

# Chaotic behavior of disordered nonlinear systems

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- **Disordered 1D lattices:**
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  - ✓ **Different dynamical behaviors**
- **Chaotic behavior of the KG model**
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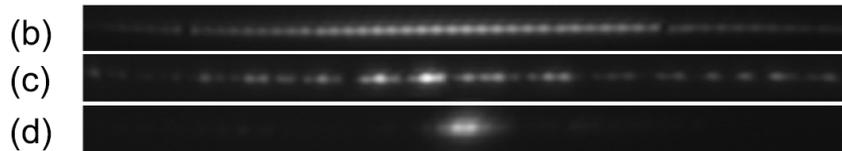
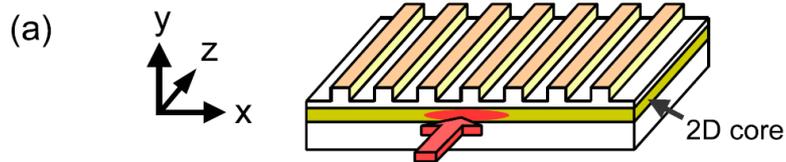
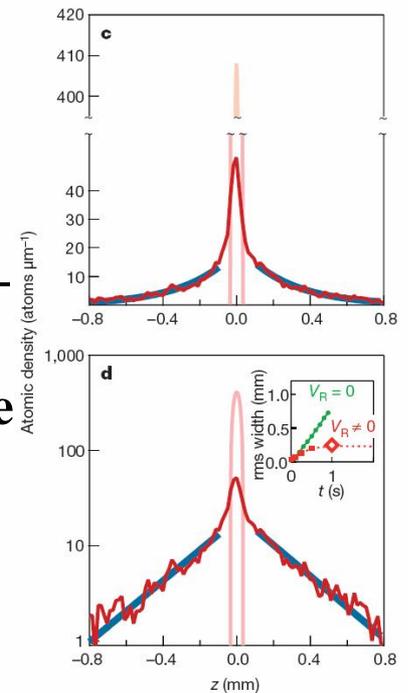
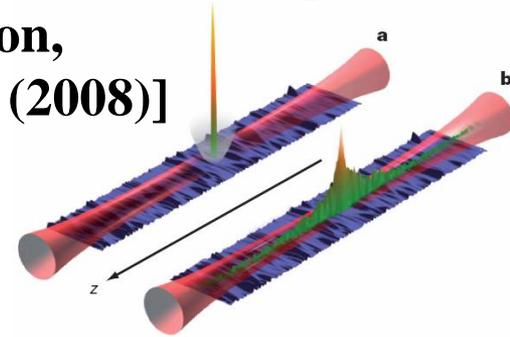
# Interplay of disorder and nonlinearity

**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

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

of the  $\nu$ 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  $z_\nu$ .

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

# Scales

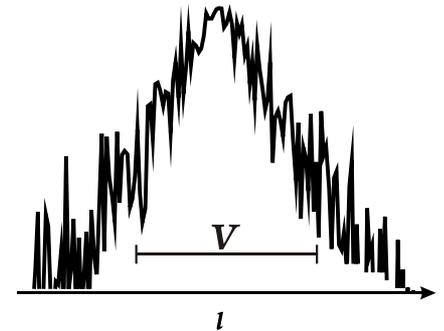
Linear case:  $\omega_v^2 \in \left[ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} + \frac{4}{W} \right]$ , width of the squared frequency spectrum:

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

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

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

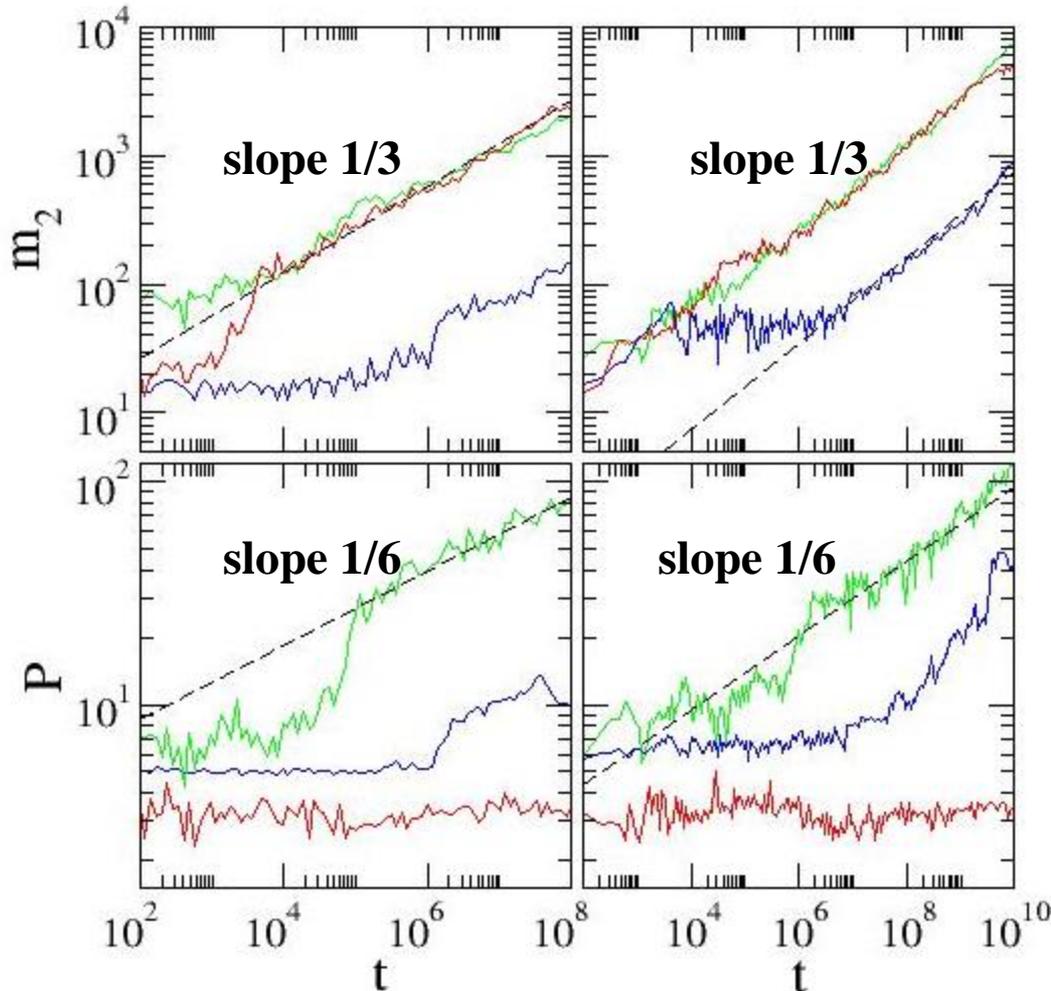
Almost all NMs in the packet are resonantly interacting. Wave packets initially spread faster and eventually enter the weak chaos regime.

**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:

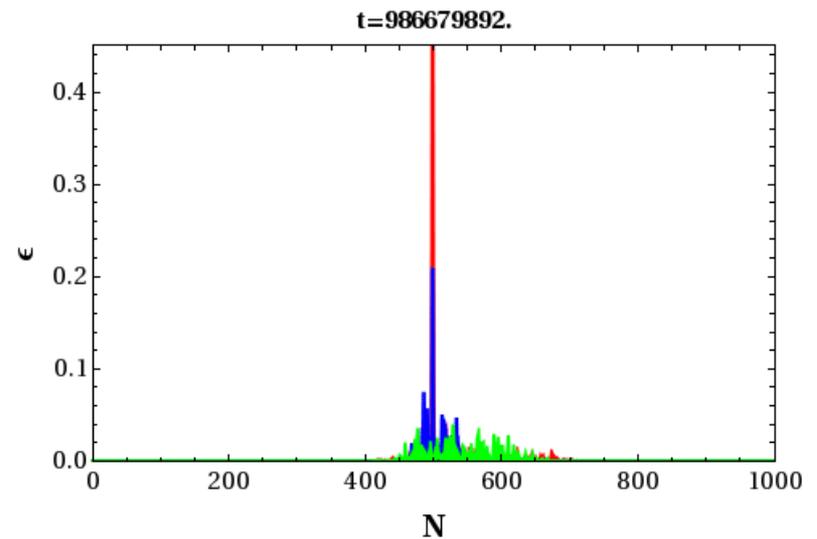
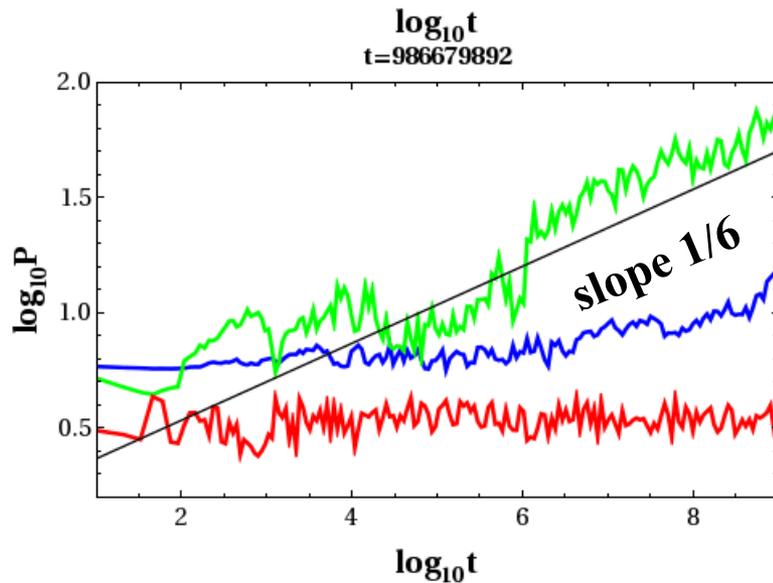
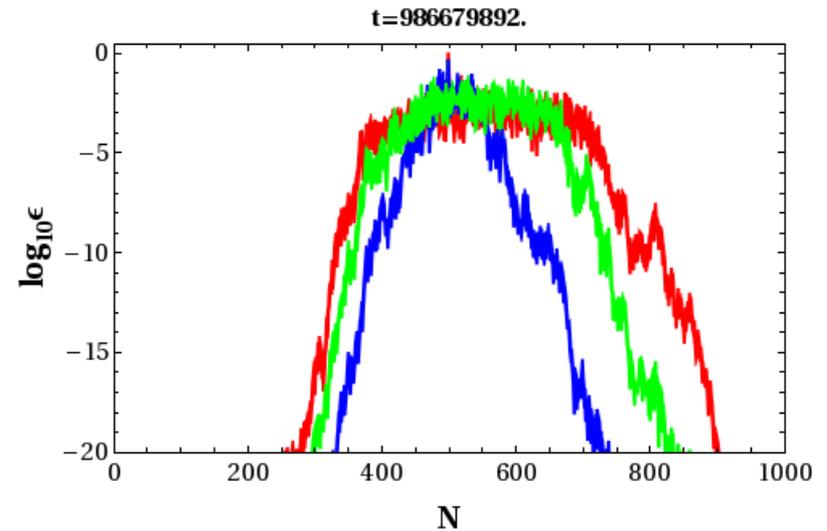
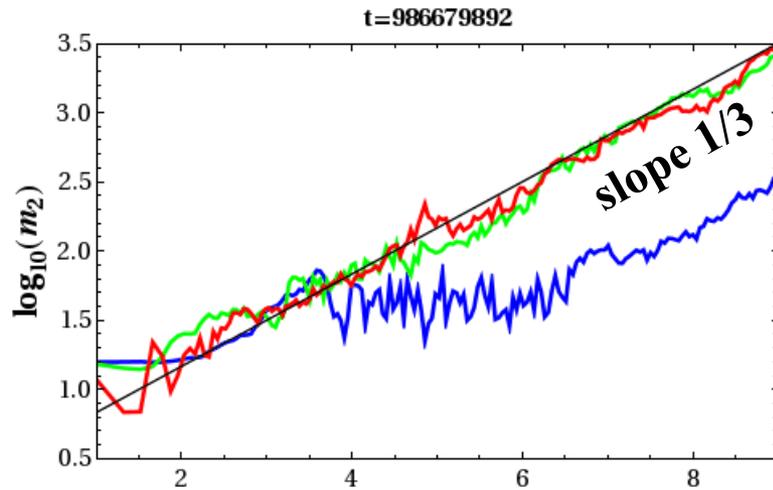
$$\alpha = 0.33 \pm 0.05 \text{ (KG)}$$

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

Flach et al., PRL (2009)

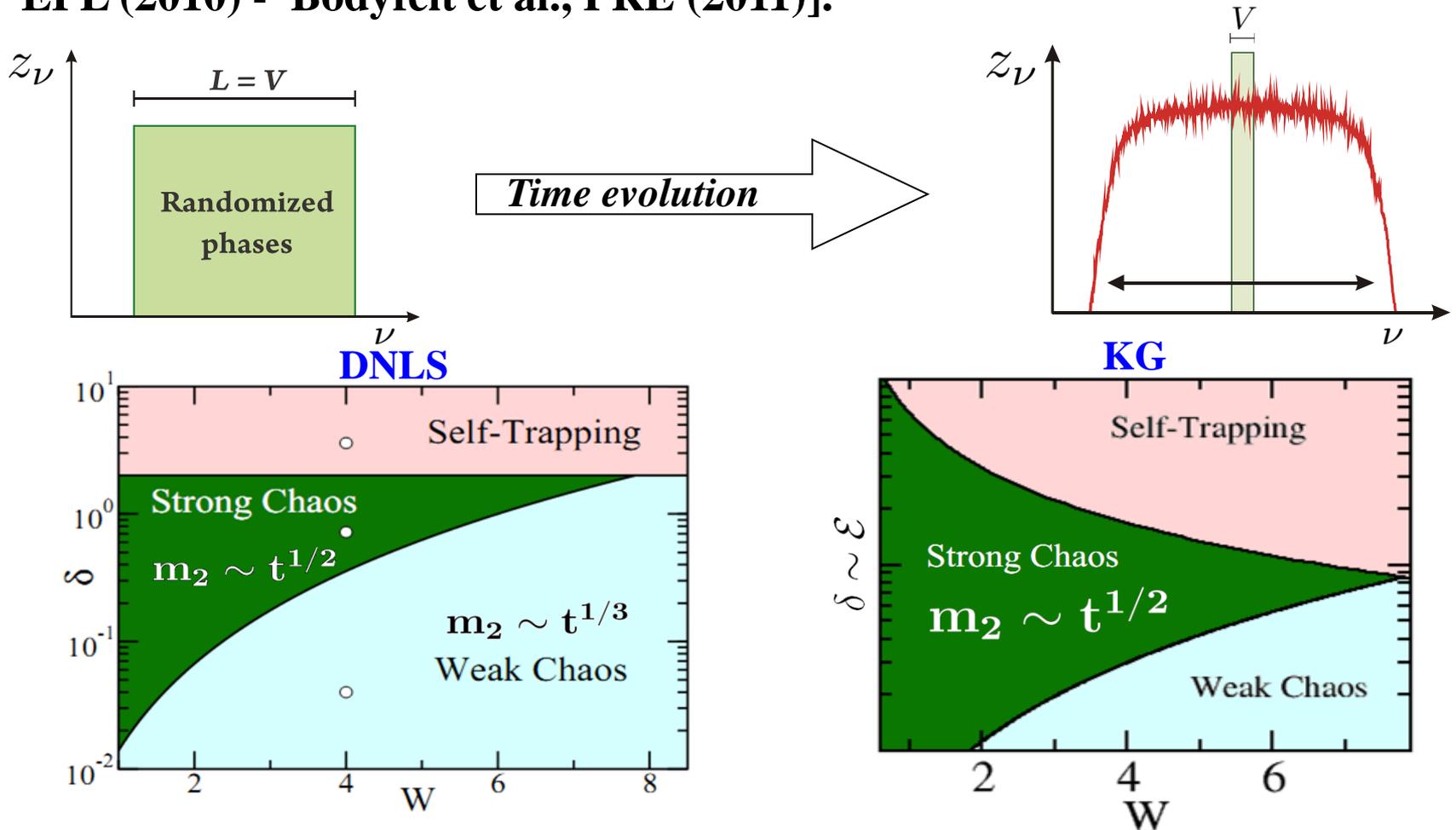
S. et al., PRE (2009)

# KG: Different spreading regimes



# Crossover from strong to weak chaos

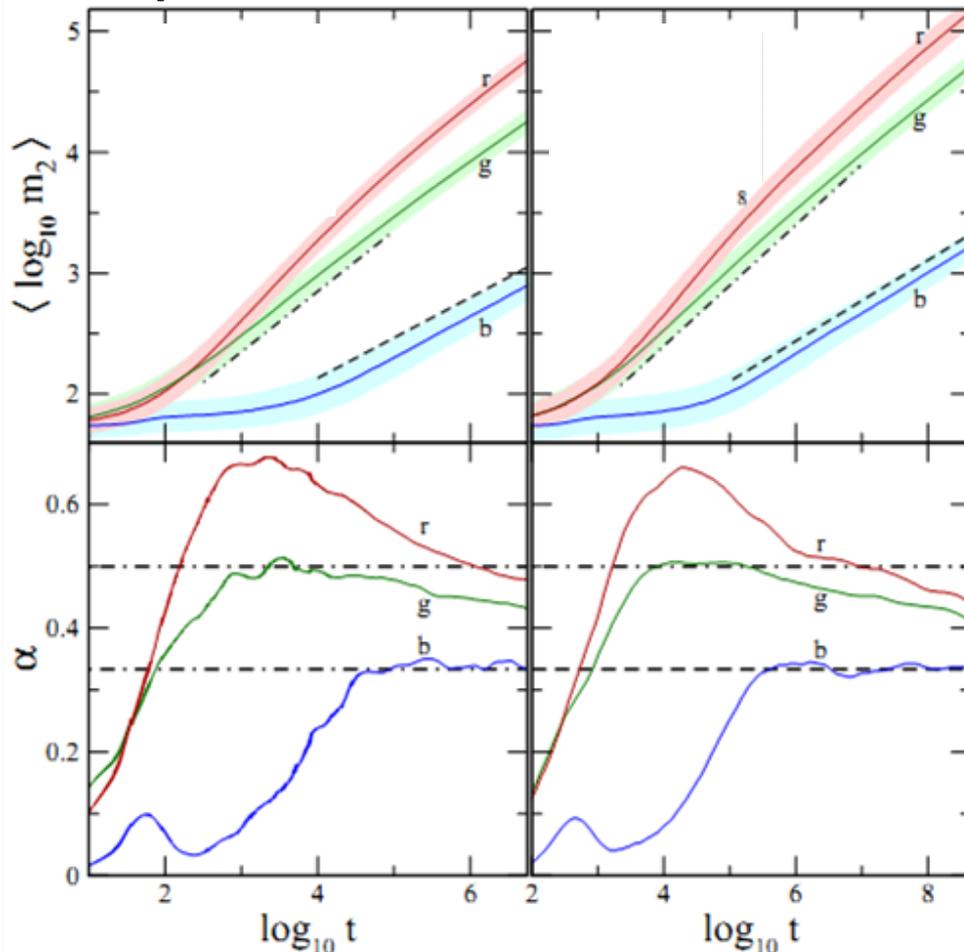
We consider **compact initial wave packets of width  $L=V$**  [Laptyeva et al., EPL (2010) - Bodyfelt et al., PRE (2011)].



# 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:

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

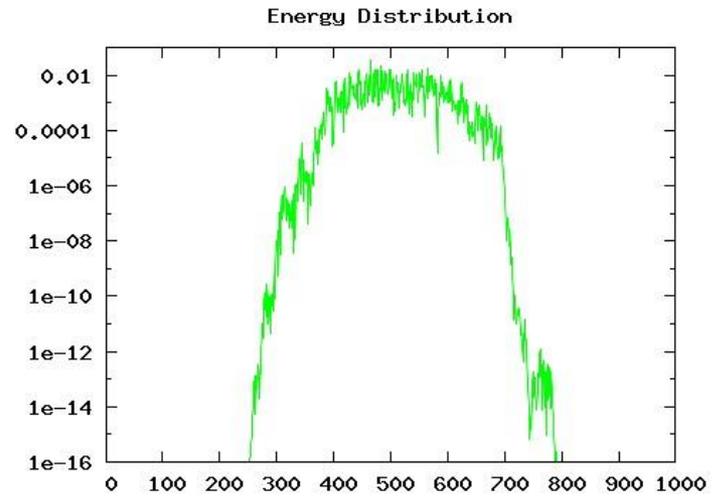
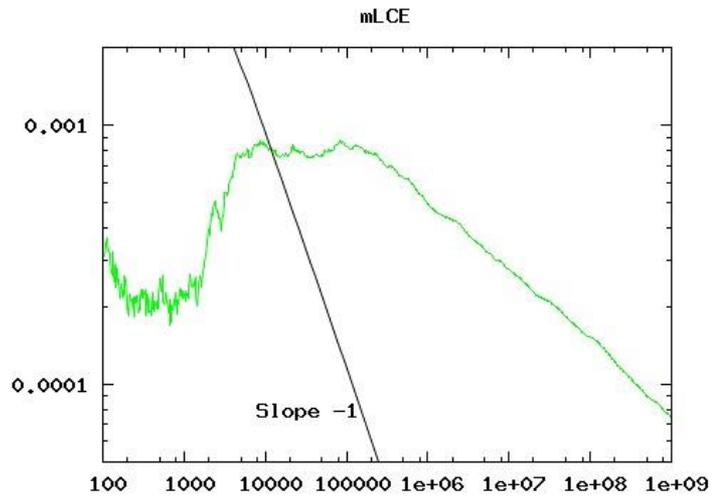
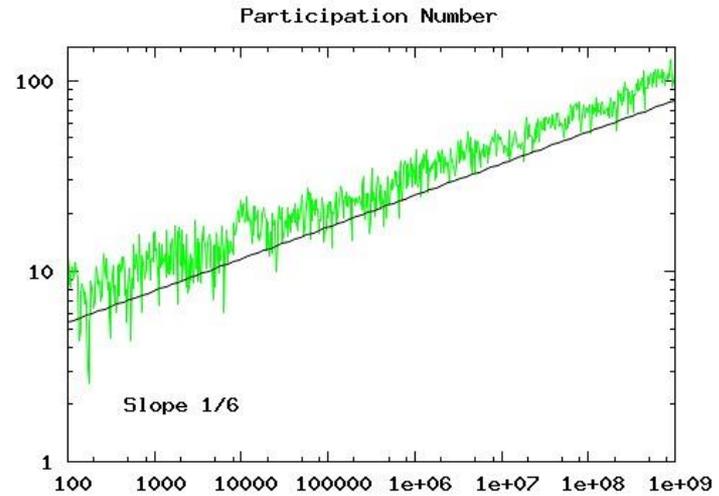
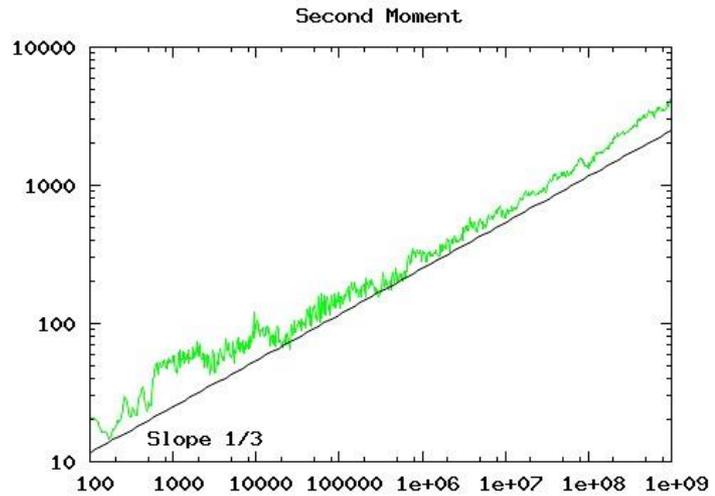
$\lambda_1=0 \rightarrow$  Regular motion  $\propto (t^{-1})$

$\lambda_1 \neq 0 \rightarrow$  Chaotic motion



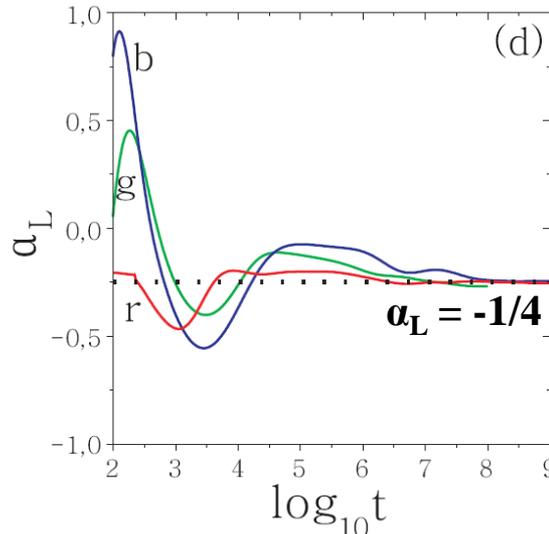
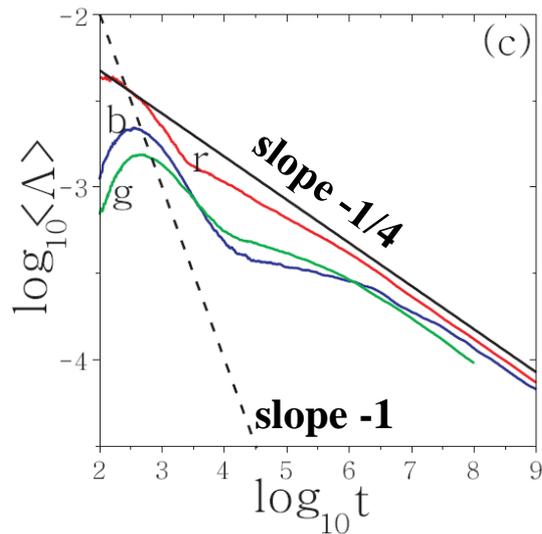
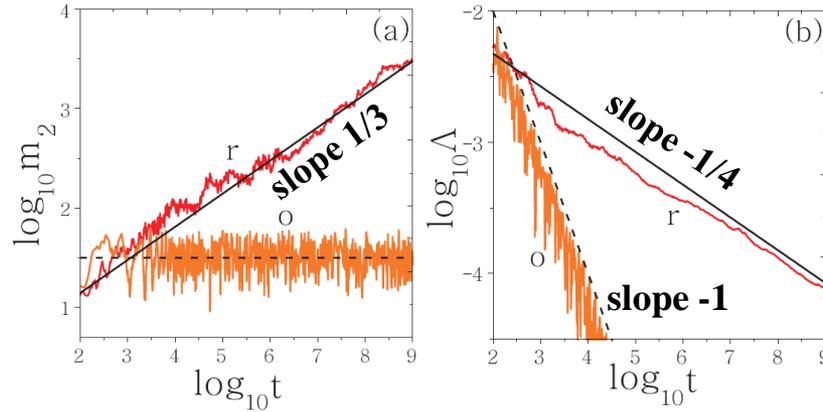
# KG: Weak Chaos ( $E=0.4$ )

$t = 1000000000.00$



# 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**

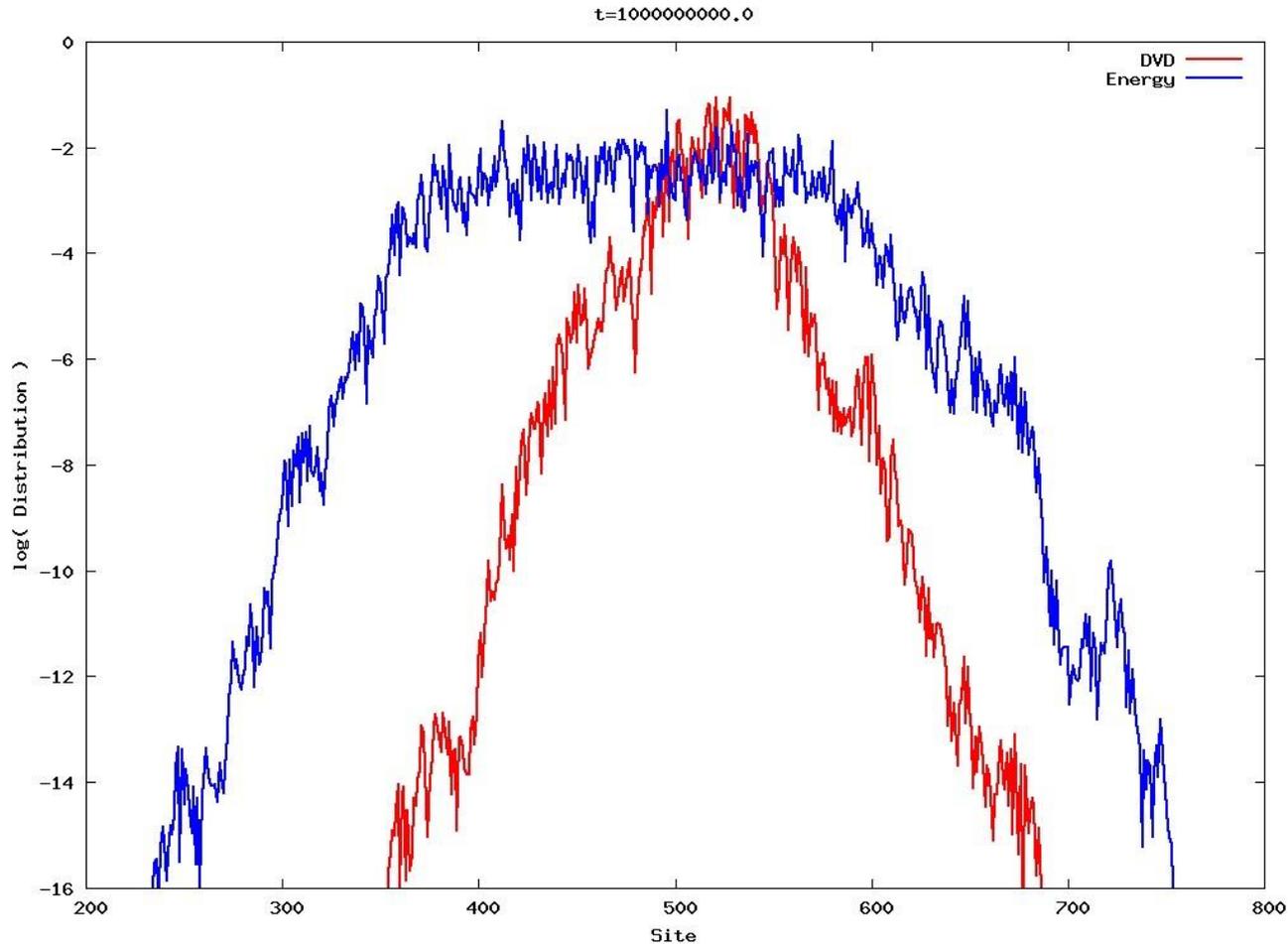
**Single site excitation E=0.4,**  
**W=4**

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

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

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

# Deviation Vector Distributions (DVDs)

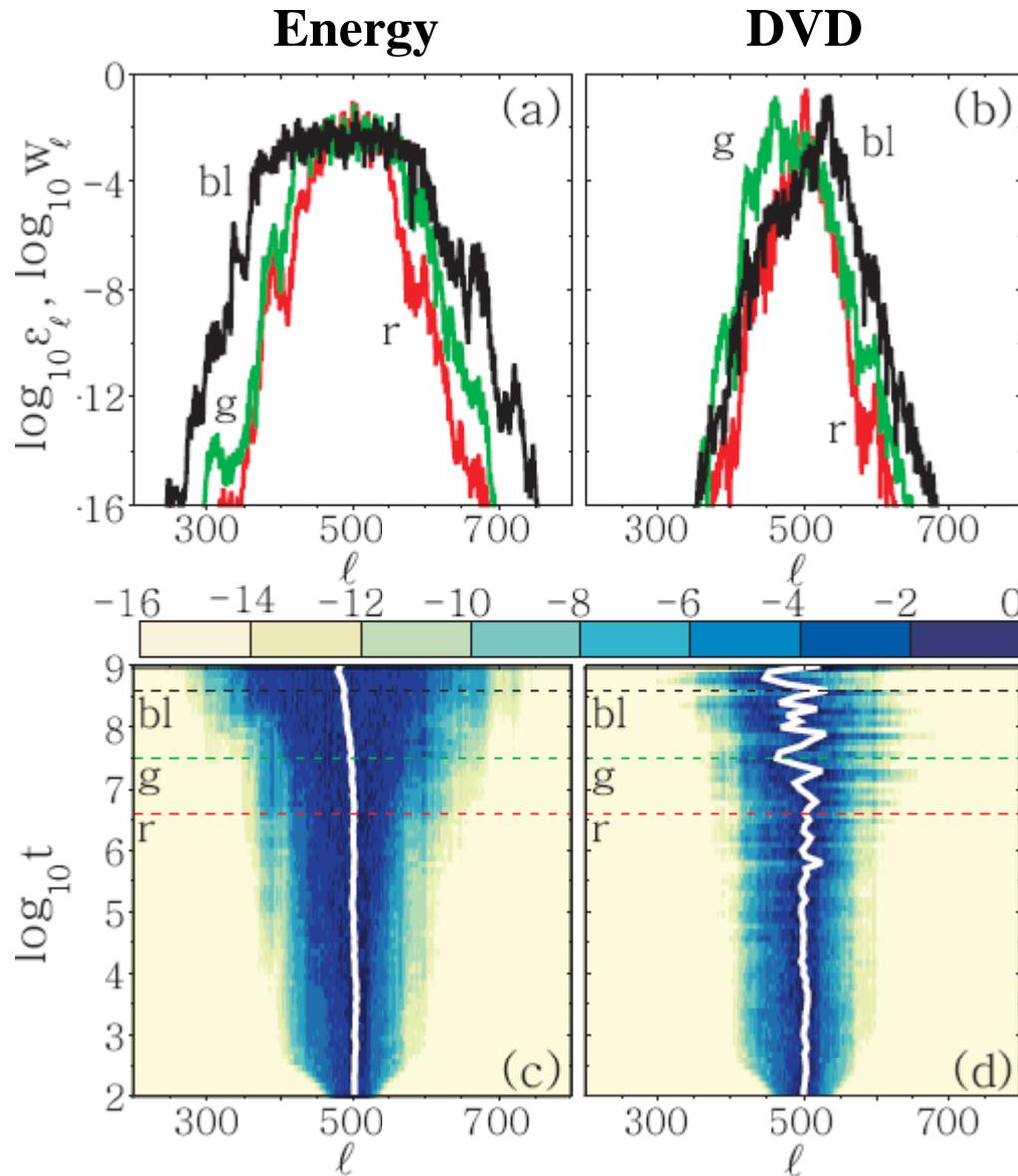


Deviation vector:

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

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

# 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.

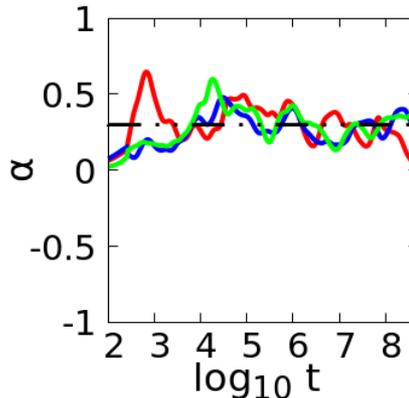
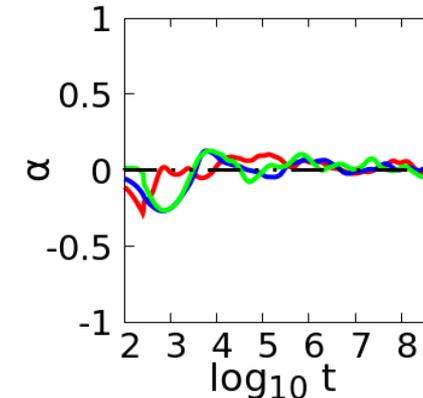
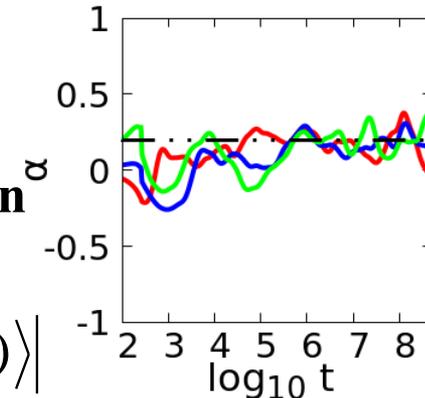
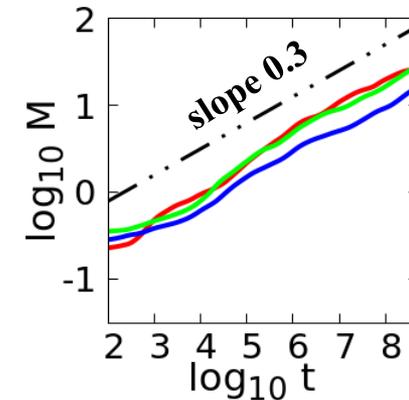
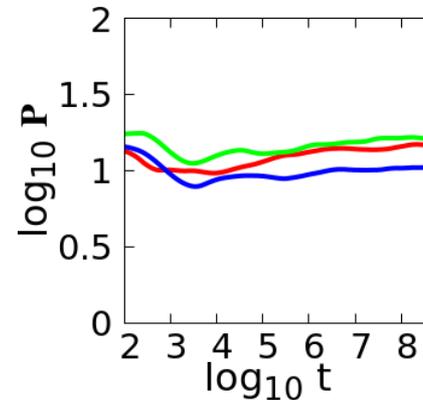
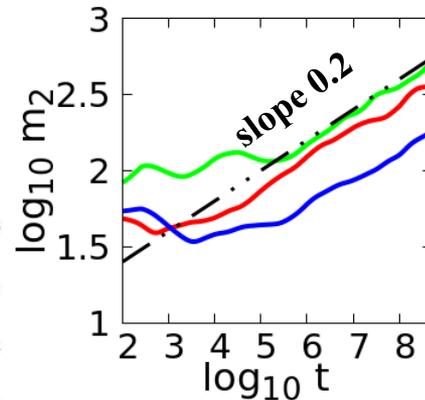
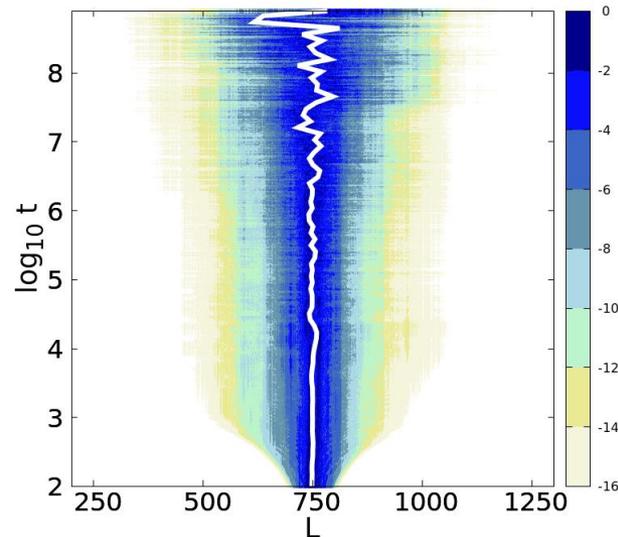
# DVDs – Weak chaos

Individual run,  $L=37$ ,  
 $E=0.37$ ,  $W=3$

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

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

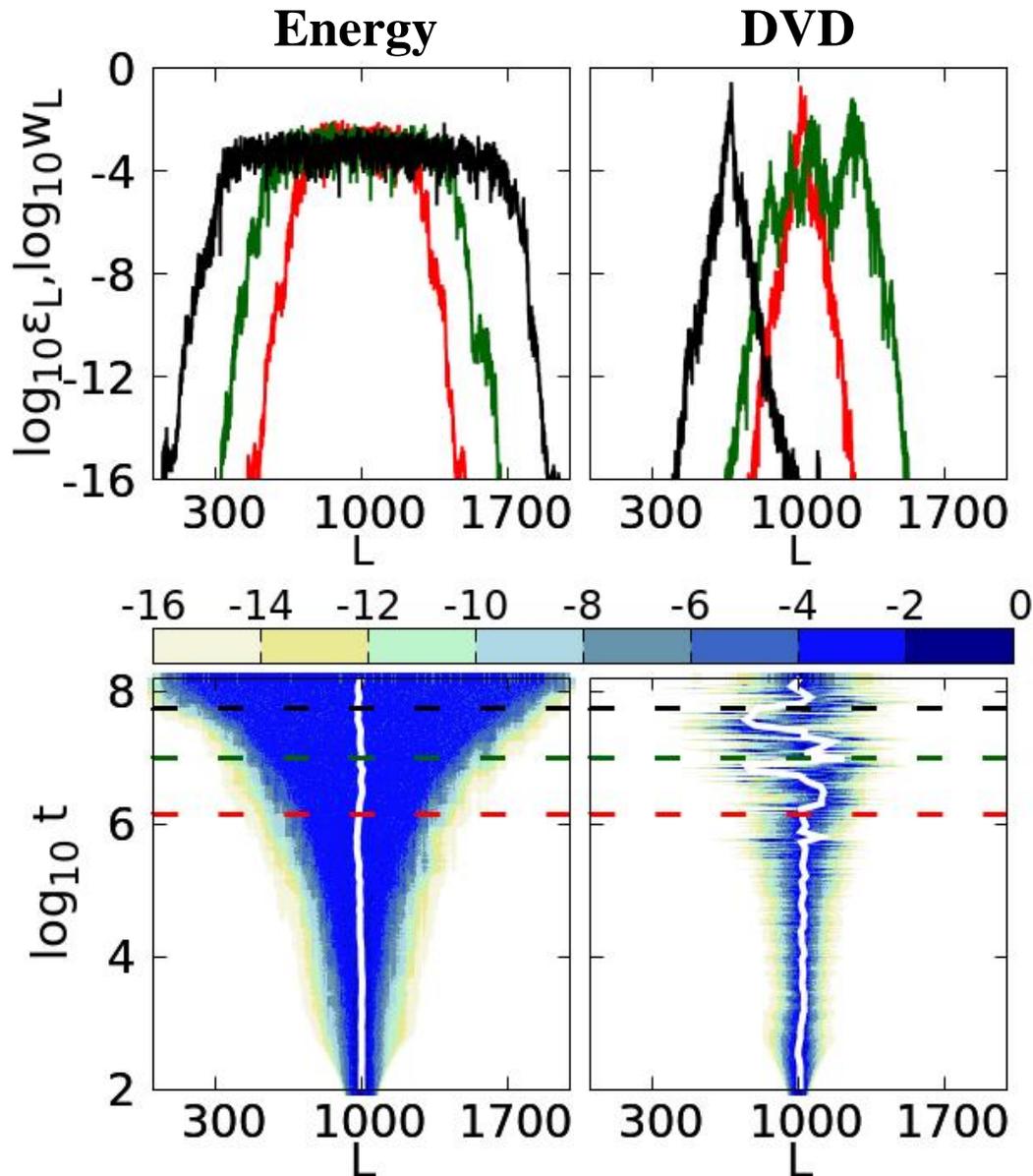
Block excitation (37 sites)  $E=0.37$ ,  $W=3$



Maximum absolute  
 deviation of DVD's mean  
 position

$$M(t) = \max_{[t, t+\Delta t]} \left| \bar{w}(t) - \langle \bar{w}(t) \rangle \right|$$

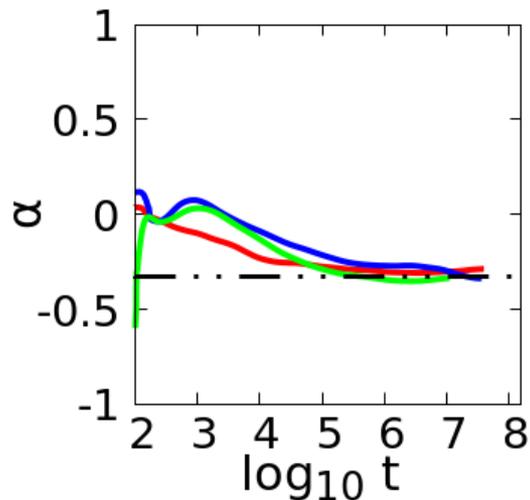
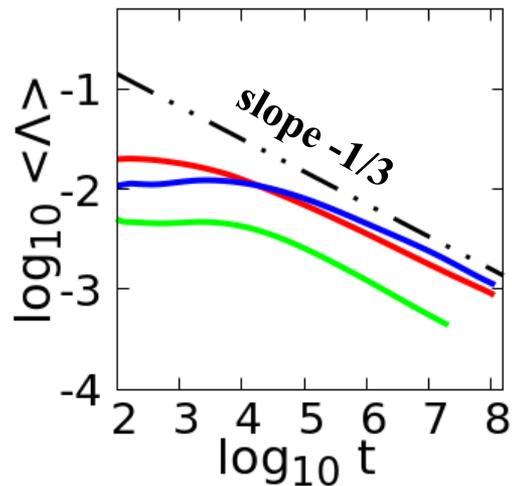
# KG: Strong chaos



**Individual run**  
 **$L=83, E=8.3, W=3$**

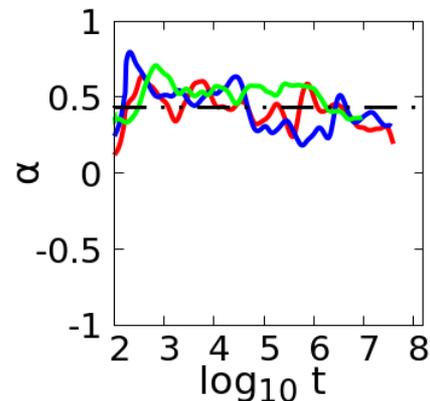
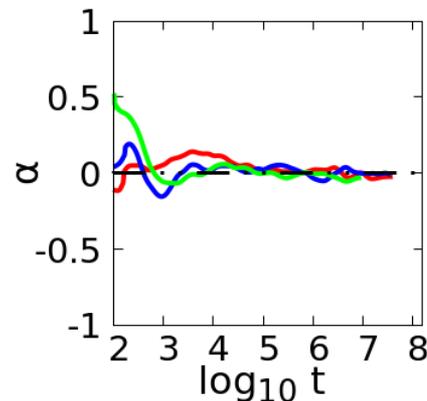
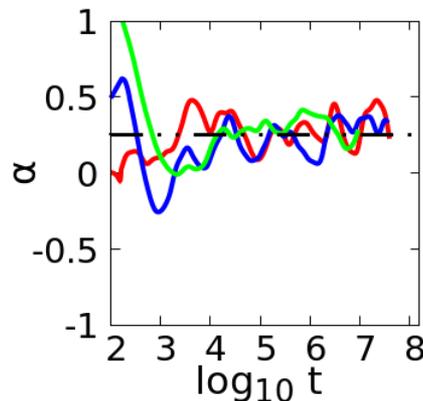
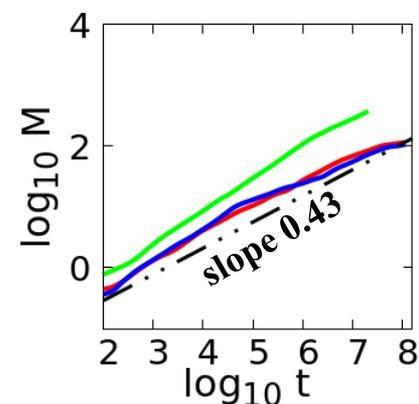
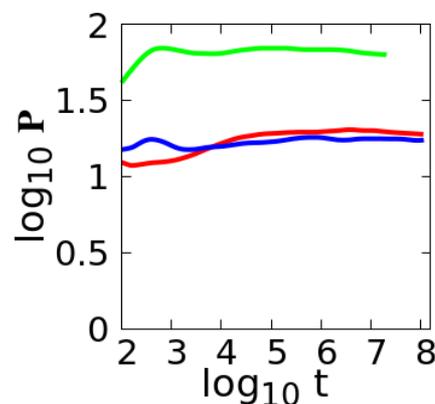
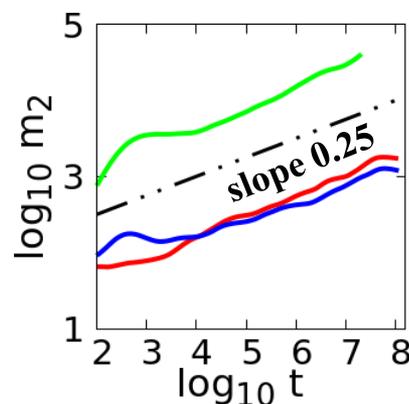
# KG: Strong chaos

Lyapunov exponent



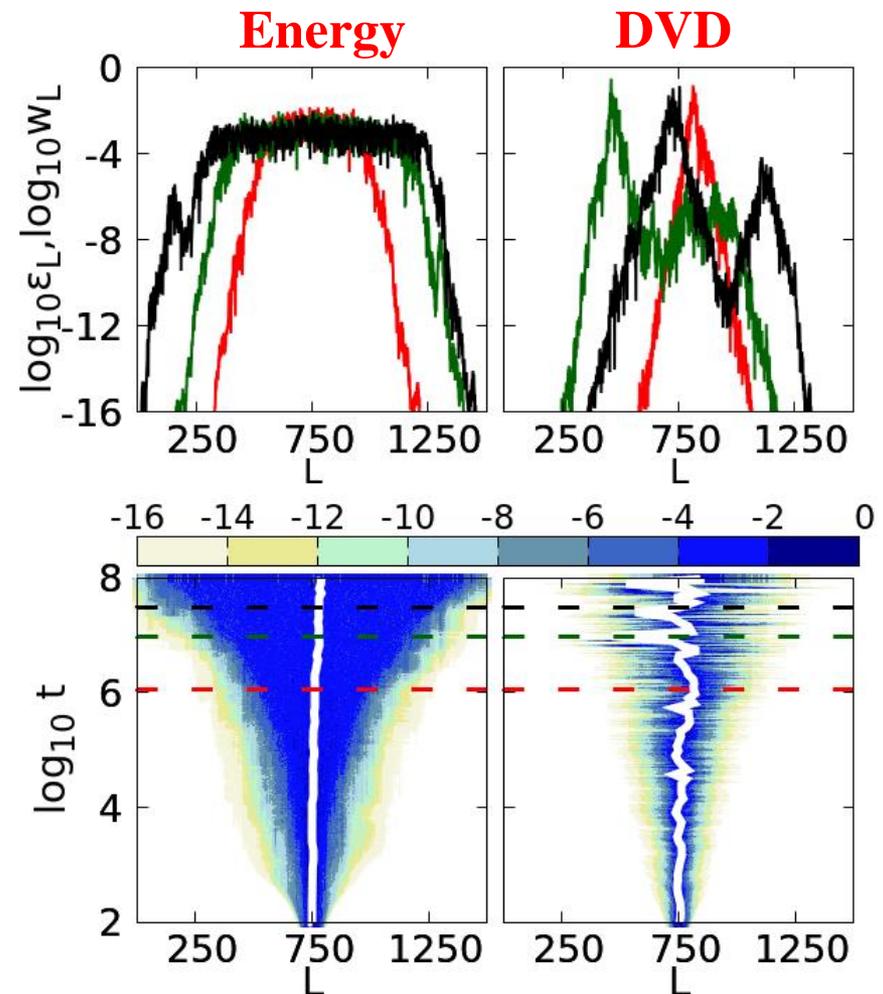
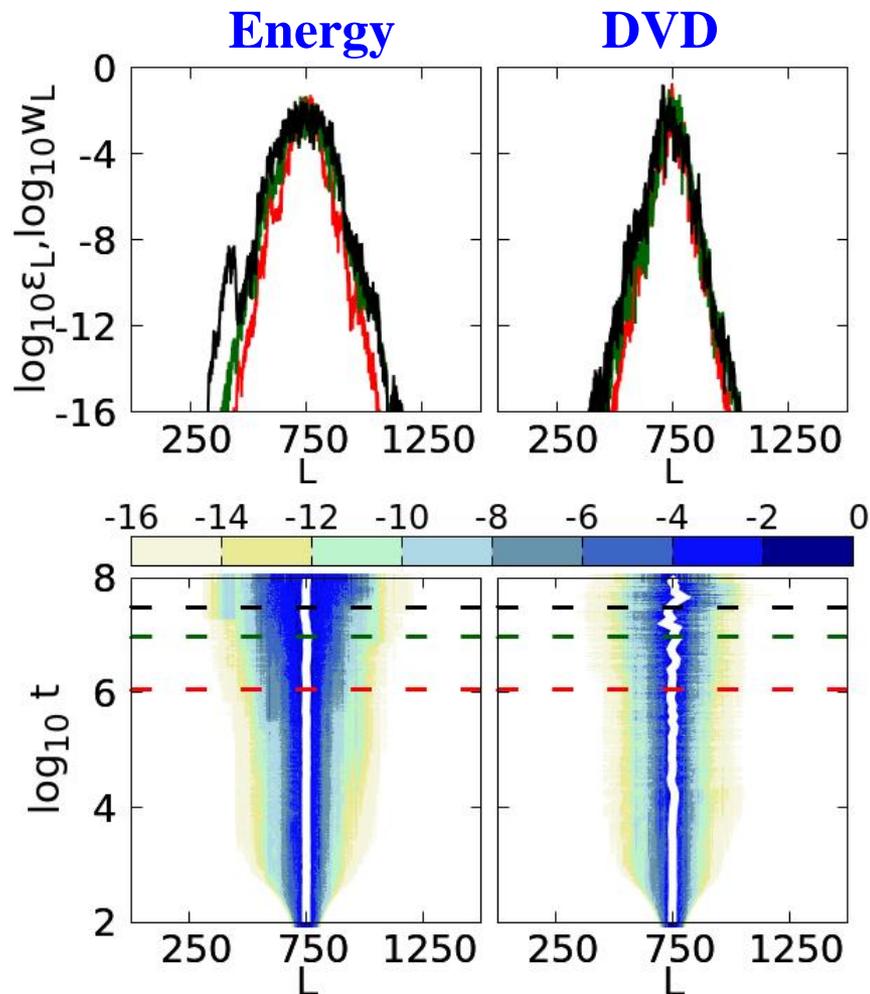
Block excitation (37 sites)  $E=7.4, W=3$   
Block excitation (83 sites)  $E=8.3, W=3$   
Block excitation (330 sites)  $E=33.0, W=1$

Characteristics of DVD

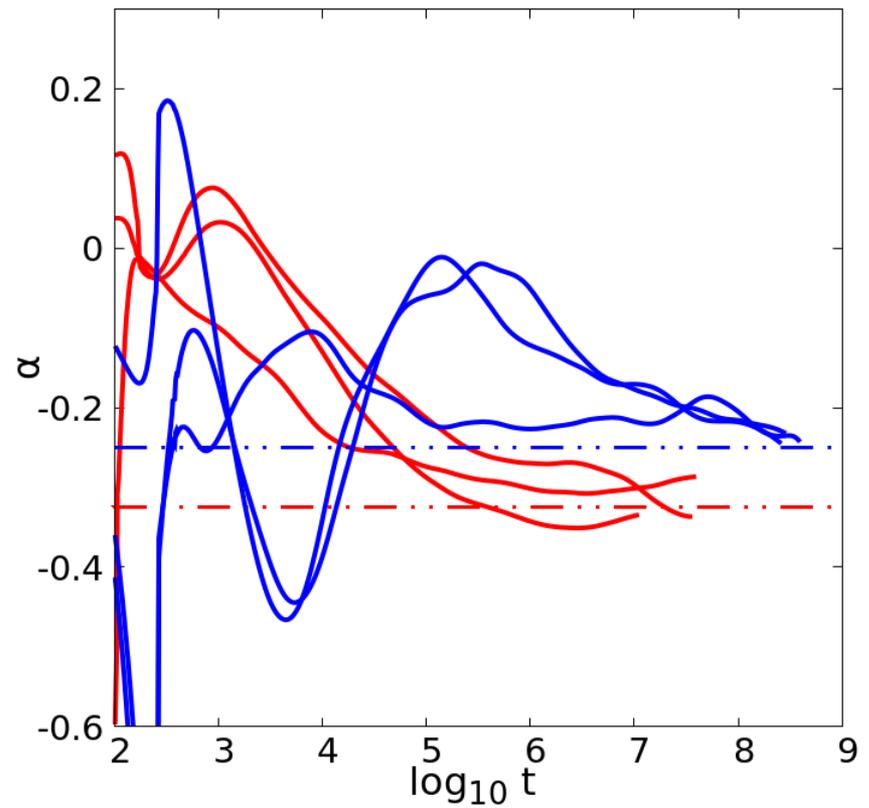
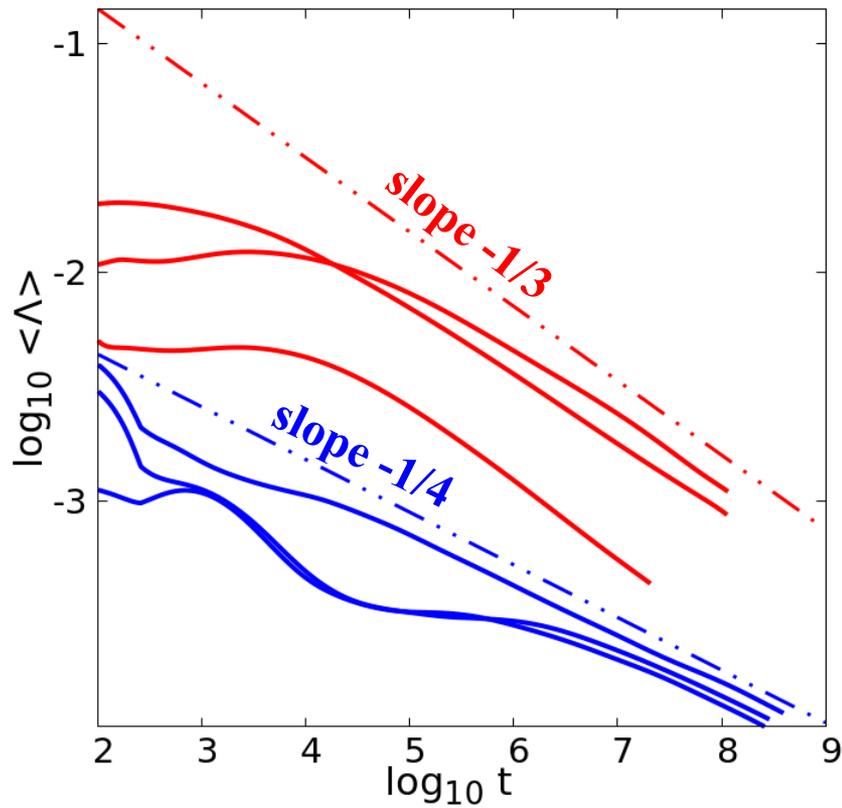


# Weak and Strong chaos

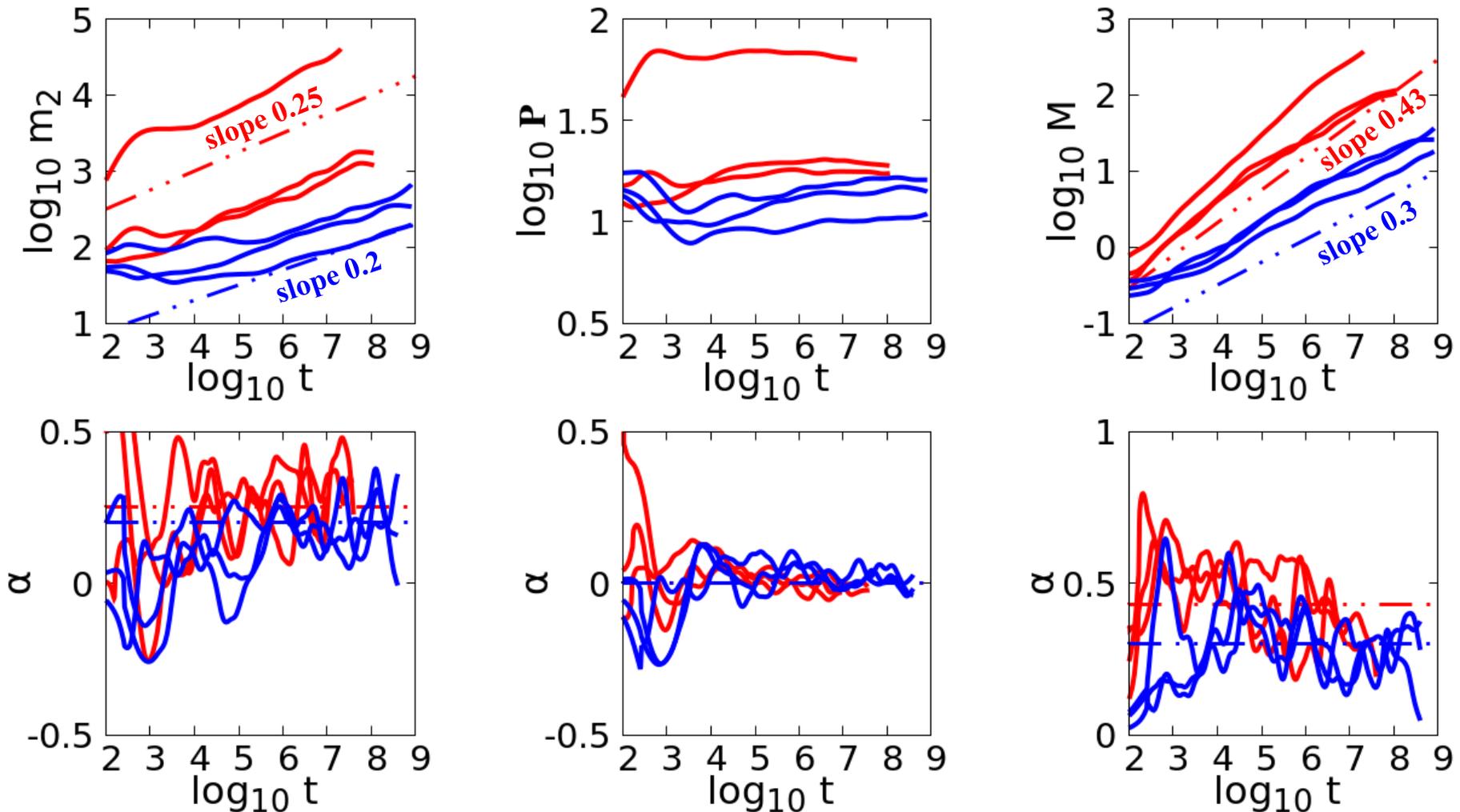
Same disordered realization,  $L=37$ ,  $W=3$ ,  $E=0.37$  and  $E=7.4$



# Weak and Strong chaos: LEs



# Weak and Strong chaos: DVDs



**For both cases the DVD's participation number remains practically constant.**

# Autonomous Hamiltonian systems

Let us consider an **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:

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

# Symplectic Integrators (SIs)

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  $\tau$  is described by a series of successive acts of Hamiltonians  $A$  and  $B$ .

# Symplectic Integrator SABA<sub>2</sub>C

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

$$S A B A_2 = e^{c_1 \tau L_A} e^{d_1 \tau L_B} e^{c_2 \tau L_A} e^{d_1 \tau L_B} e^{c_1 \tau L_A}$$

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<sub>2</sub> = C (SABA<sub>2</sub>) C** and its **error is of order 4**.

# Tangent Map (TM) Method

Use symplectic integration schemes for the whole set of equations (S. & Gerlach, PRE (2010))

We apply the **SABAC<sub>2</sub>** integrator scheme to the Hénon-Heiles system by using **the splitting**:

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

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:

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

# Tangent Map (TM) Method

Let  $\vec{u} = (x, y, p_x, p_y, \delta x, \delta y, \delta p_x, \delta p_y)$

The system of the Hamilton's equations of motion and the variational equations is split into two integrable systems which correspond to Hamiltonians A and B.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \dot{x} = p_x \\
 \dot{y} = p_y \\
 \dot{p}_x = -x - 2xy \\
 \dot{p}_y = y^2 - x^2 - y \\
 \\
 \dot{\delta x} = \delta p_x \\
 \dot{\delta y} = \delta p_y \\
 \dot{\delta p}_x = -(1 + 2y)\delta x - 2x\delta y \\
 \dot{\delta p}_y = -2x\delta x + (-1 + 2y)\delta y
 \end{array}
 \xrightarrow{A(\vec{p})}
 \left. \begin{array}{l}
 \dot{x} = p_x \\
 \dot{y} = p_y \\
 \dot{p}_x = 0 \\
 \dot{p}_y = 0 \\
 \dot{\delta x} = \delta p_x \\
 \dot{\delta y} = \delta p_y \\
 \dot{\delta p}_x = 0 \\
 \dot{\delta p}_y = 0
 \end{array} \right\}
 \Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = L_{AV}\vec{u} \Rightarrow e^{\tau L_{AV}} : \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 x' = x + p_x\tau \\
 y' = y + p_y\tau \\
 px' = p_x \\
 py' = p_y \\
 \delta x' = \delta x + \delta p_x\tau \\
 \delta y' = \delta y + \delta p_y\tau \\
 \delta p'_x = \delta p_x \\
 \delta p'_y = \delta p_y
 \end{array} \right.$$
  

$$\left. \begin{array}{l}
 \dot{x} = 0 \\
 \dot{y} = 0 \\
 \dot{p}_x = -x - 2xy \\
 \dot{p}_y = y^2 - x^2 - y \\
 \dot{\delta x} = 0 \\
 \dot{\delta y} = 0 \\
 \dot{\delta p}_x = -(1 + 2y)\delta x - 2x\delta y \\
 \dot{\delta p}_y = -2x\delta x + (-1 + 2y)\delta y
 \end{array} \right\}
 \xrightarrow{B(\vec{q})}
 \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = L_{BV}\vec{u} \Rightarrow e^{\tau L_{BV}} : \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 x' = x \\
 y' = y \\
 p'_x = p_x - x(1 + 2y)\tau \\
 p'_y = p_y + (y^2 - x^2 - y)\tau \\
 \delta x' = \delta x \\
 \delta y' = \delta y \\
 \delta p'_x = \delta p_x - [(1 + 2y)\delta x + 2x\delta y]\tau \\
 \delta p'_y = \delta p_y + [-2x\delta x + (-1 + 2y)\delta y]\tau
 \end{array} \right.$$

# Tangent Map (TM) Method

Any symplectic integration scheme used for solving the Hamilton equations of motion, which involves the act of Hamiltonians A and B, can be extended in order to integrate simultaneously the variational equations [S. & Gerlach, PRE (2010) – Gerlach & S., Discr. Cont. Dyn. Sys. (2011) – Gerlach et al., IJBC (2012)].

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

# The KG model

We apply the **SABAC<sub>2</sub>** integrator scheme to the KG Hamiltonian by using the **splitting**:

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

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

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

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

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

# 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:**  $\delta > \Delta$
- **KG model**
  - ✓ **Lyapunov exponent computations show that:**
    - Chaos not only exists, but also persists.
    - Slowing down of chaos does not cross over to regular dynamics.
  - ✓ **mLEs and DVDs show different behaviors for the weak and the strong chaos regimes.**
  - ✓ **Chaotic hot spots meander through the system, supporting a homogeneity of chaos inside the wave packet.**
- **The behavior of DVDs can provide important information about the chaotic behavior of a dynamical system.**

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