

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**

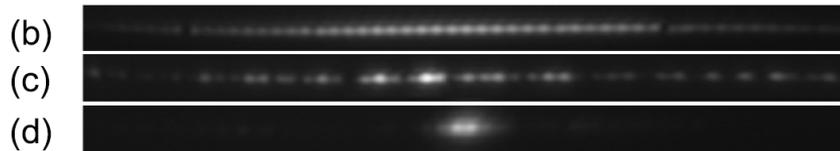
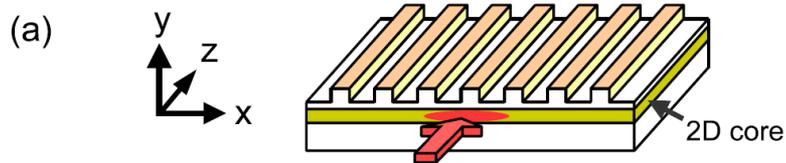
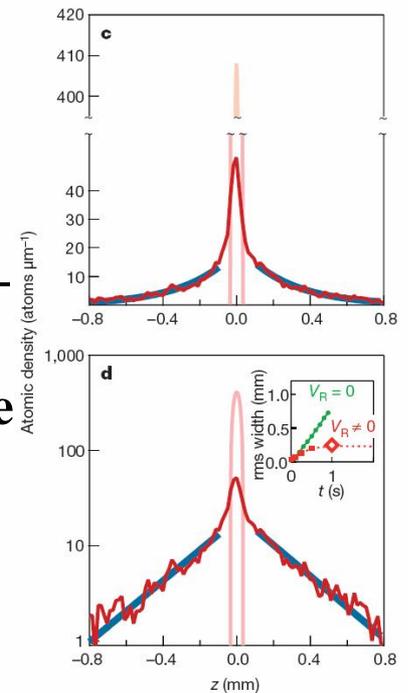
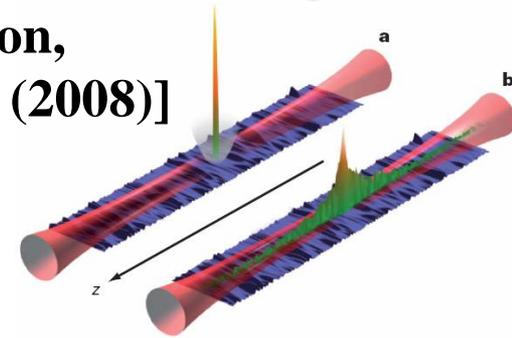
Interplay of disorder and nonlinearity

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 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 $S = \sum_l |\psi_l|^2$ of the wave packet.

Distribution characterization

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

$$z_\nu \equiv \frac{E_\nu}{\sum_m E_m} \quad \text{with} \quad E_\nu = \frac{1}{2} \left(\dot{A}_\nu^2 + \omega_\nu^2 A_\nu^2 \right), \quad \text{where } A_\nu \text{ is the amplitude}$$

of the ν th NM (KG) or **norm distributions** (DNLS).

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

$$\text{Participation number:} \quad P = \frac{1}{\sum_{\nu=1}^N z_\nu^2}$$

measures the number of stronger excited modes in z_ν .

Single mode $P=1$. Equipartition of energy $P=N$.

Scales

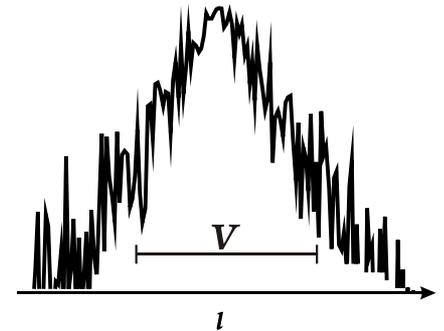
Linear case: $\omega_v^2 \in \left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} + \frac{4}{W} \right]$, width of the squared frequency spectrum:

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

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

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 δ_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)]

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

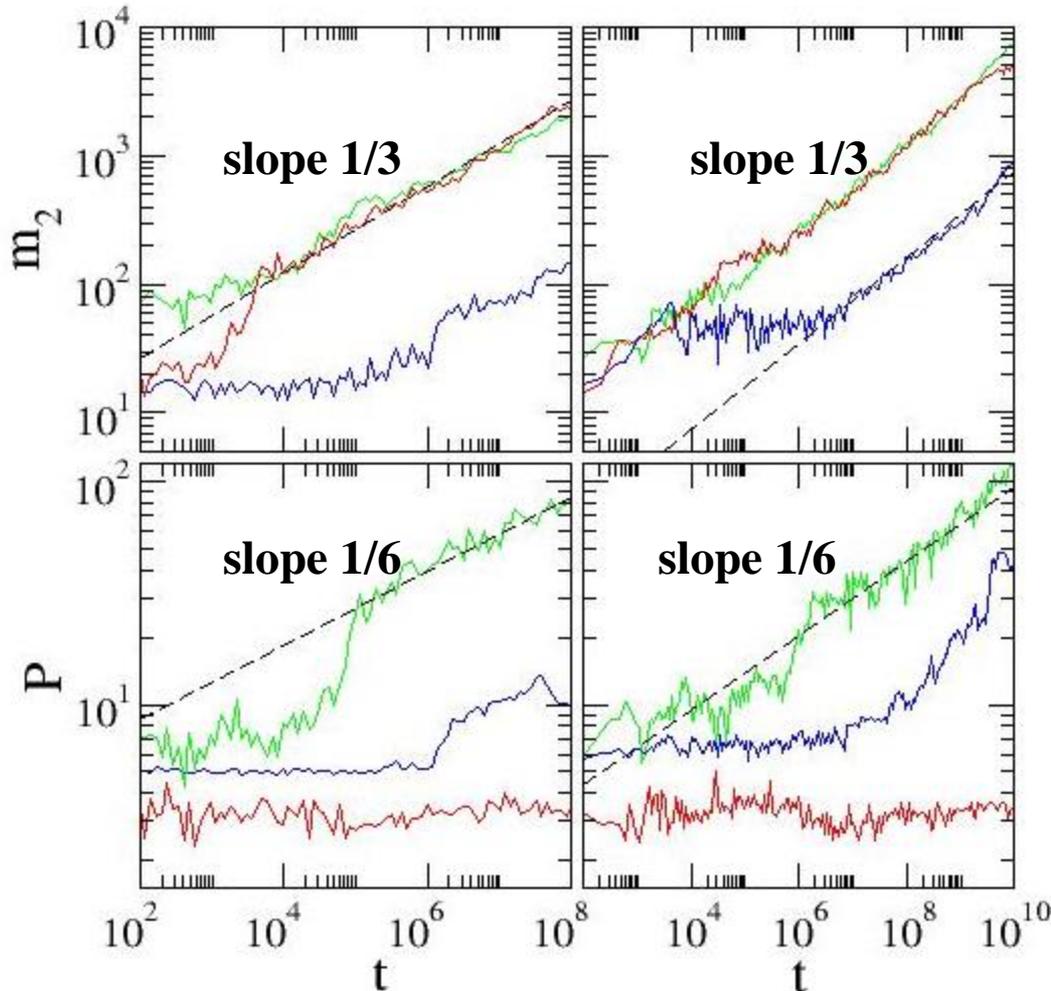
Almost all NMs in the packet are resonantly interacting. Wave packets initially spread faster and eventually enter the weak chaos regime.

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)].

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 α ($m_2 \sim t^\alpha$) over 20 realizations:

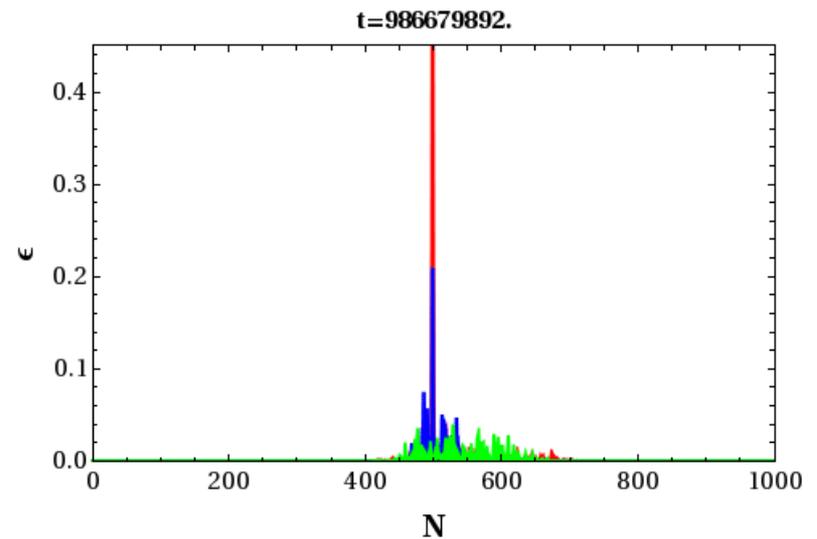
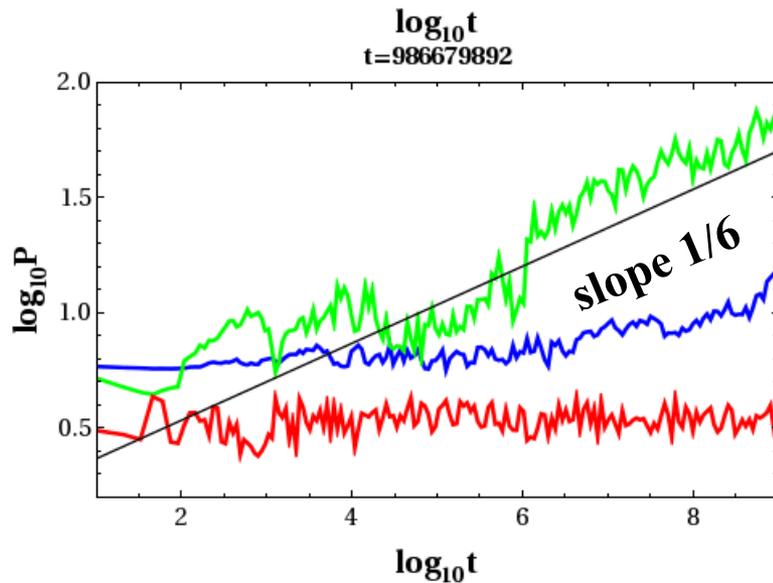
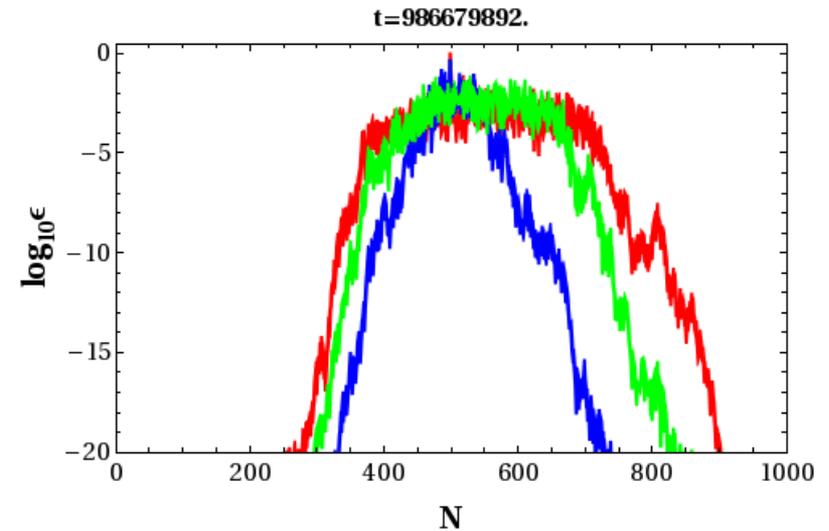
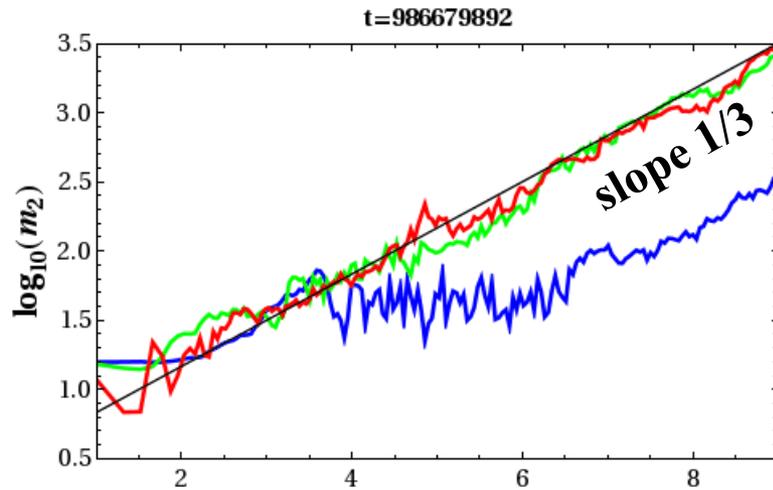
$$\alpha = 0.33 \pm 0.05 \text{ (KG)}$$

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

Flach et al., PRL (2009)

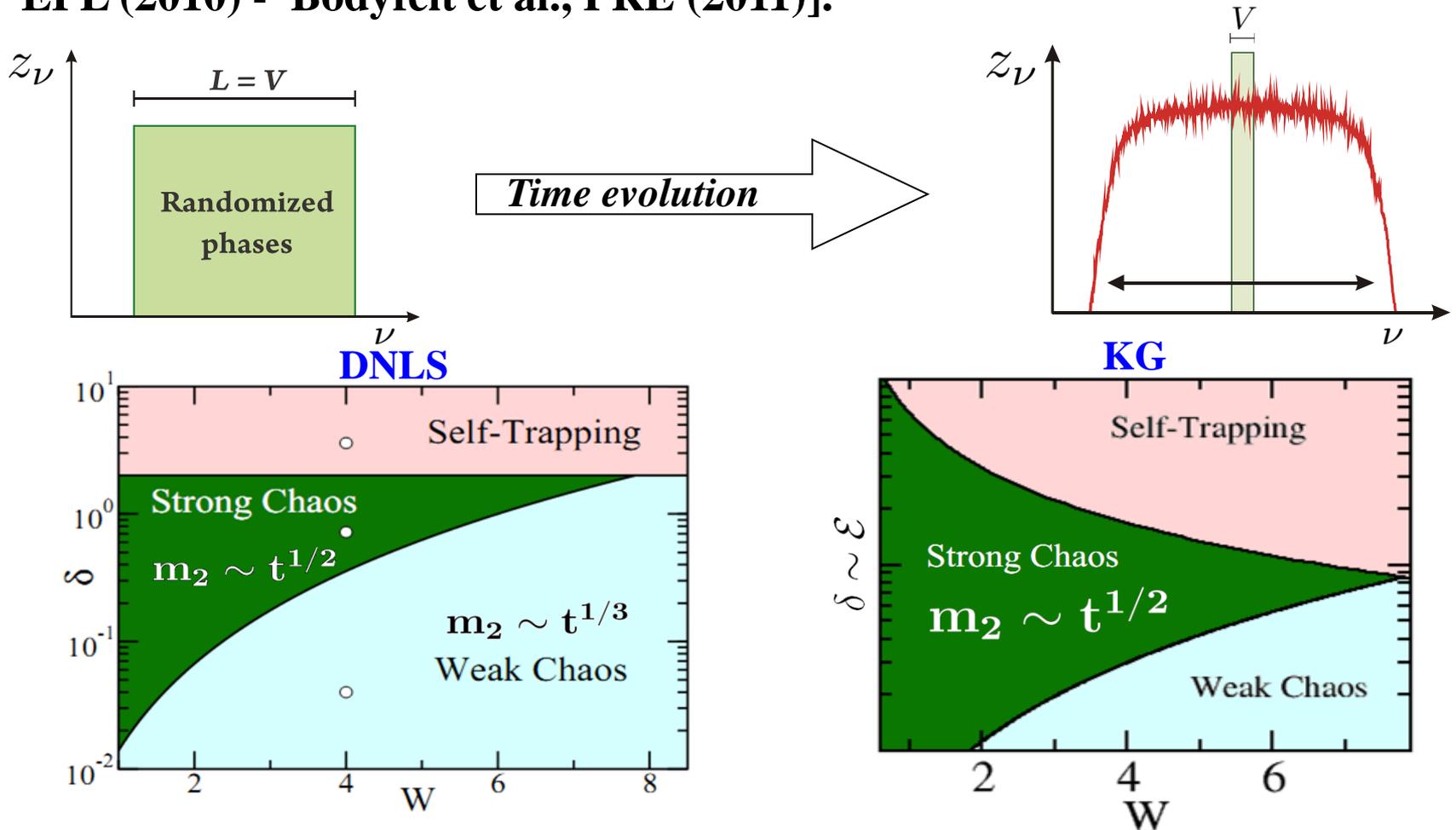
S. et al., PRE (2009)

KG: Different spreading regimes



Crossover from strong to weak chaos

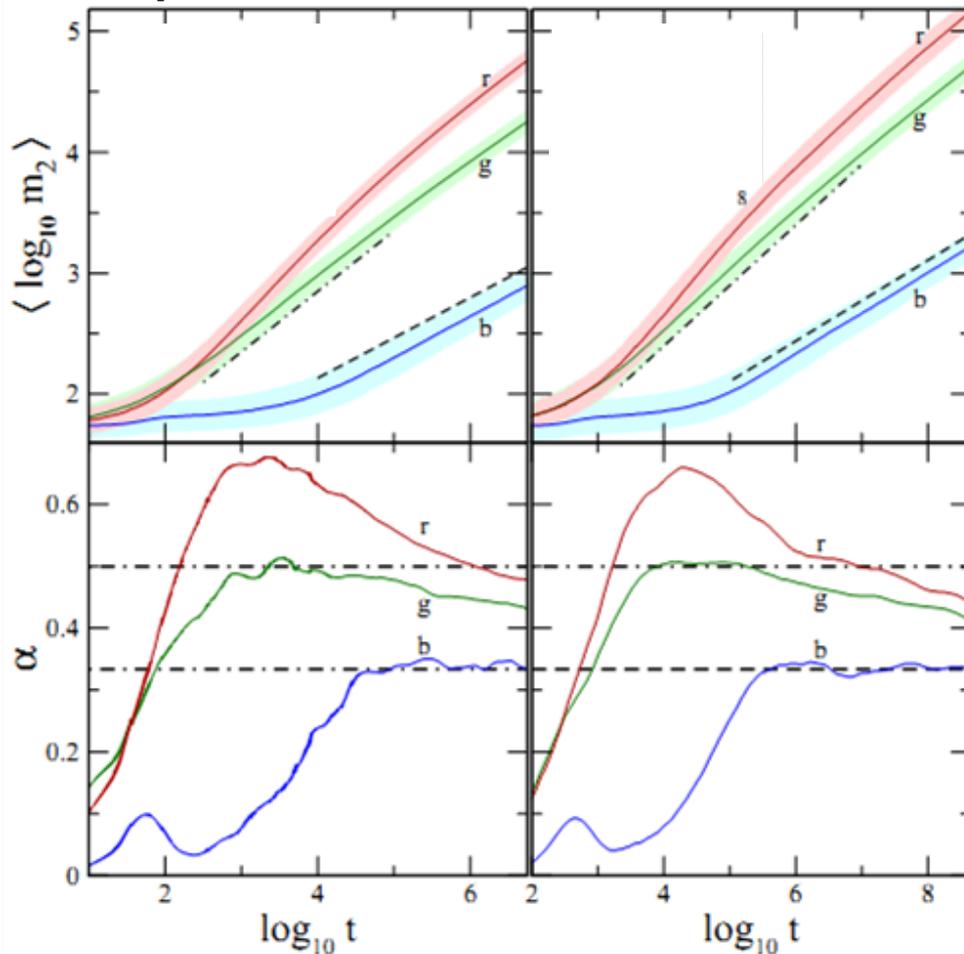
We consider **compact initial wave packets of width $L=V$** [Laptyeva et al., EPL (2010) - Bodyfelt et al., PRE (2011)].



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.

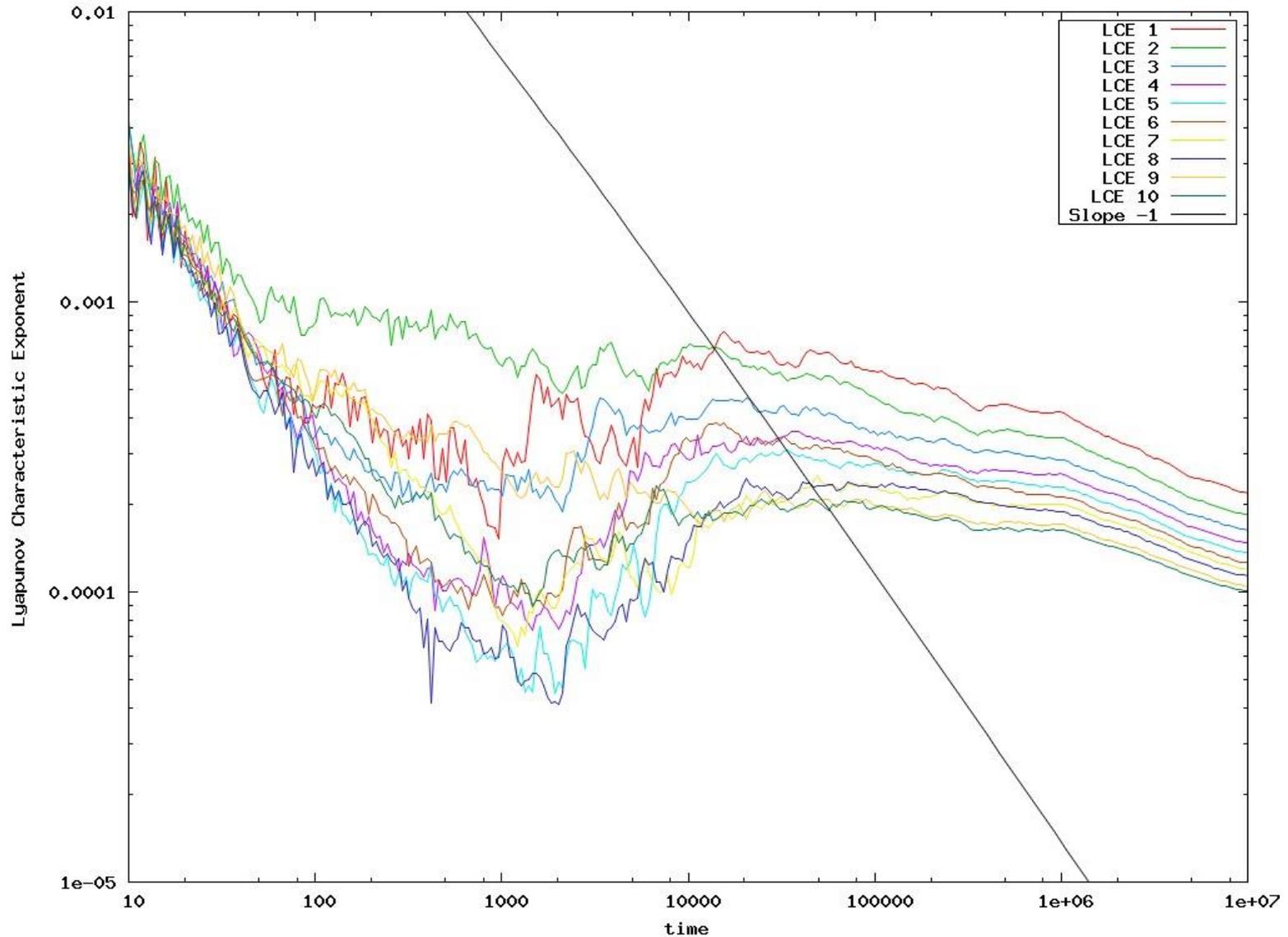
Consider an orbit in the $2N$ -dimensional phase space with **initial condition $\mathbf{x}(0)$** and an **initial deviation vector from it $\mathbf{v}(0)$** . Then the mean exponential rate of divergence is:

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

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

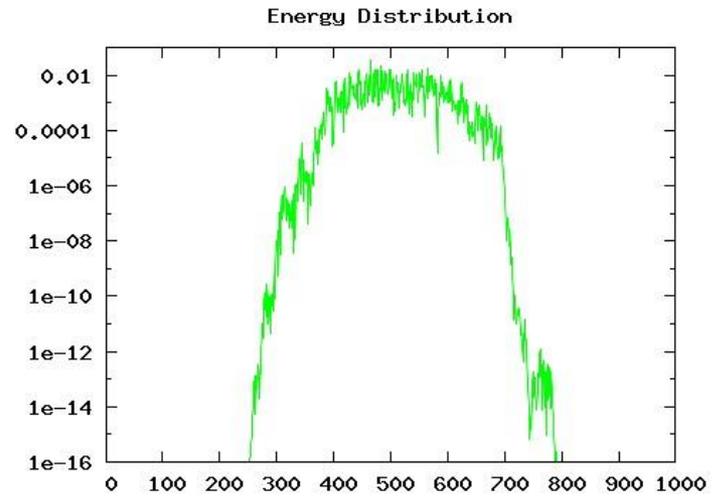
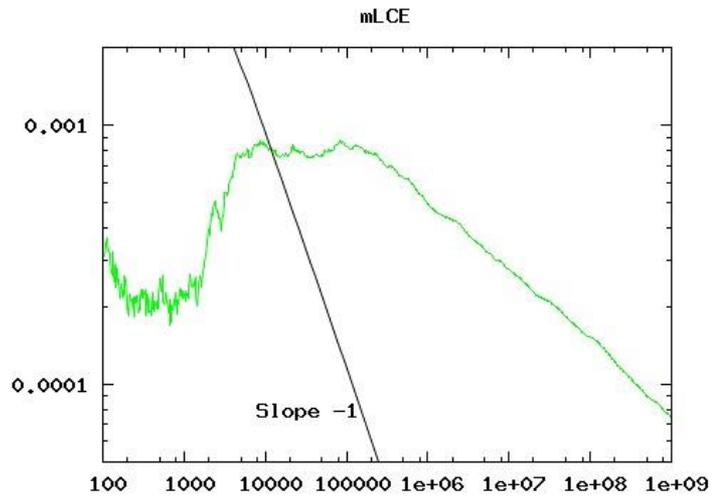
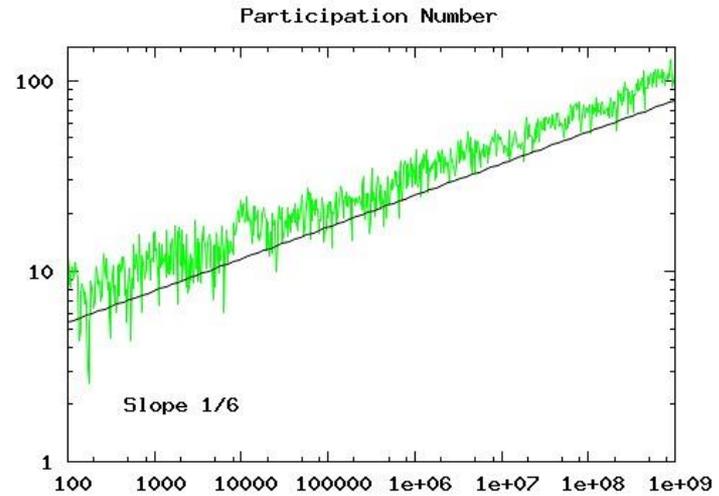
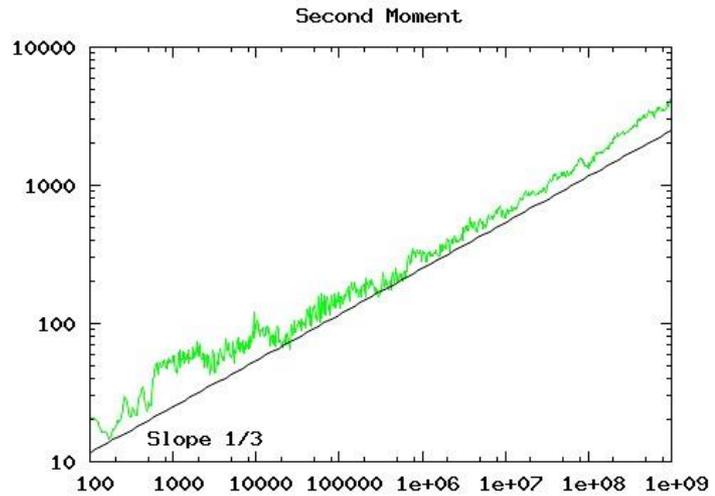
$\lambda_1 \neq 0 \rightarrow$ Chaotic motion

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



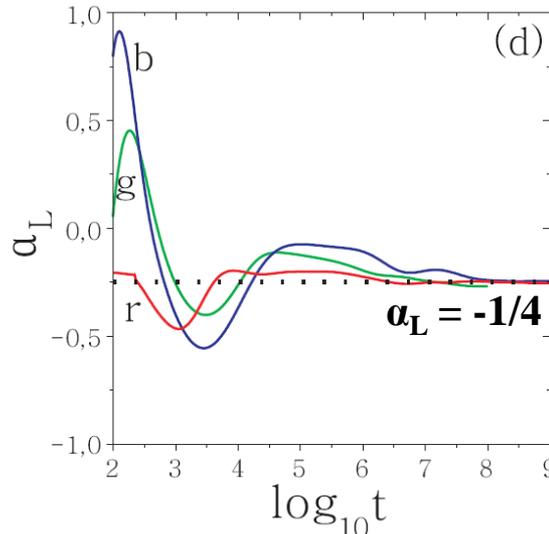
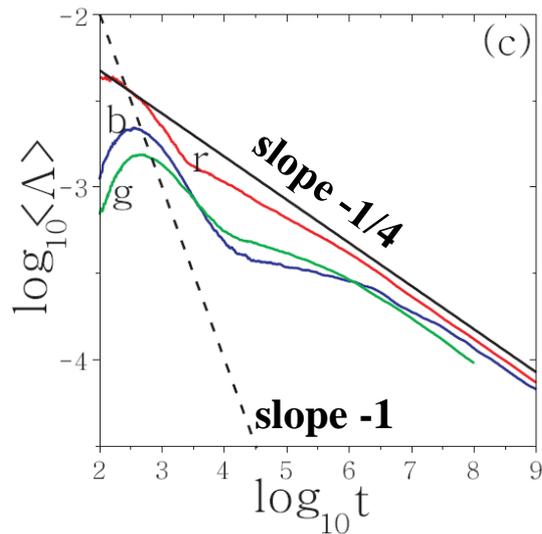
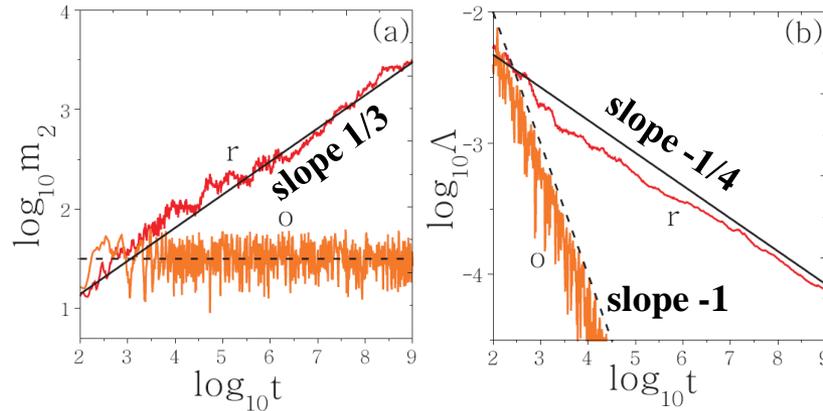
KG: Weak Chaos ($E=0.4$)

$t = 1000000000.00$



KG: Weak Chaos

Individual runs
Linear case
E=0.4, W=4



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

Average over 50 realizations

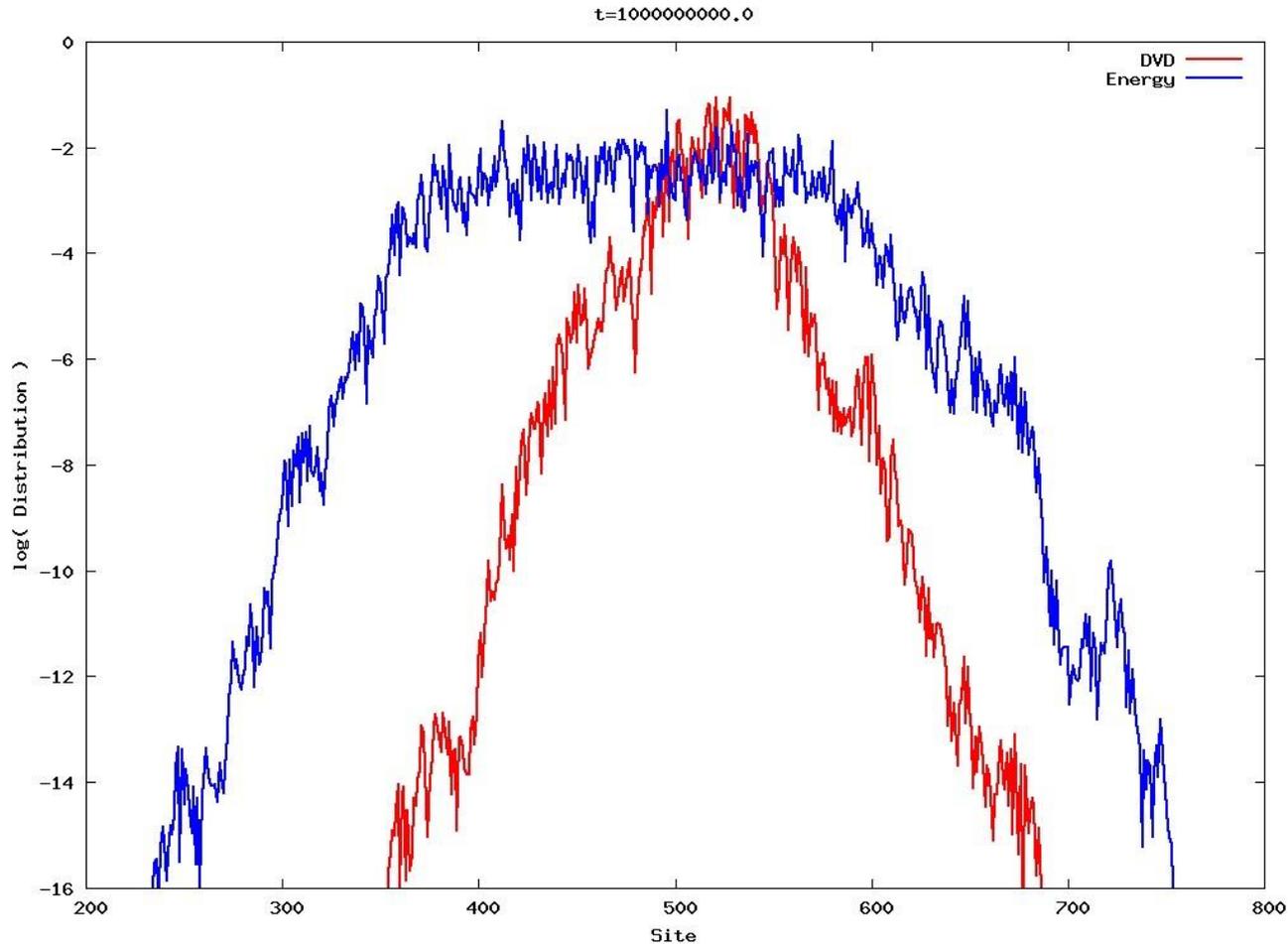
Single site excitation E=0.4,
W=4

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

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

S. et al. PRL (2013)

Deviation Vector Distributions (DVDs)

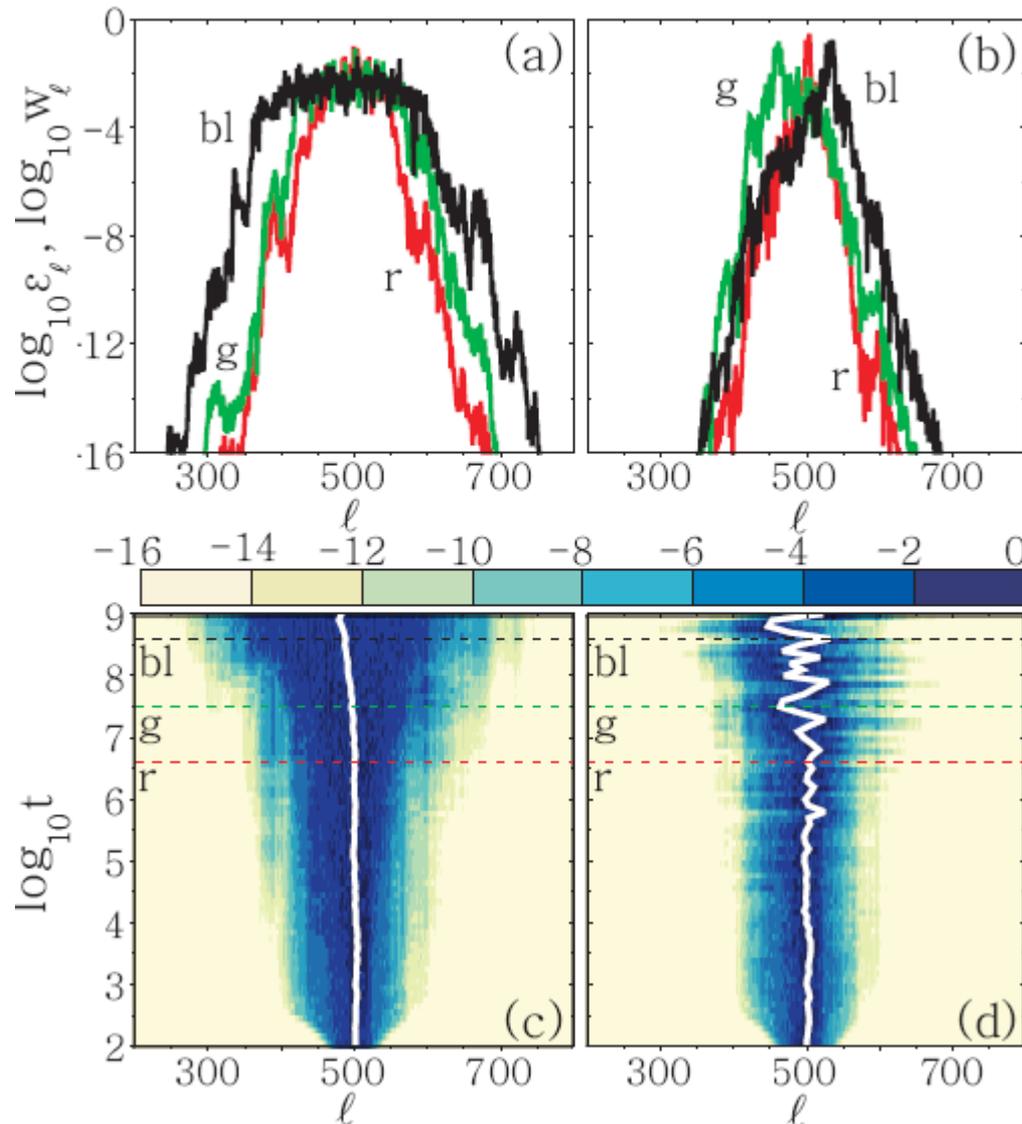


Deviation vector:

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

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

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)]

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

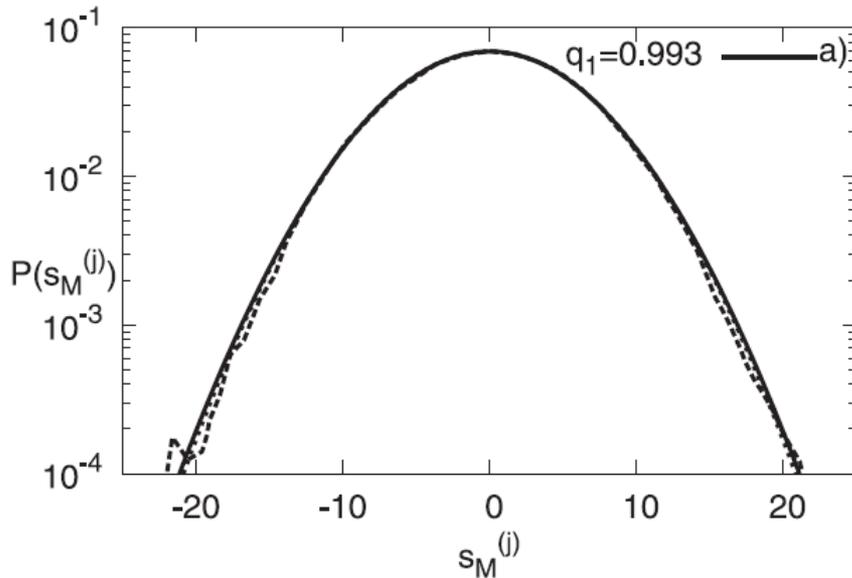
q (entropic index)

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.

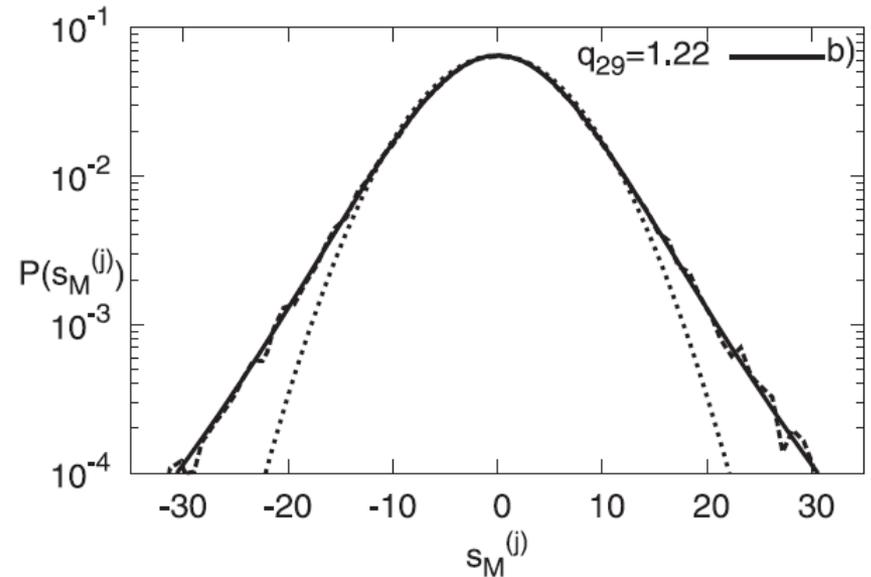
q-Gaussian distributions

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



$$\eta_1 = \mathbf{u}_1$$

Well defined chaos



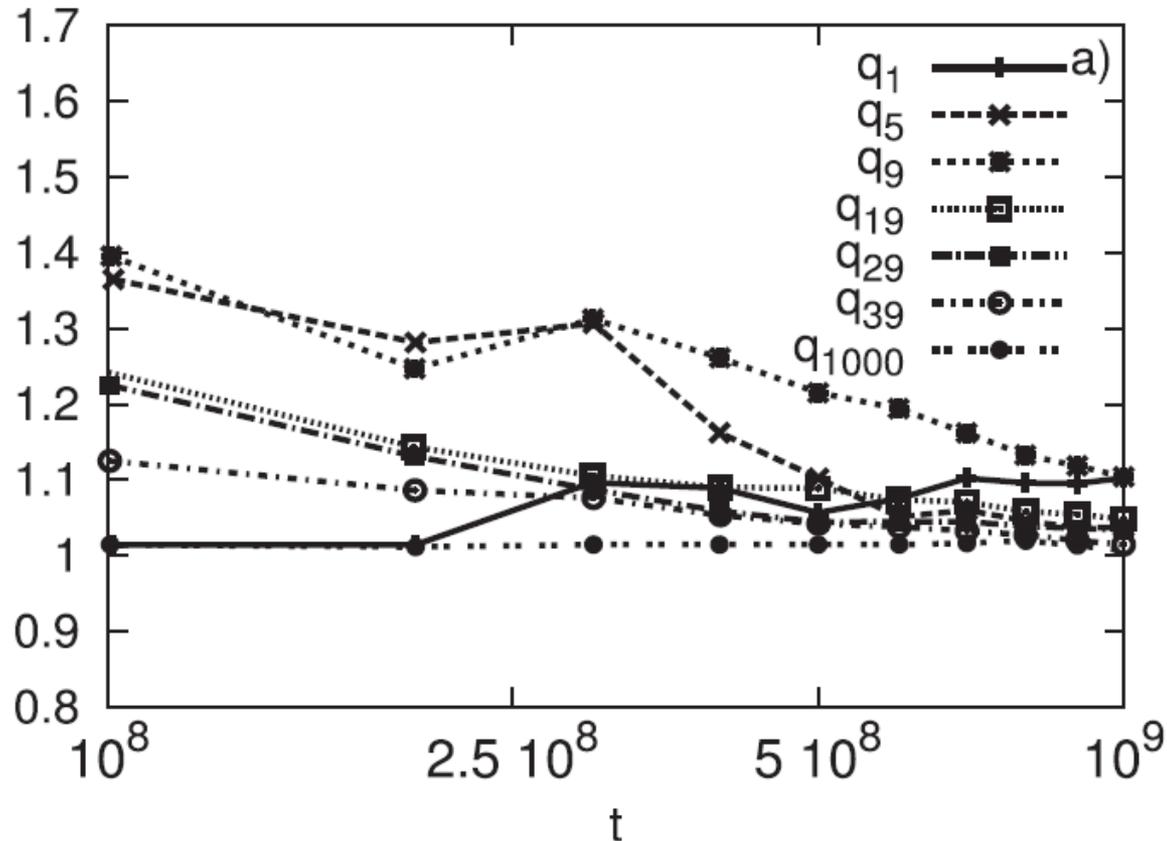
$$\eta_{29} = \mathbf{u}_{486} + \mathbf{u}_{487} + \dots + \mathbf{u}_{513} + \mathbf{u}_{514}$$

(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

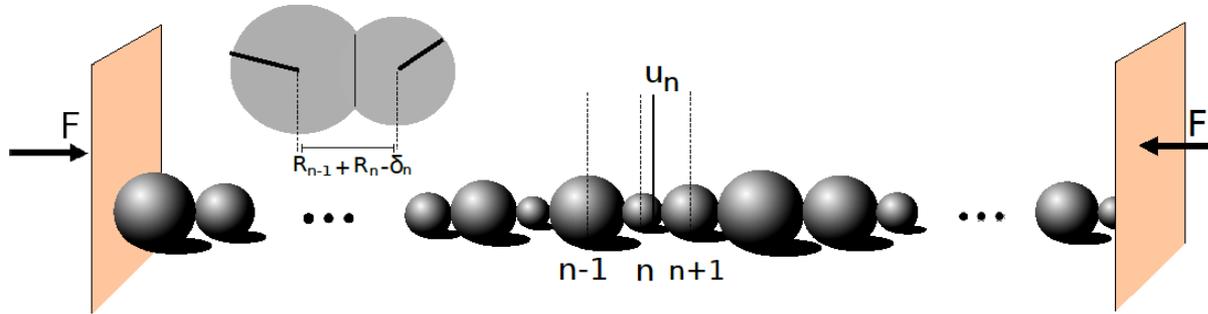


**Examples: coal, sand, rice,
nuts, coffee etc.**

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



Hamiltonian model



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

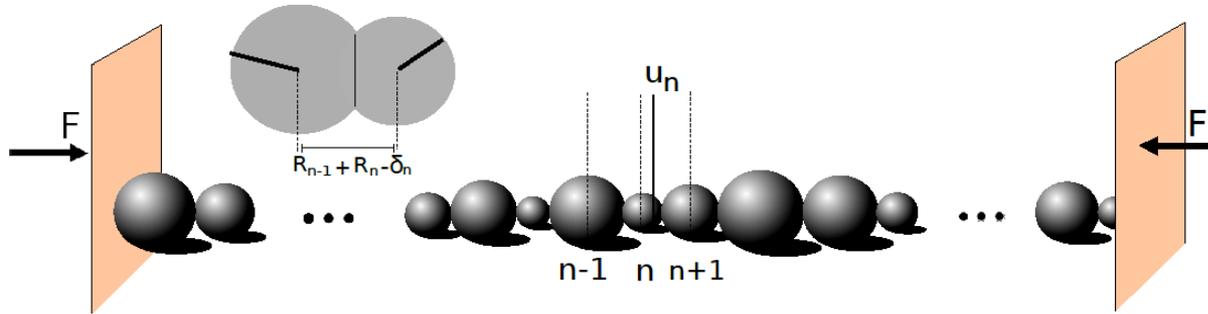
$$\delta_n = (F/A_n)^{2/3}$$

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

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

Hertzian forces between spherical beads. Fixed boundary conditions.

Hamiltonian model



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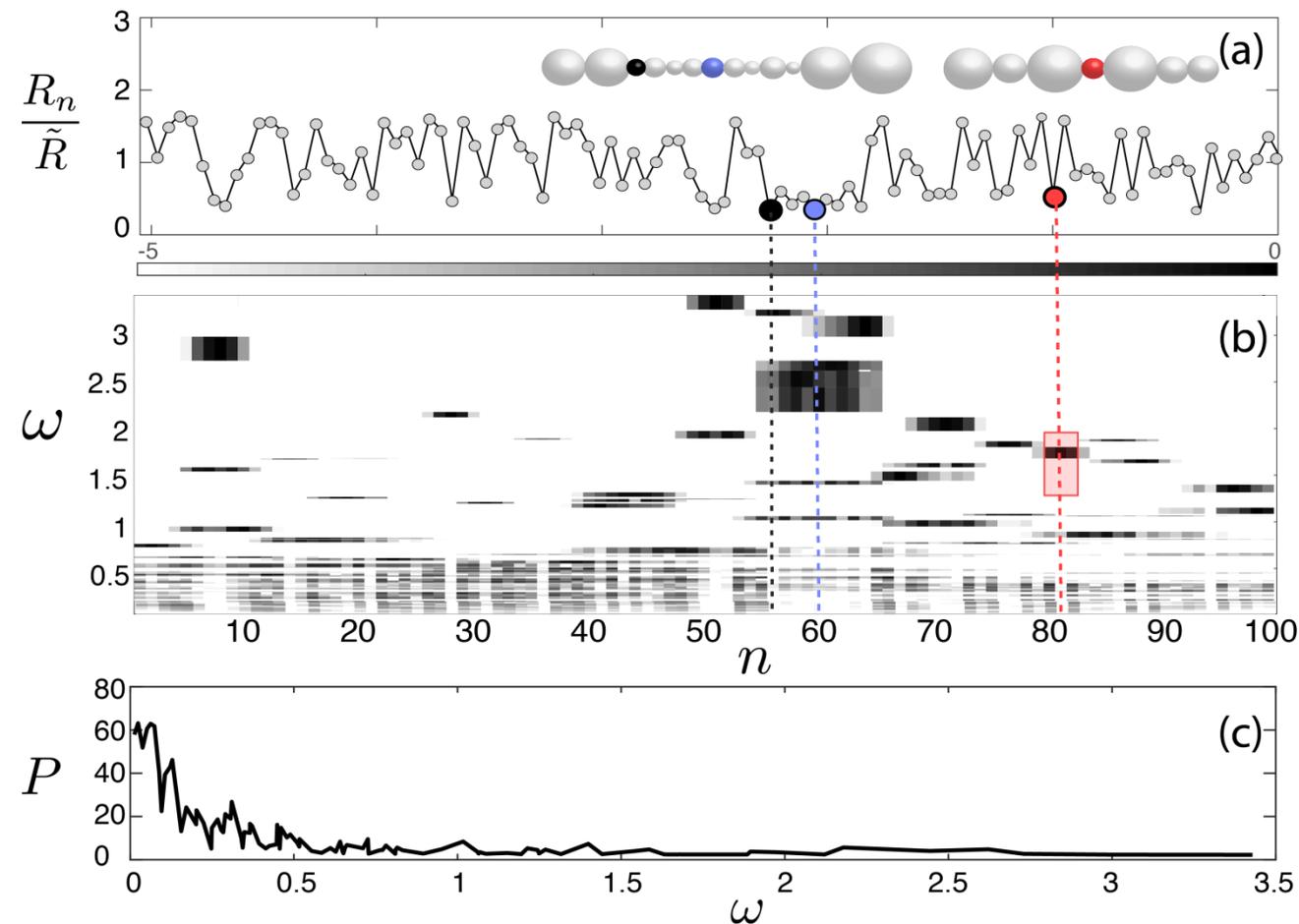
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Hertzian forces between spherical beads. Fixed boundary conditions.

Disorder both in couplings and masses

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

Eigenmodes and single site excitations

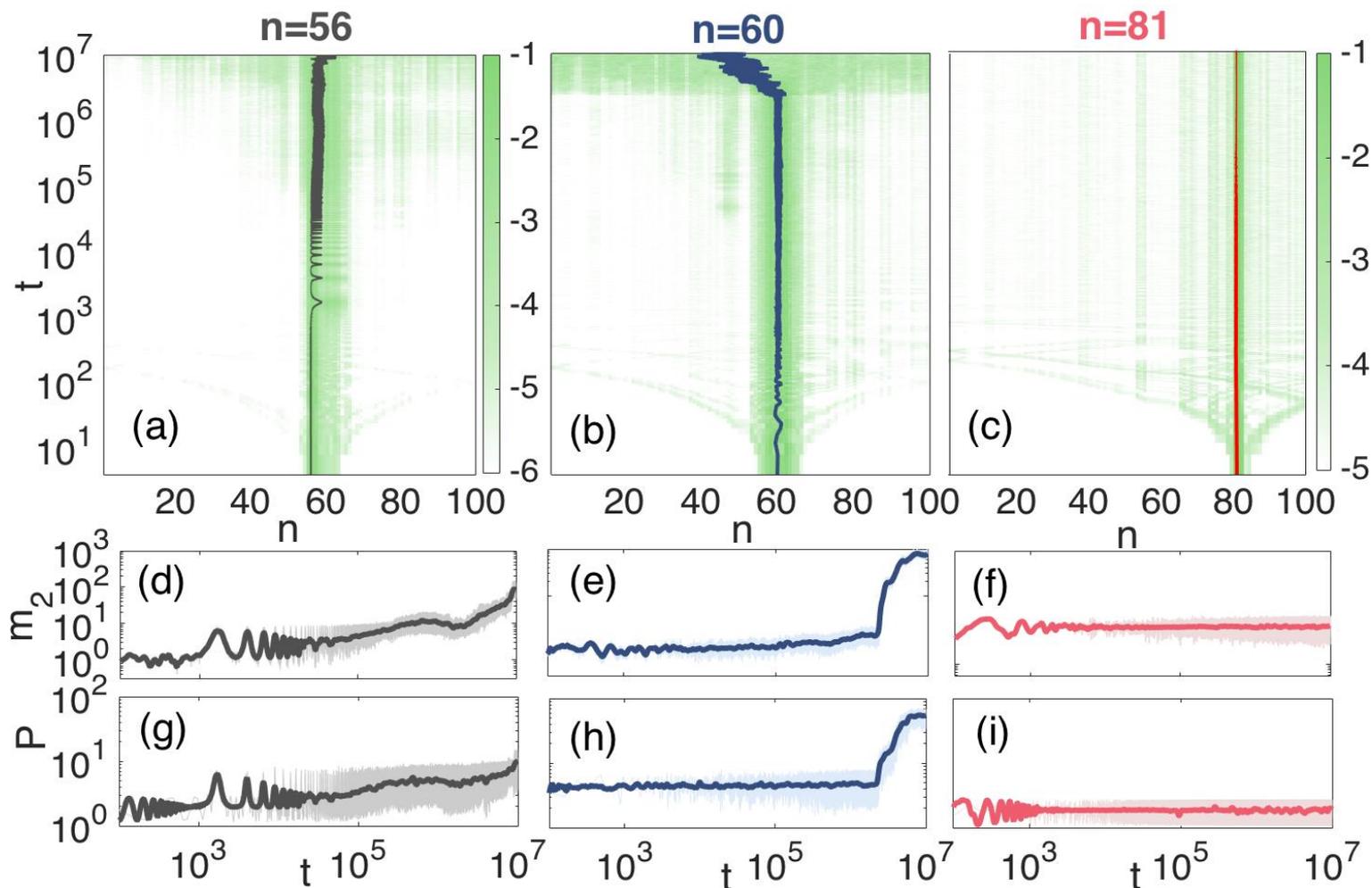


**Disorder realization
with $N=100$ beads**

**Displacement
excitation of bead n**

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

Weak nonlinearity: Long time evolution

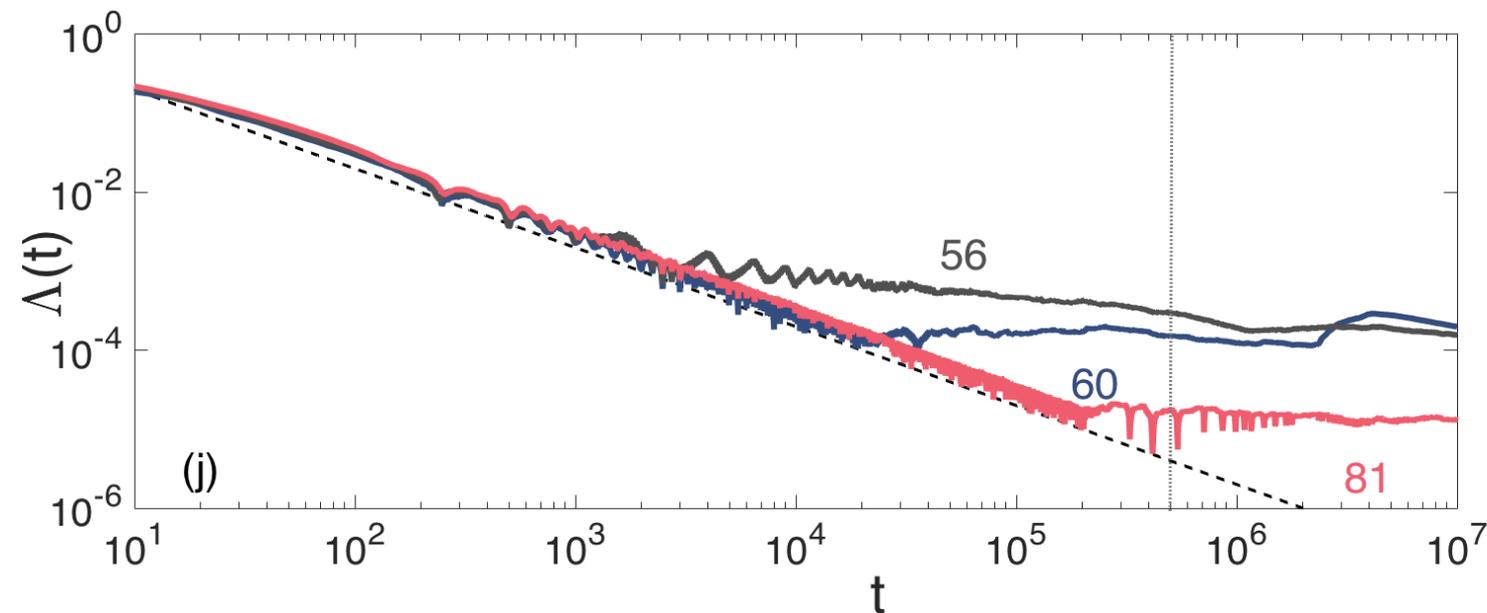


Delocalization

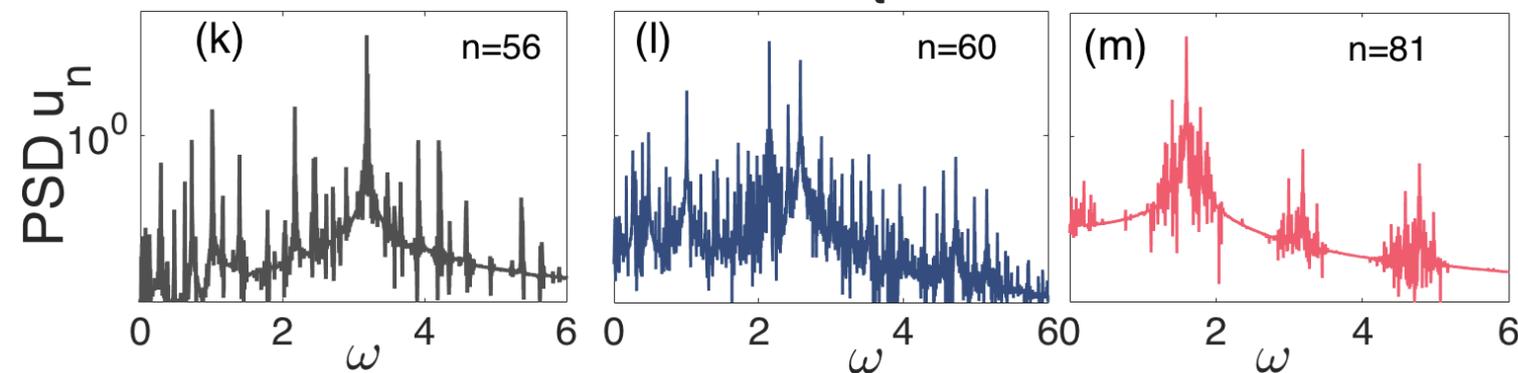
Delocalization

Localization

Weak nonlinearity: Chaoticity



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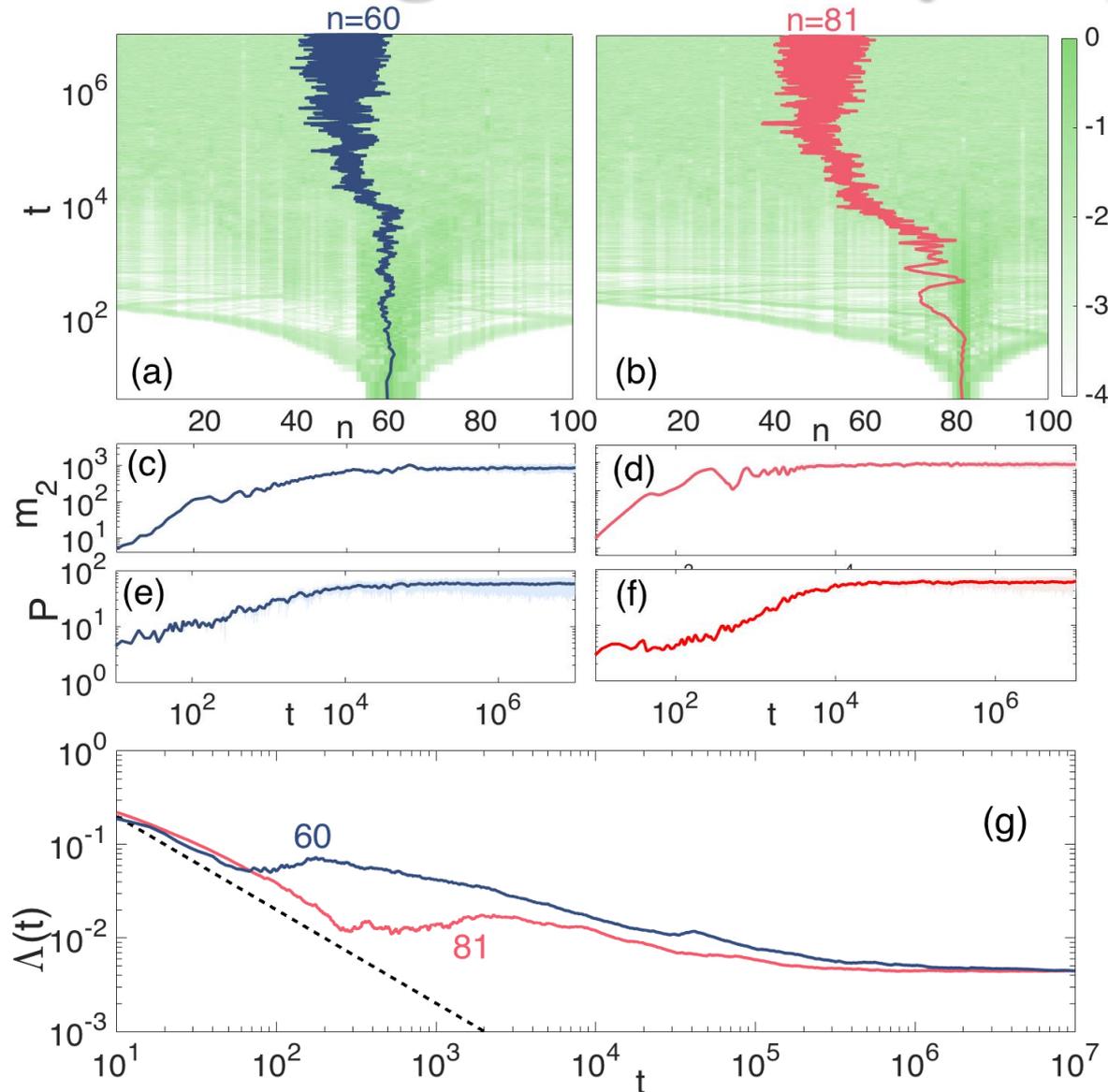


Power
Spectrum
Distribution

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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