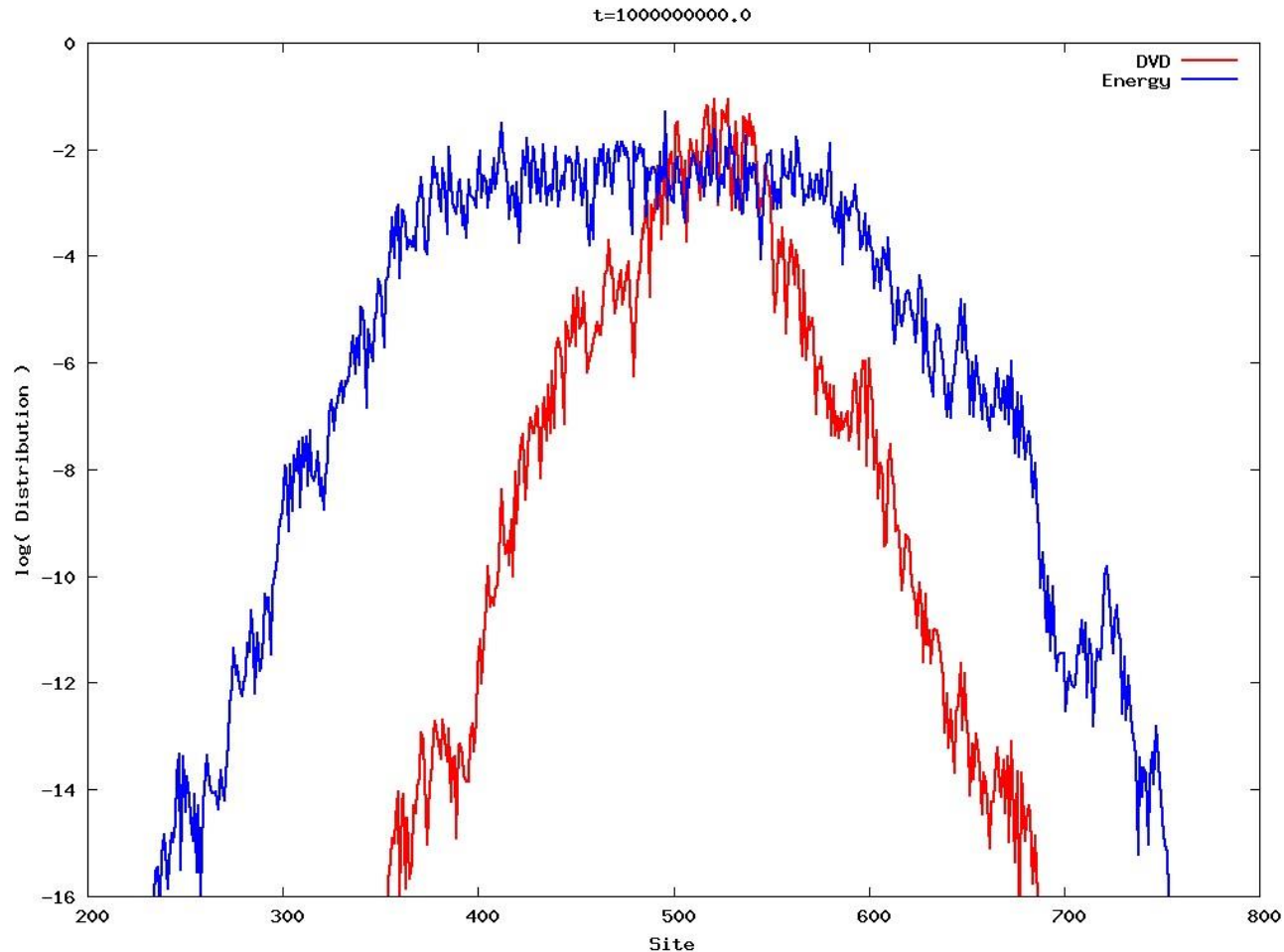
**Block excitation (21 sites)  
E=0.21, W=4**

**Block excitation (37 sites)  
E=0.37, W=3**

$$\alpha_L = \frac{d(\log \langle \Lambda \rangle)}{d \log t}$$

**S. et al. PRL (2013)**

# Deviation Vector Distributions (DVDs)



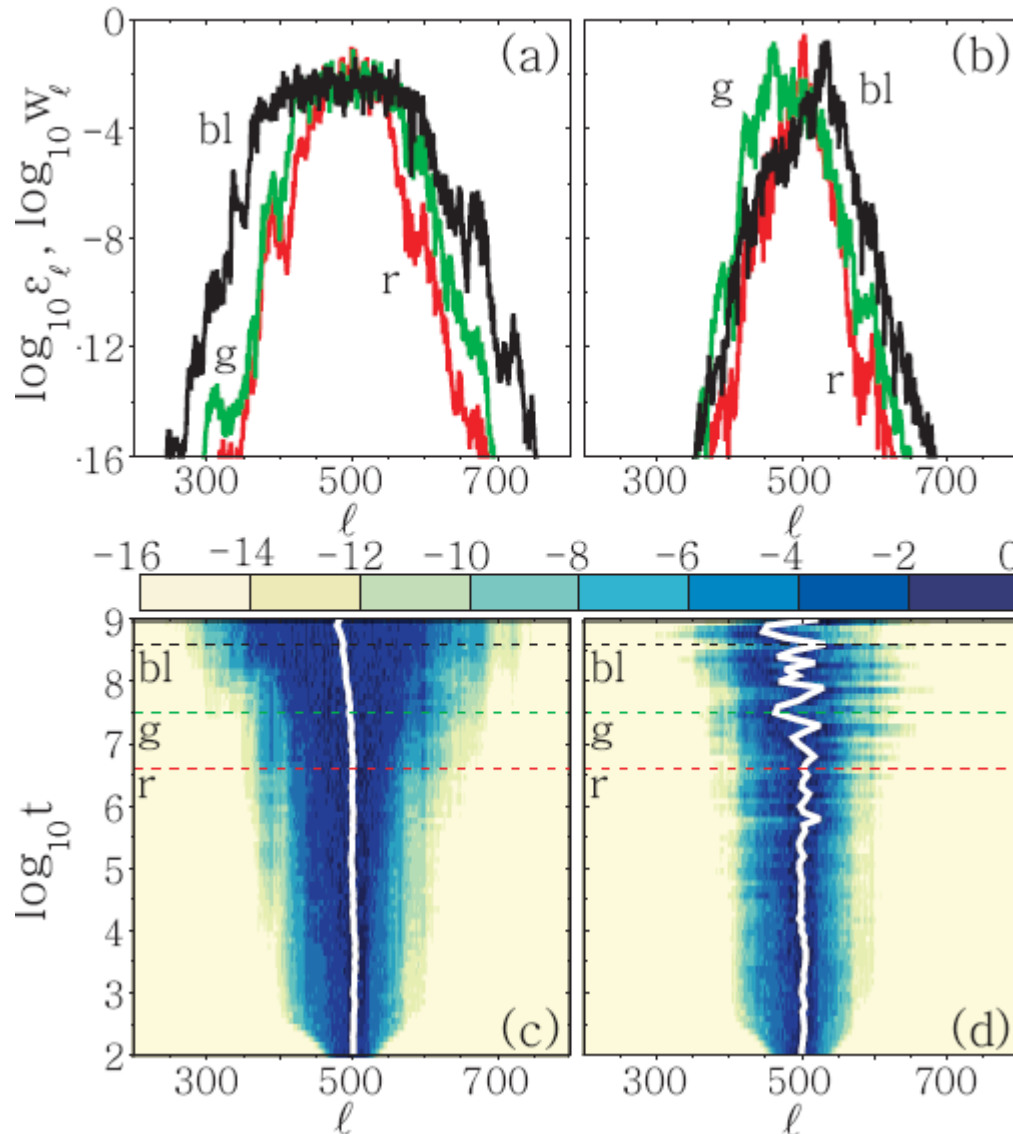
Deviation vector:

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = (\delta u_1(t), \delta u_2(t), \dots, \delta u_N(t), \delta p_1(t), \delta p_2(t), \dots, \delta p_N(t))$$

$$\text{DVD: } w_l = \frac{\delta u_l^2 + \delta p_l^2}{\sum_l (\delta u_l^2 + \delta p_l^2)}$$



# Deviation Vector Distributions (DVDs)



Individual run  
 $E=0.4, W=4$

Chaotic hot spots  
meander through the  
system, supporting a  
homogeneity of chaos  
inside the wave packet.

# q-Gaussian distributions

We construct probability distribution functions (pdfs) of rescaled sums of  $M$  values of an observable  $\eta(t_i)$ , which depends linearly on positions  $u$ .

$$S_M^{(j)} = \sum_{i=1}^M \eta_i^{(j)}$$

We rescale them by their standard deviation

$$s_M^{(j)} \equiv \frac{1}{\sigma_M} \left( S_M^{(j)} - \langle S_M^{(j)} \rangle \right) \quad \sigma_M^2 = \frac{1}{N_{ic}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{ic}} \left( S_M^{(j)} - \langle S_M^{(j)} \rangle \right)^2$$

and compare the resulting numerically computed pdfs with a **q-Gaussian** [Tsallis, Springer (2009)]

$$P(s_M^{(j)}) = a \exp_q(-\beta s_M^{(j)2}) \equiv a \left[ 1 - (1 - q)\beta s_M^{(j)2} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-q}}$$

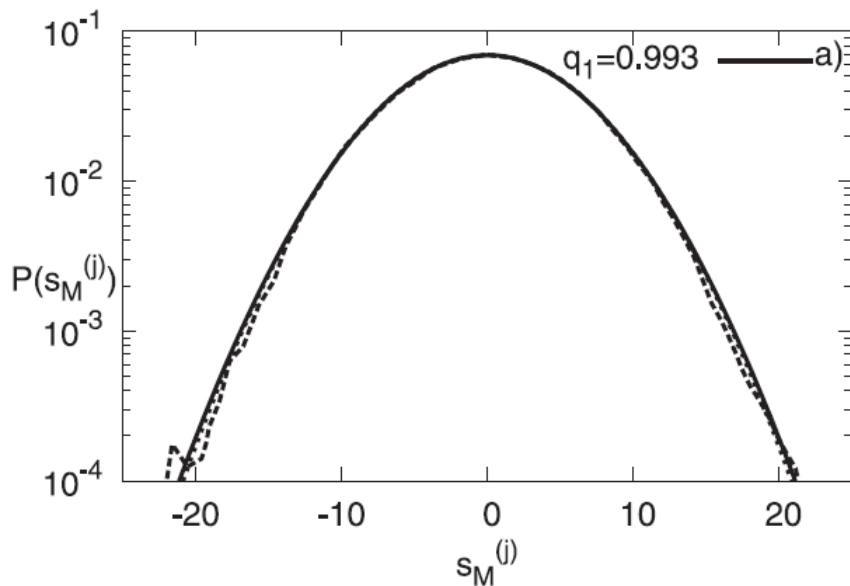
**q (entropic index)**

**q=1: Gaussian pdf**

**q ≠ 1: system is at the so-called ‘edge of chaos’ regime, characterized by the non-additive and generally non-extensive Tsallis entropy.**

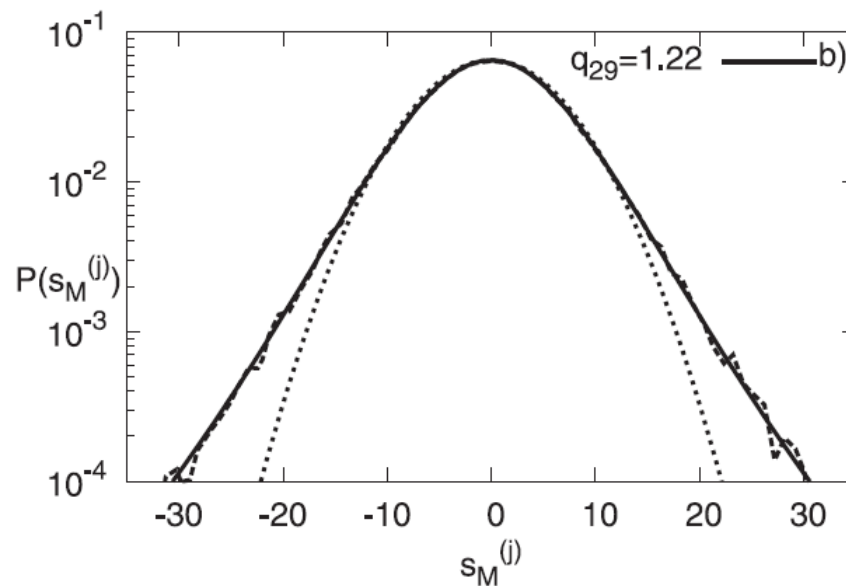
# q-Gaussian distributions

Weak chaos case: **E=0.4, W=4**. Dotted curves: Gaussian pdf ( $q=1$ )



$$\eta_1 = u_1$$

Well defined chaos



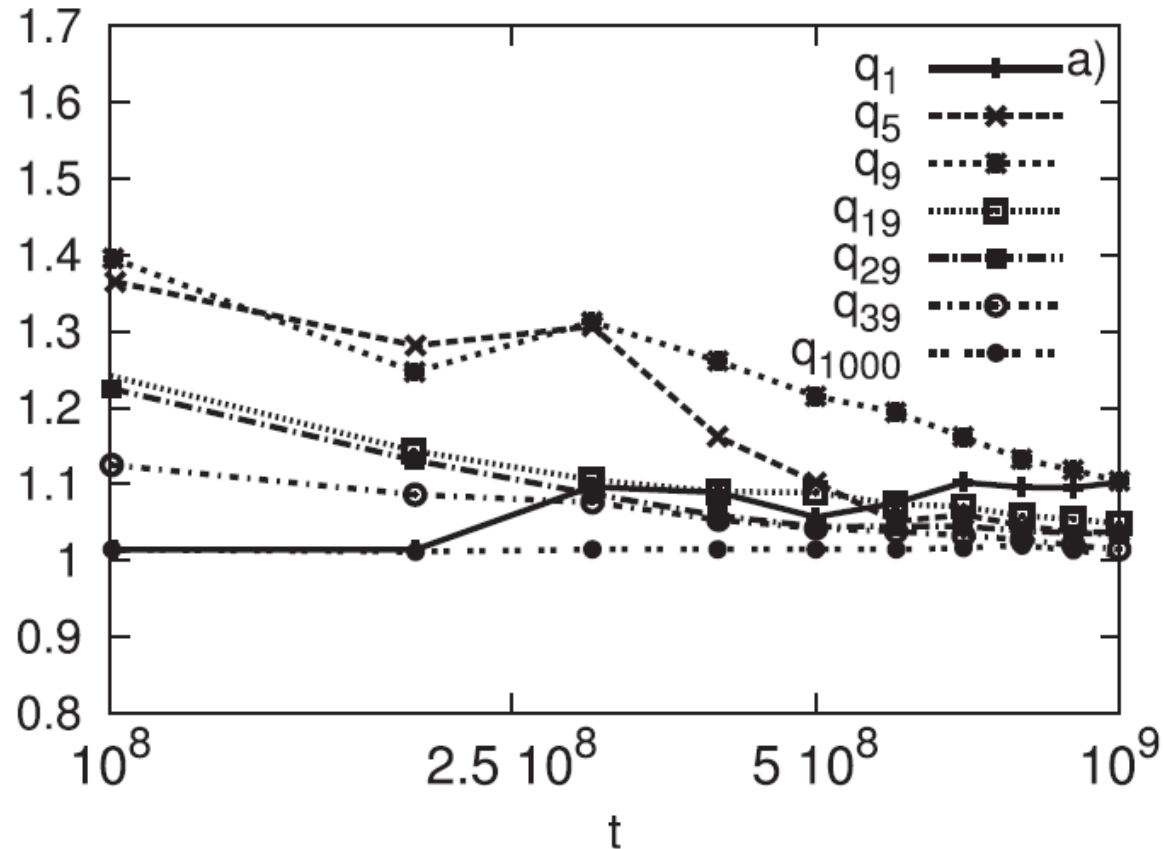
$$\eta_{29} = u_{486} + u_{487} + \dots + u_{513} + u_{514}$$

(29 central particles)

$q \neq 1$  'edge of chaos'

# q-Gaussian distributions

Weak chaos case:  $E=0.4$ ,  $W=4$ .



# Numerical Integration methods

We use **Symplectic Integrators** for solving numerically

- the equations of motion, and
- the variational equations (Tangent Map method)

## How do LEs and DVDs behave for the other dynamical regimes?

For more information attend the presentation:

**‘Chaotic dynamics of the disordered Klein-Gordon lattice’**

by **Bob Senyange** on **Saturday 17 June**

# Granular media

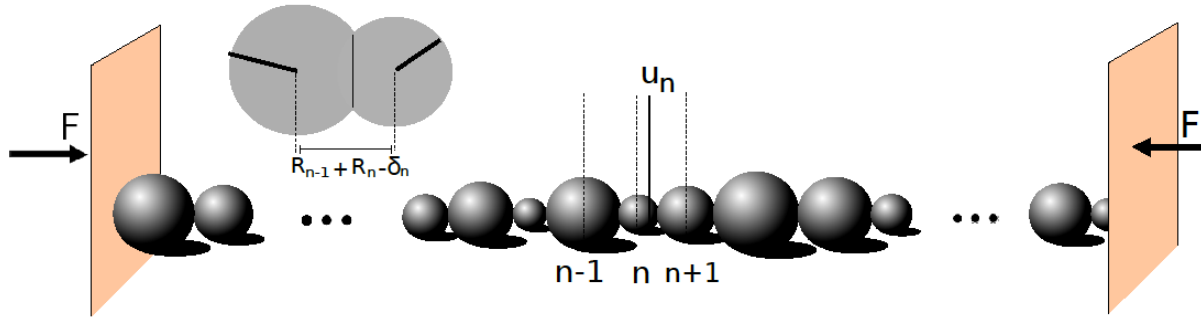


**Examples: coal, sand, rice,  
nuts, coffee etc.**

**1D granular chain (experimental control of nonlinearity and disorder)**



# Hamiltonian model



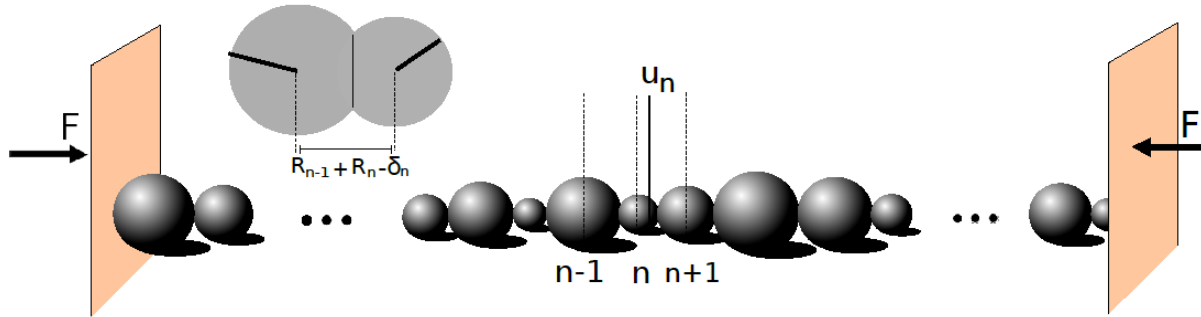
$$H = \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{p_n^2}{2m_n} + \frac{2}{5} A_n [\delta_n + u_{n-1} - u_n]_+^{5/2} - \frac{2}{5} A_n \delta_n^{5/2} - A_n \delta_n^{3/2} (u_{n-1} - u_n) \right)$$

$$\delta_n = (F/A_n)^{2/3} \quad A_n = (2/3) \mathcal{E} \sqrt{(R_{n-1} R_n) / (R_{n-1} + R_n) / (1 - \nu^2)}$$

$[x]_+ = 0$  if  $x < 0$ : **formation of a gap**.  $\nu$ : Poisson's ratio,  $\mathcal{E}$ : Elastic modulus.

**Hertzian forces between spherical beads. Fixed boundary conditions.**

# Hamiltonian model



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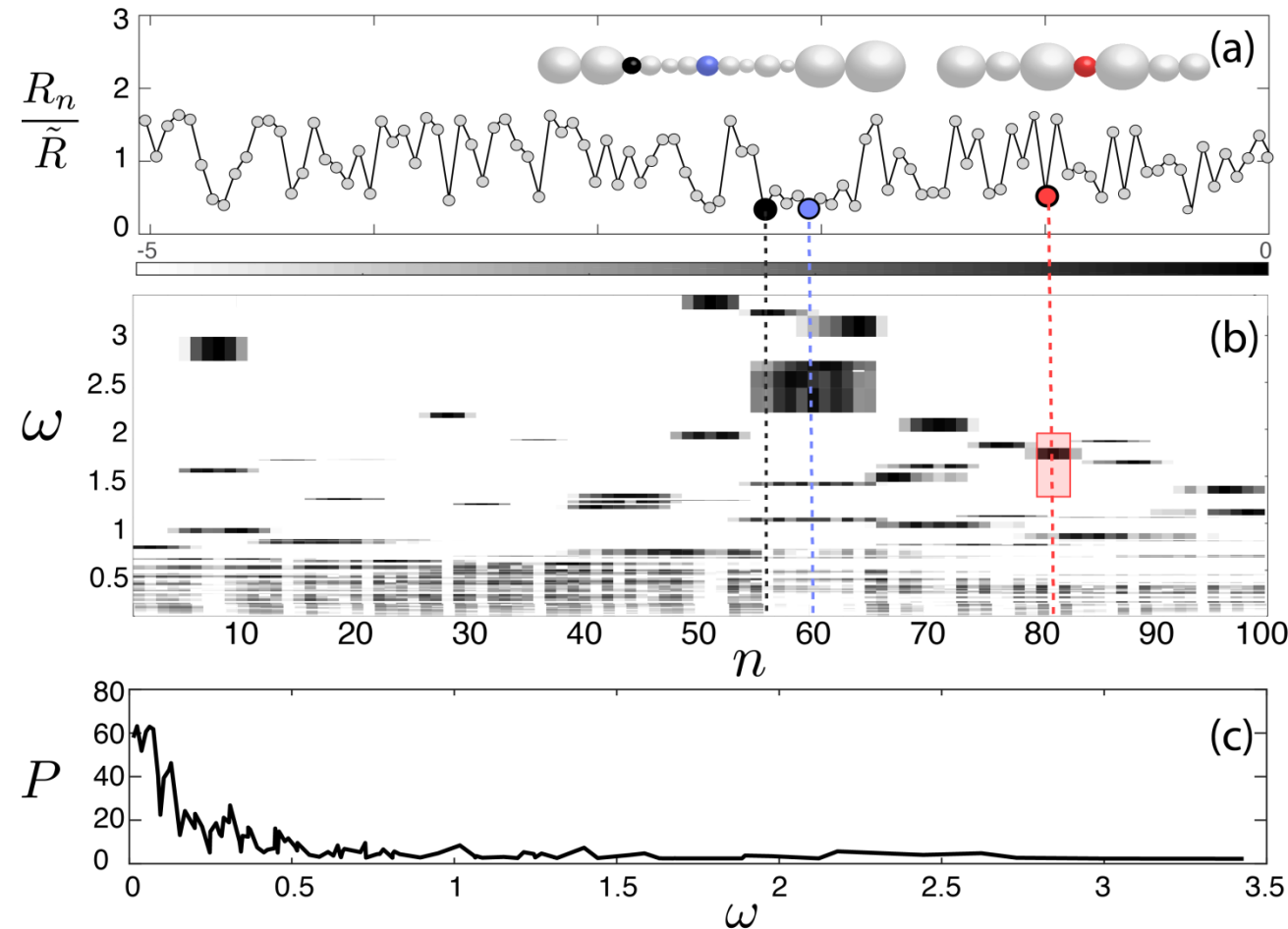
Hertzian forces between spherical beads. Fixed boundary conditions.

**Disorder both in couplings and masses**

**$R_n \in [R, \alpha R]$  with  $\alpha \geq 1$**



# Eigenmodes and single site excitations

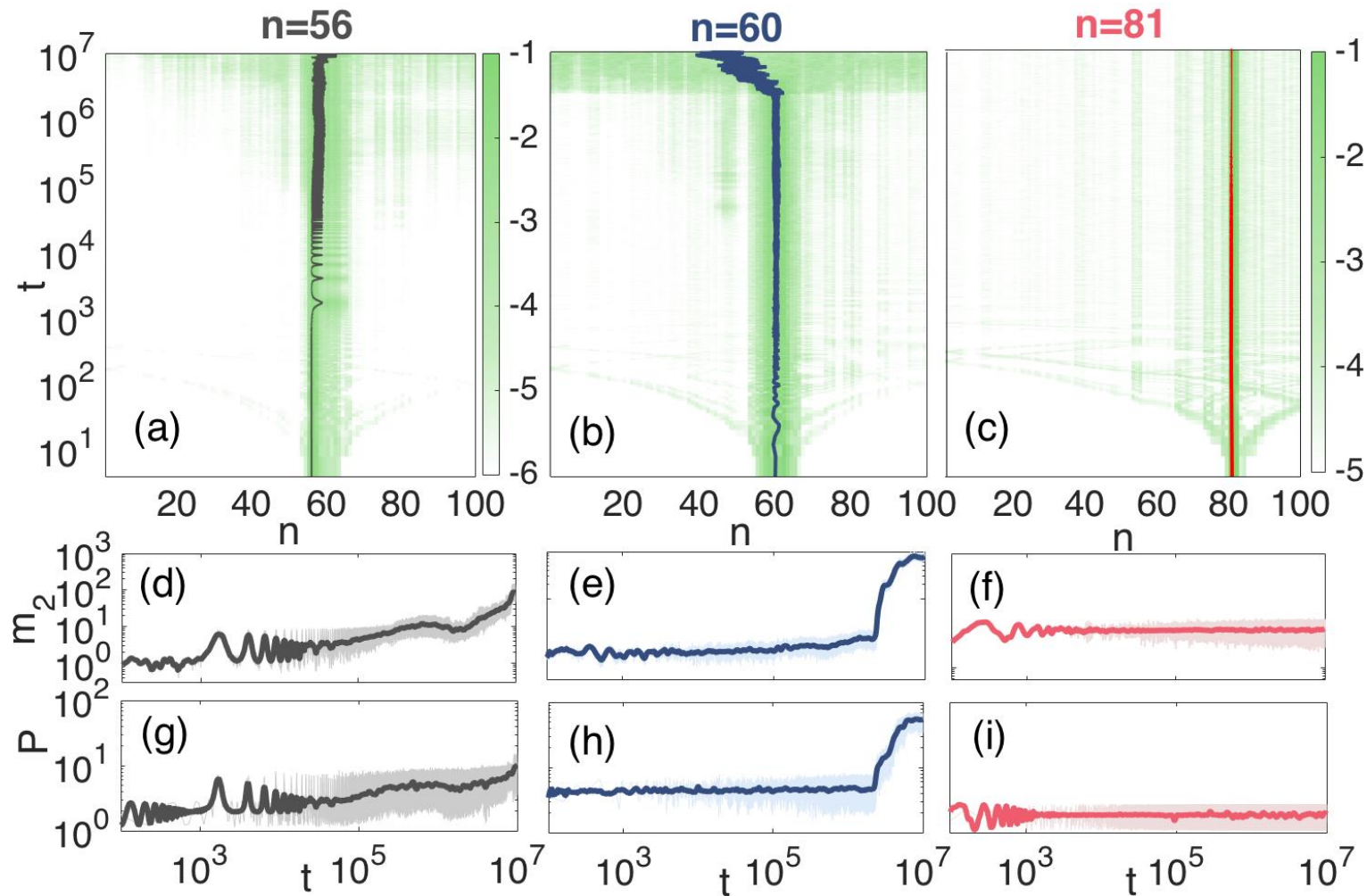


**Disorder realization  
with  $N=100$  beads**

**Displacement  
excitation of bead  $n$**

**Participation number  
of eigenmodes.  
About 10 extended  
modes with  $P > 40$**

# Weak nonlinearity: Long time evolution

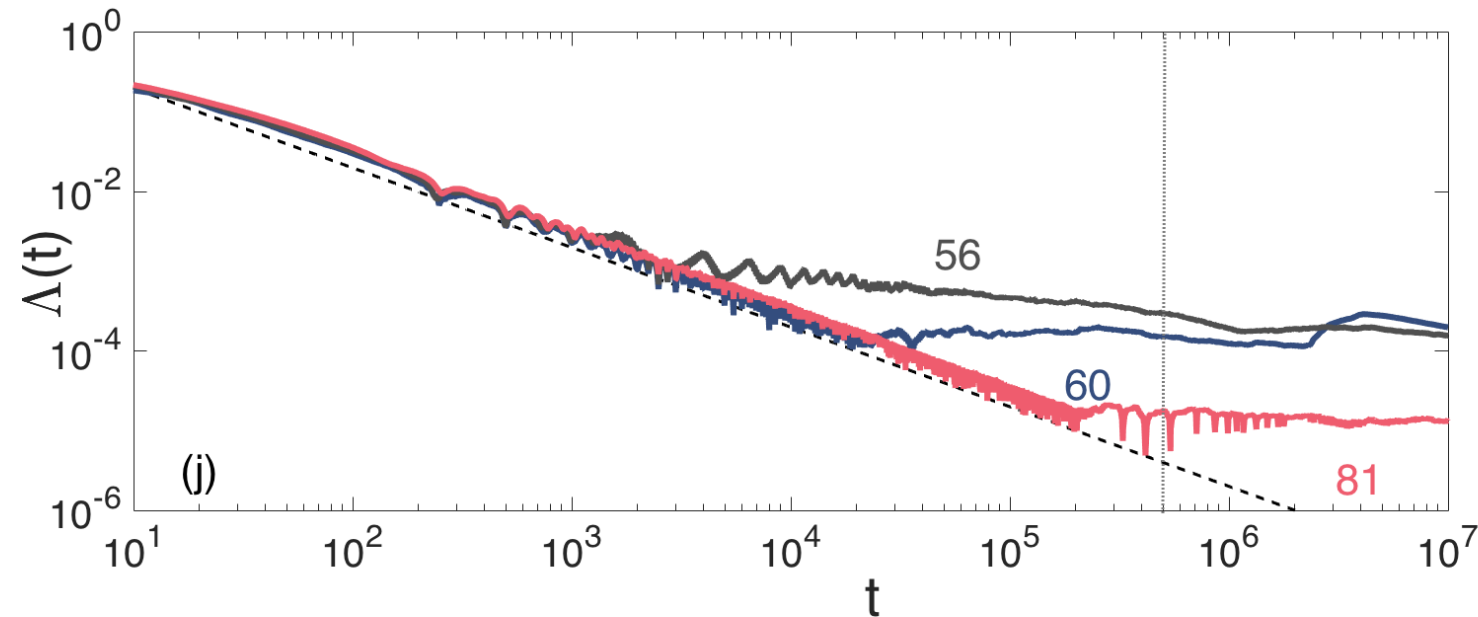


**Delocalization**

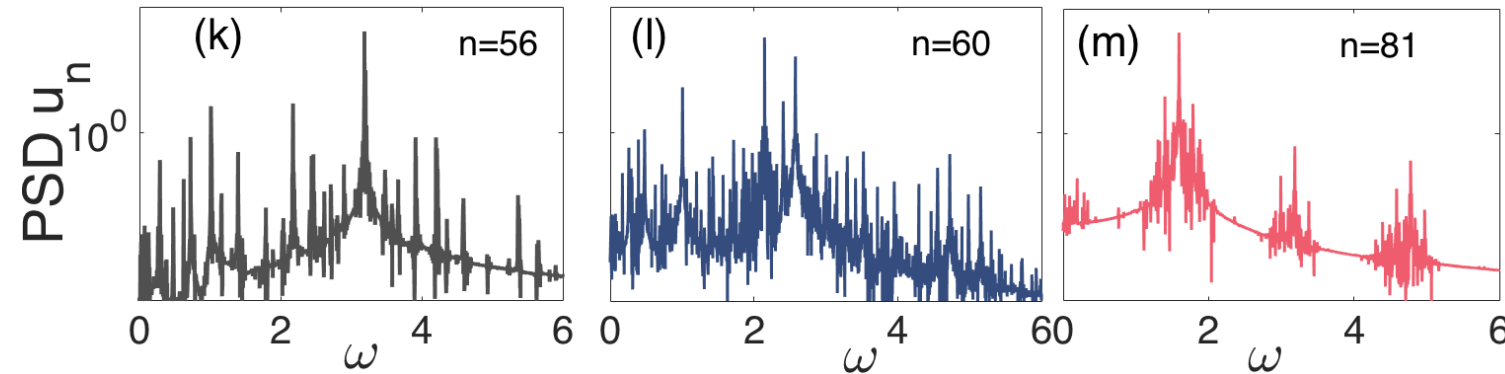
**Delocalization**

**Localization**

# Weak nonlinearity: Chaoticity



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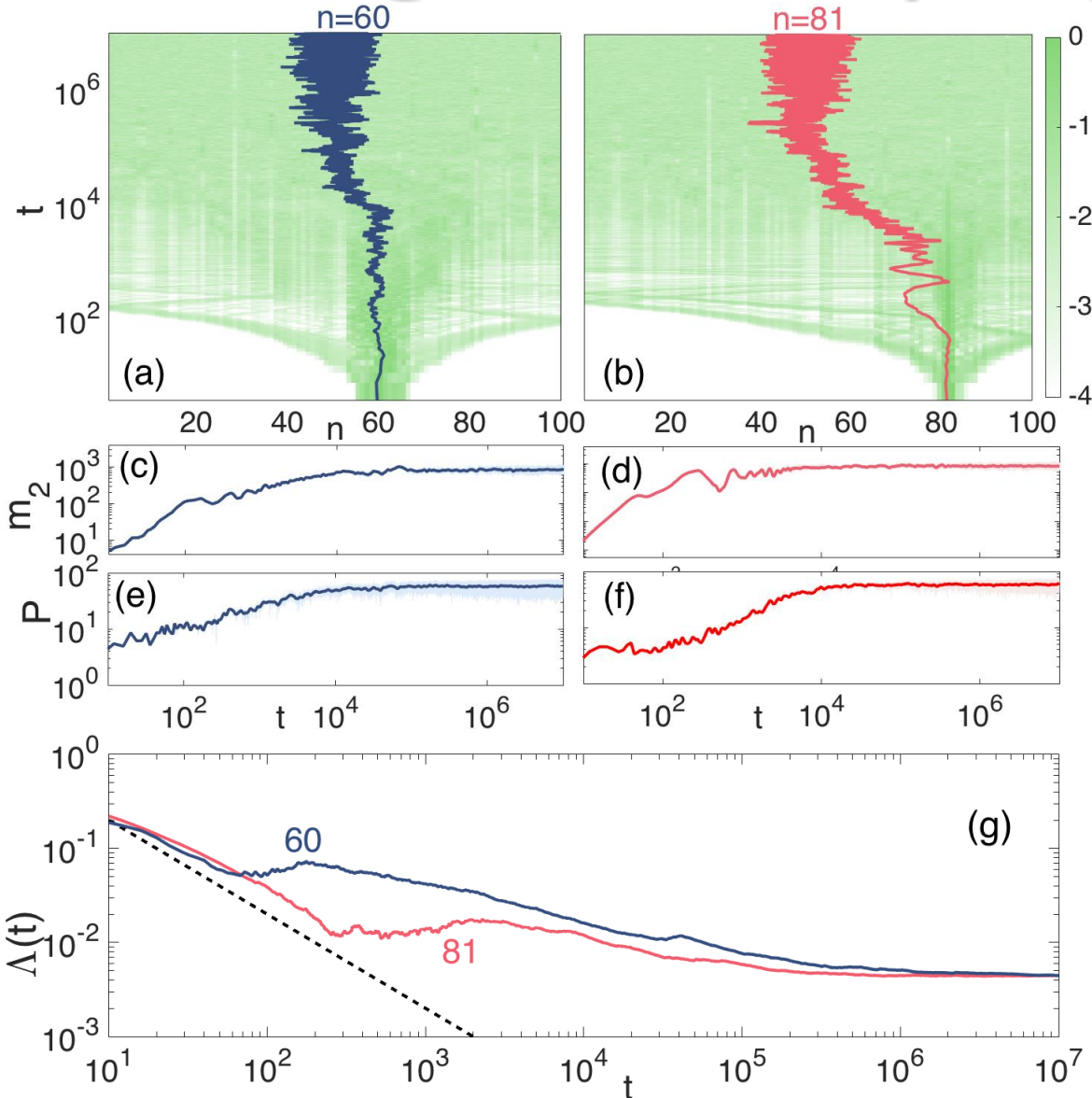


Power  
Spectrum  
Distribution

Weakly chaotic motion:  
Delocalization

Long-lived chaotic  
Anderson-like  
Localization

# Strong nonlinearity: Equipartition



The granular chain reaches **energy equipartition** and an **equilibrium chaotic state**, independent of the initial position excitation.

# Summary

- We presented **three different dynamical behaviors** for wave packet spreading in 1d nonlinear disordered lattices (KG and DNLS models):
  - ✓ **Weak Chaos Regime:**  $\delta < d$ ,  $m_2 \sim t^{1/3}$
  - ✓ **Intermediate Strong Chaos Regime:**  $d < \delta < \Delta$ ,  $m_2 \sim t^{1/2} \rightarrow m_2 \sim t^{1/3}$
  - ✓ **Selftrapping Regime:**  $\delta > \Delta$
- **Lyapunov exponent computations show that:**
  - ✓ Chaos not only exists, but also persists.
  - ✓ Slowing down of chaos does not cross over to regular dynamics.
  - ✓ Chaotic hot spots meander through the system, supporting a homogeneity of chaos inside the wave packet.
- **Statistical computations of q-Gaussian distributions show that the system's motion remains chaotic in the long time limit.**
- **Granular chain model:**
  - ✓ **Moderate nonlinearities:** although the overall system behaves chaotically, it can exhibit **long lasting energy localization for particular single particle excitations.**
  - ✓ **Sufficiently strong nonlinearities:** the granular chain reaches **energy equipartition and an equilibrium chaotic state**, independent of the initial position excitation.

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