

Chaotic wave packet spreading in one-dimensional disordered nonlinear lattices

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The DKG and DDNLS models

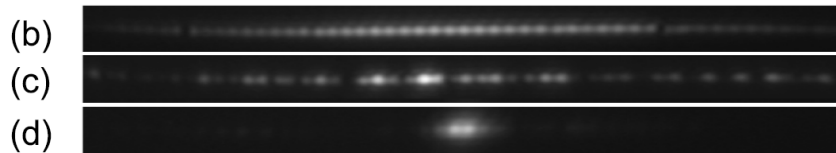
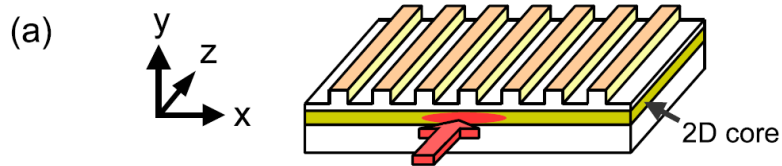
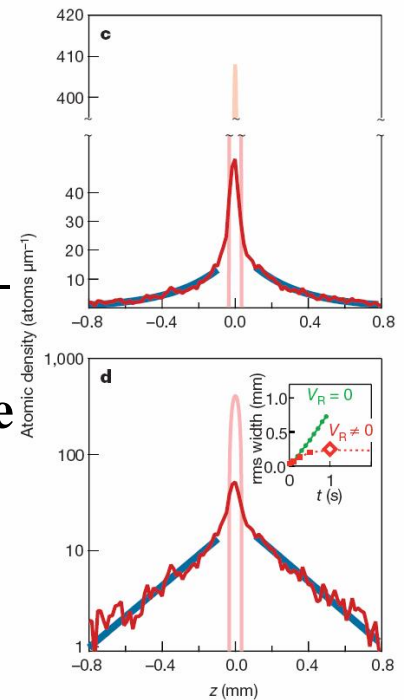
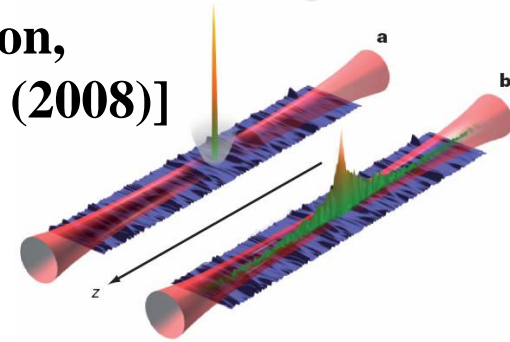
Interplay of disorder and nonlinearity

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 disordered Klein – Gordon (DKG) 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 disordered discrete nonlinear Schrödinger (DDNLS) 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** $z_v \equiv \frac{E_v}{\sum_m E_m}$

with $E_v = \frac{p_v^2}{2} + \frac{\tilde{\epsilon}_v}{2} u_v^2 + \frac{1}{4} u_v^4 + \frac{1}{4W} (u_{v+1} - u_v)^2$ for the DKG model,

and **norm distributions** $z_v \equiv \frac{|\psi_v|^2}{\sum_l |\psi_l|^2}$ for the DDNLS system.

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

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

measures the number of stronger excited modes in z_v .

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

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: $\delta < d$, $m_2 \propto t^{1/3}$

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

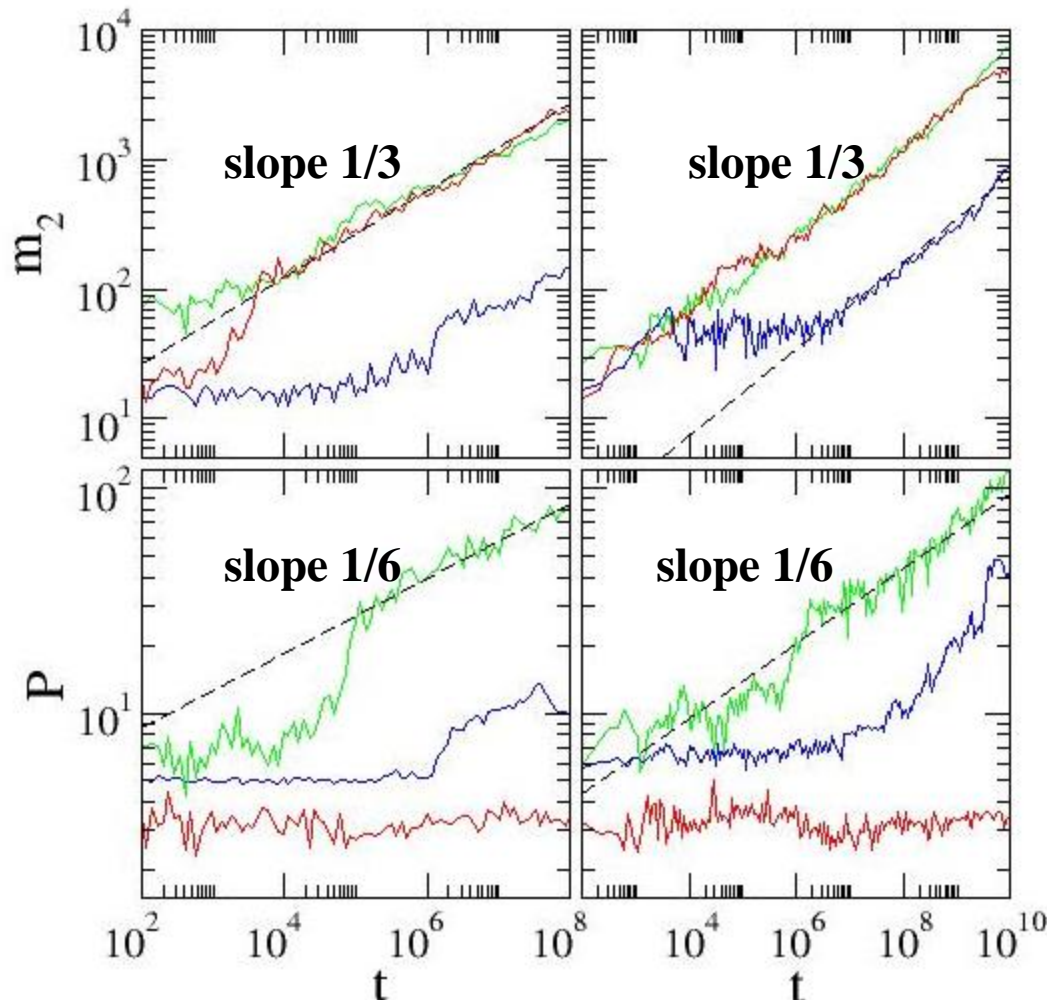
Almost all NMs in the packet are resonantly interacting. Wave packets initially spread faster and eventually enter the weak chaos regime.

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

DDNLS $W=4$, $\beta=$ 0.1, 1, 4.5 **DKG** $W=4$, $E=$ 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:

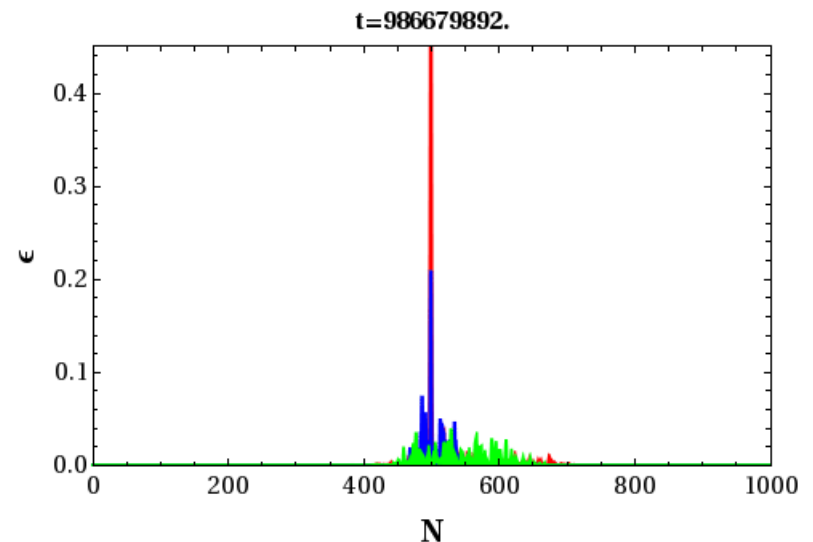
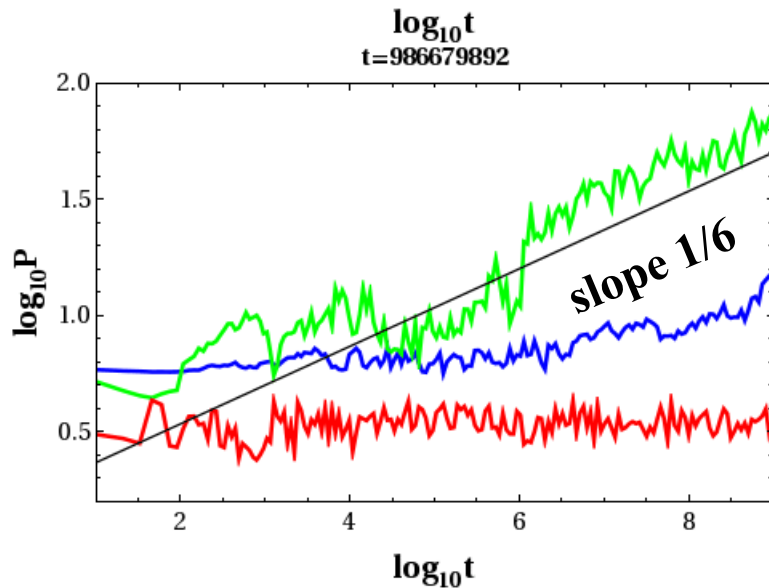
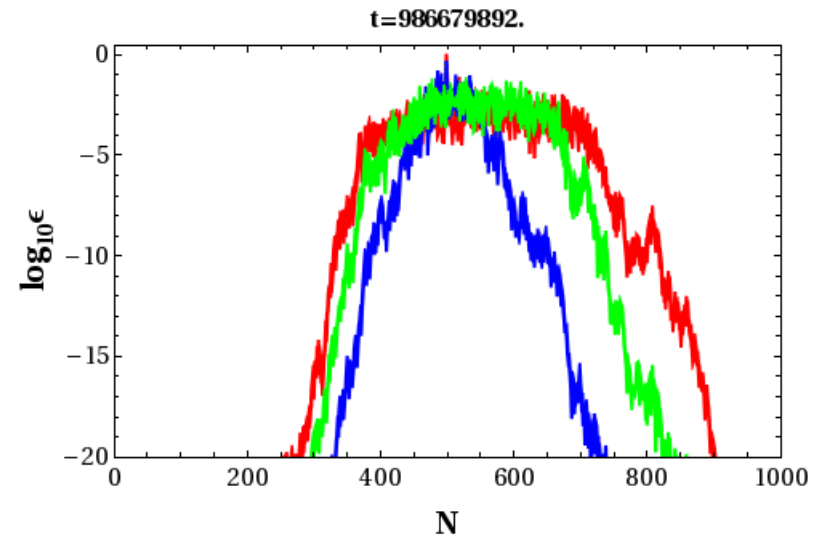
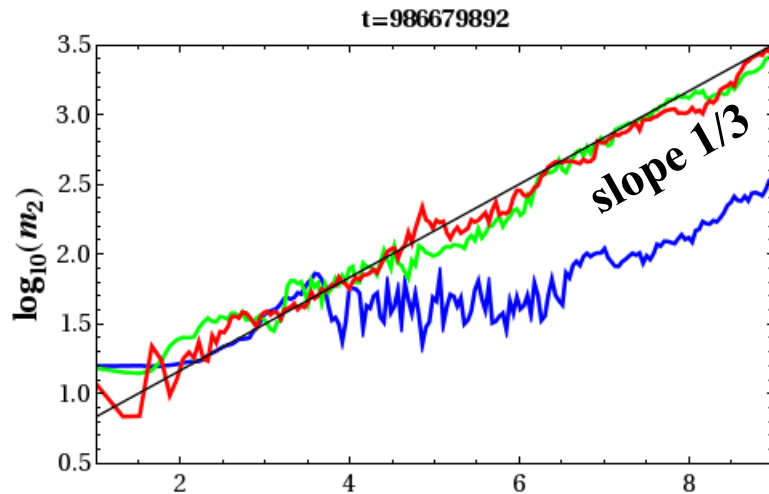
$$\alpha = 0.33 \pm 0.05 \text{ (DKG)}$$

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

Flach et al., PRL (2009)

S. et al., PRE (2009)

DKG: Different spreading regimes

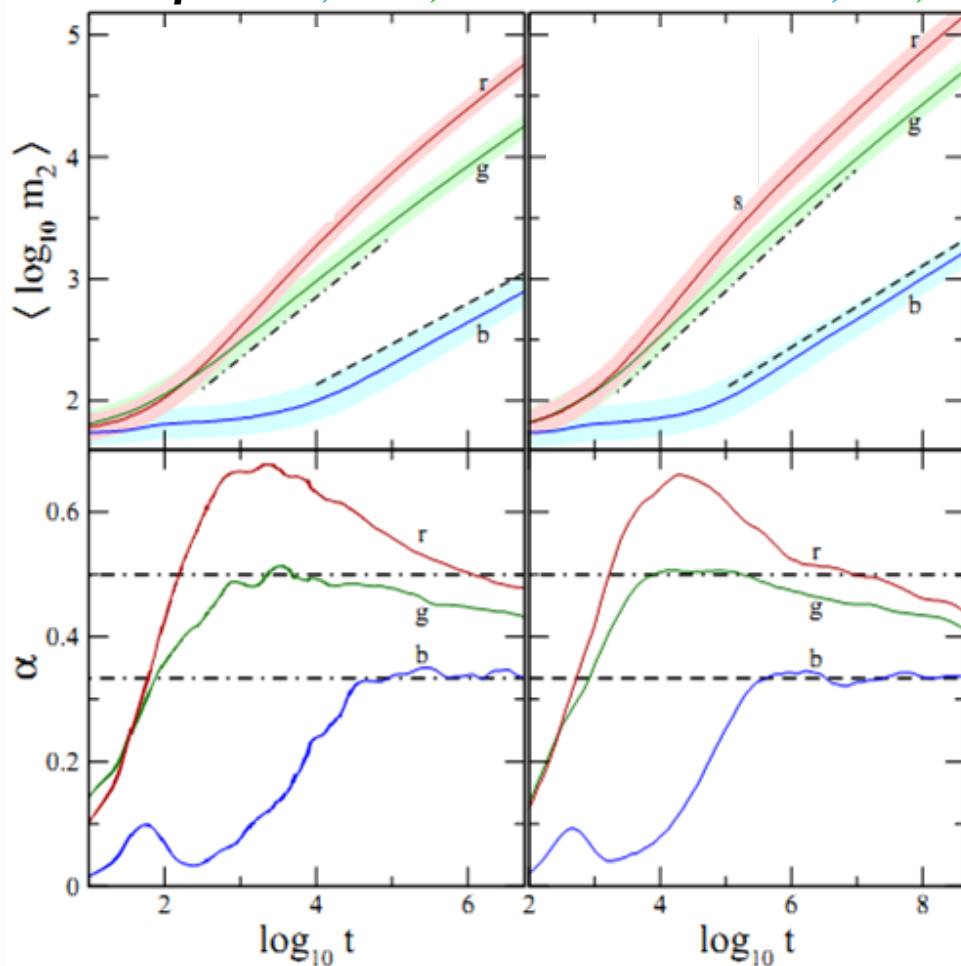


Crossover from strong to weak chaos (block excitations)

DDNLS $\beta = 0.04, 0.72, 3.6$ DKG $E = 0.01, 0.2, 0.75$

$W=4$

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)

Variational Equations

We use the notation $\mathbf{x} = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N)^T$. The **deviation vector** from a given orbit is denoted by

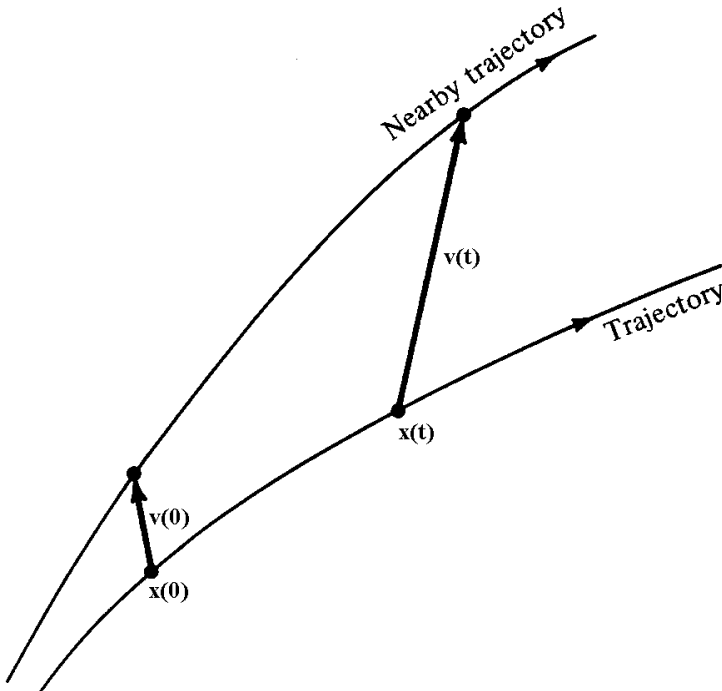
$$\mathbf{v} = (\delta x_1, \delta x_2, \dots, \delta x_n)^T, \text{ with } n=2N$$

The time evolution of \mathbf{v} is given by the so-called **variational equations**:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = -\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

where

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_N & -\mathbf{I}_N \\ \mathbf{I}_N & \mathbf{0}_N \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$



Maximum Lyapunov Exponent

Chaos: sensitive dependence on initial conditions.

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:

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

$\lambda_1 = 0 \rightarrow$ Regular motion

$\lambda_1 \neq 0 \rightarrow$ Chaotic motion

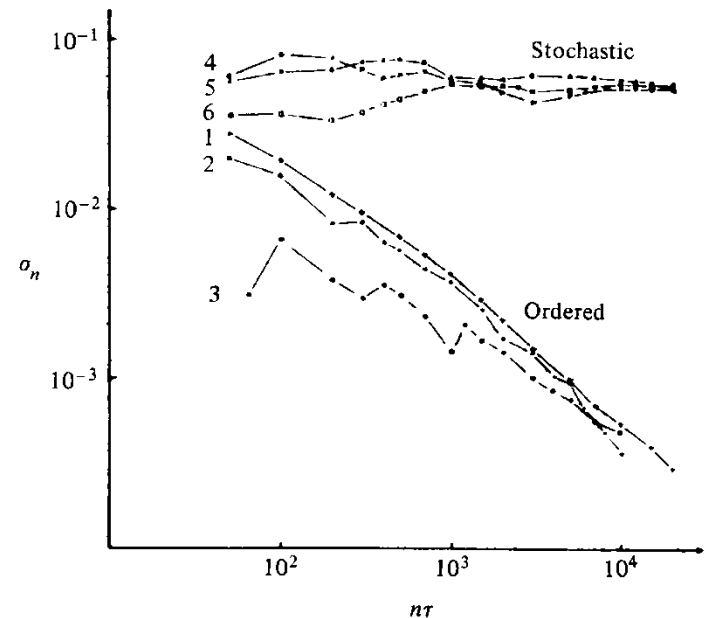


Figure 5.7. Behavior of σ_n at the intermediate energy $E = 0.125$ for initial points taken in the ordered (curves 1–3) or stochastic (curves 4–6) regions (after Benettin *et al.*, 1976).

Symplectic integration

We apply **the 2-part splitting integrator ABA864** [Blanes et al., Appl. Num. Math. (2013) – Senyange & S., EPJ ST (2018)] to the DKG model:

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

and **the 3-part splitting integrator ABC⁶_[SS]** [S. et al., Phys. Let. A (2014) – Gerlach et al., EPJ ST (2016) – Danieli et al., MinE (2019)] to the DDNLS system:

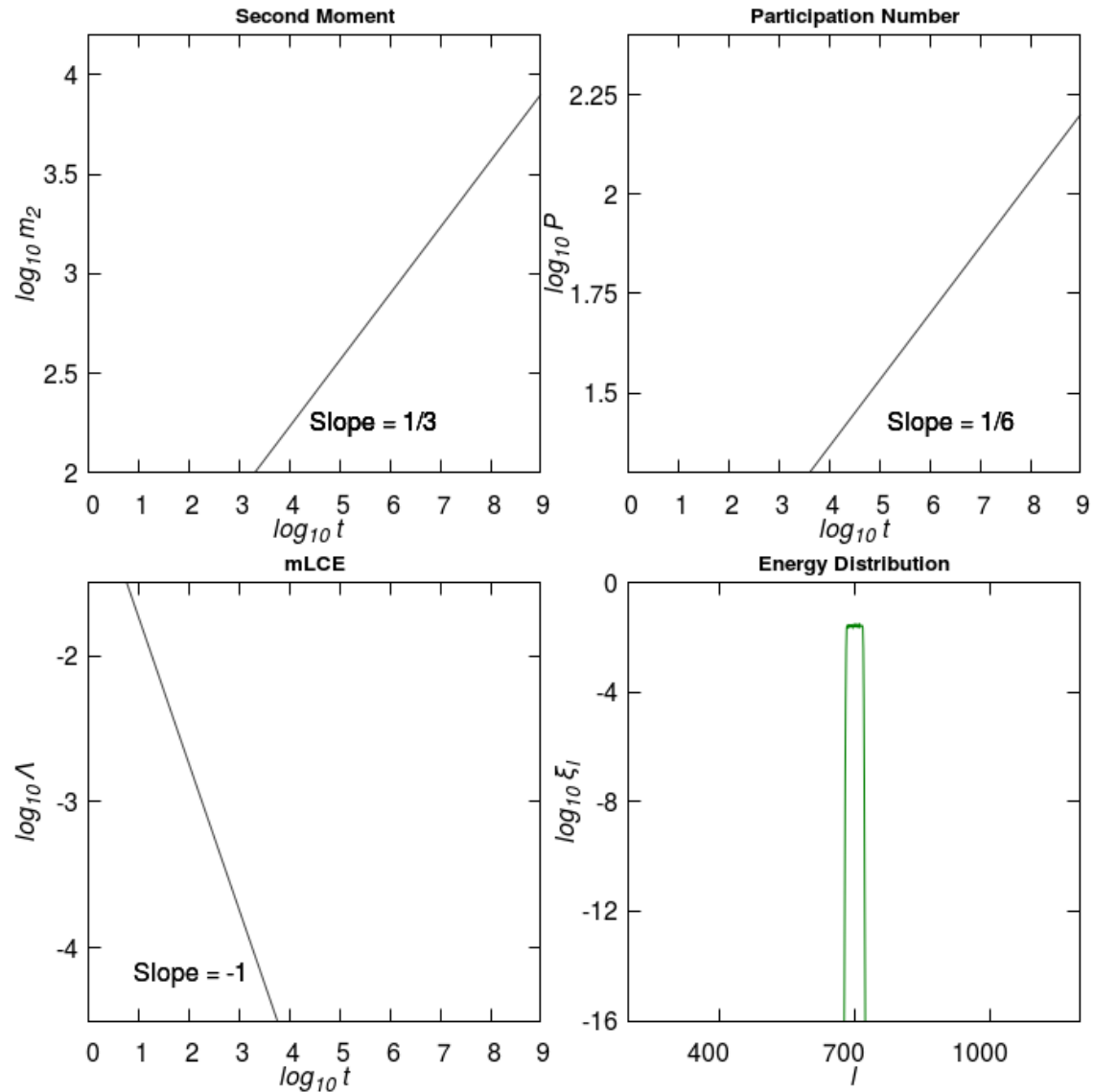
$$H_D = \sum_l \varepsilon_l |\psi_l|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} |\psi_l|^4 - (\psi_{l+1} \psi_l^* + \psi_{l+1}^* \psi_l), \quad \psi_l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (q_l + ip_l)$$

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

By using the so-called **Tangent Map method** we extend these symplectic integration schemes in order to integrate simultaneously the variational equations [S. & Gerlach, PRE (2010) – Gerlach & S., Discr. Cont. Dyn. Sys. (2011) – Gerlach et al., IJBC (2012)].

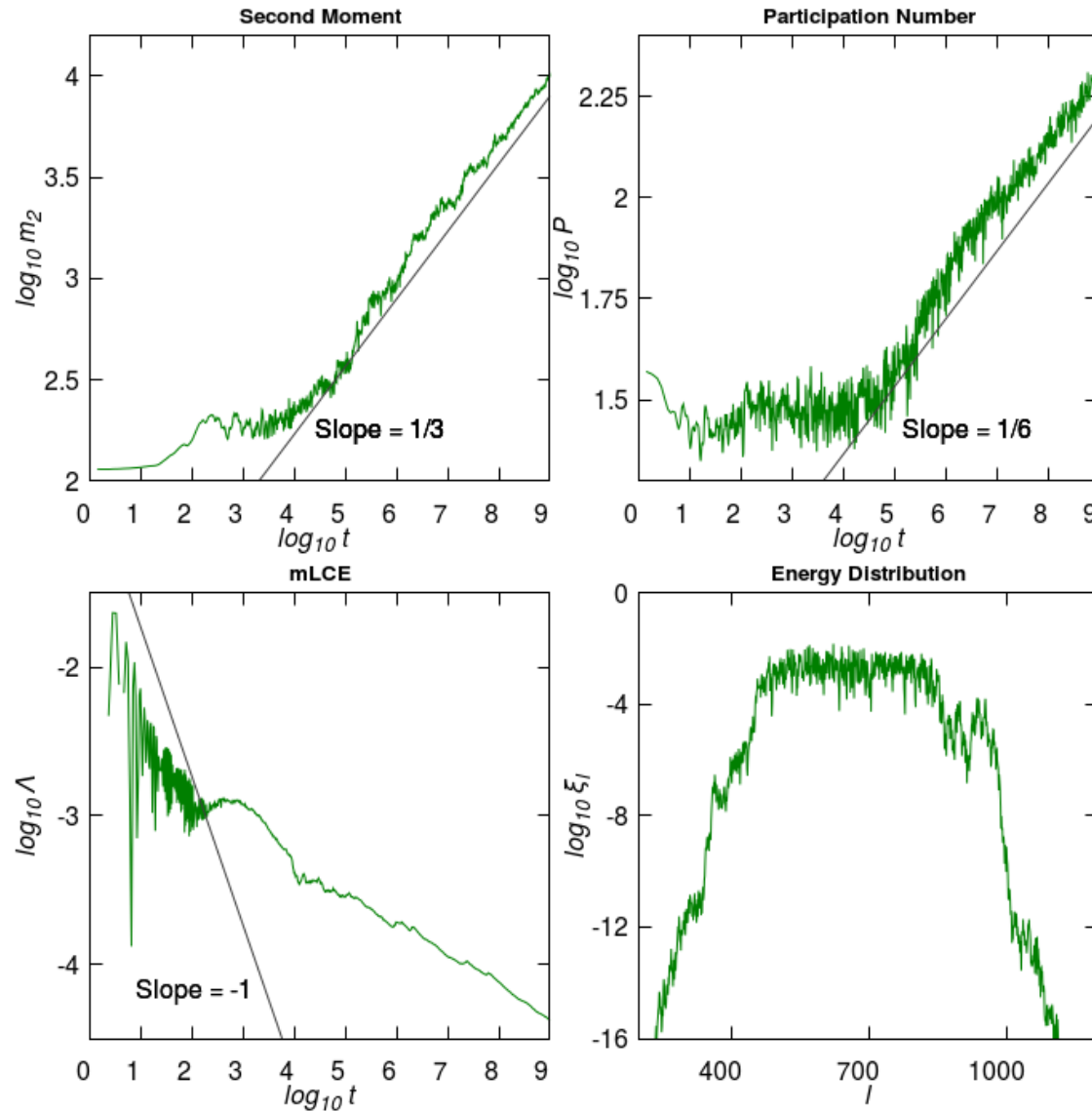
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Block excitation
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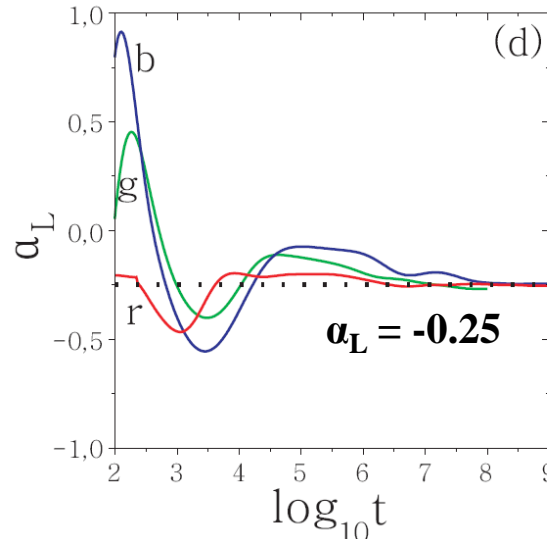
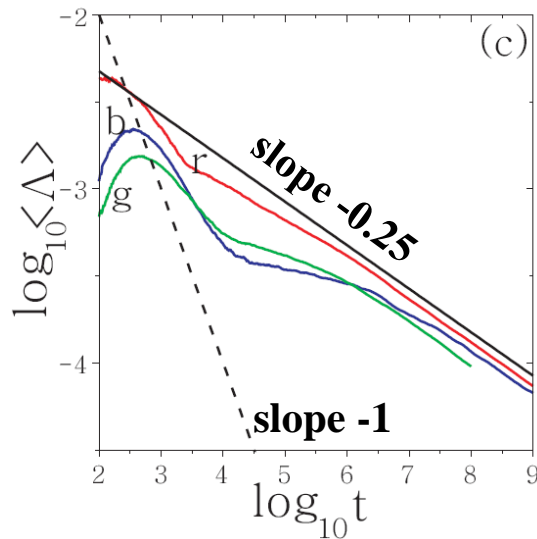
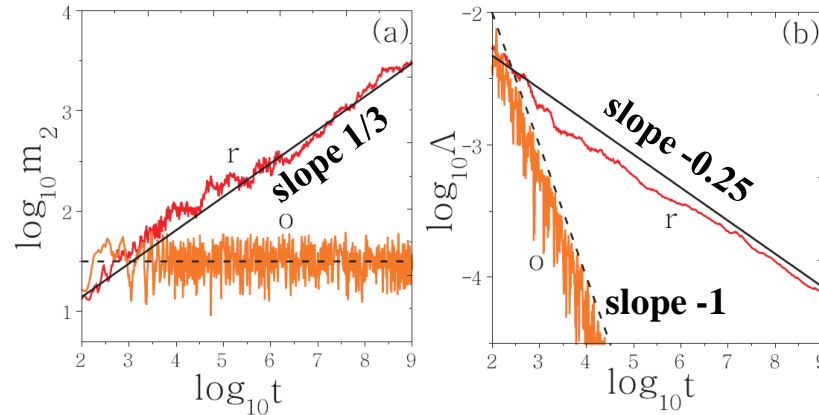


DKG: Weak Chaos

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**

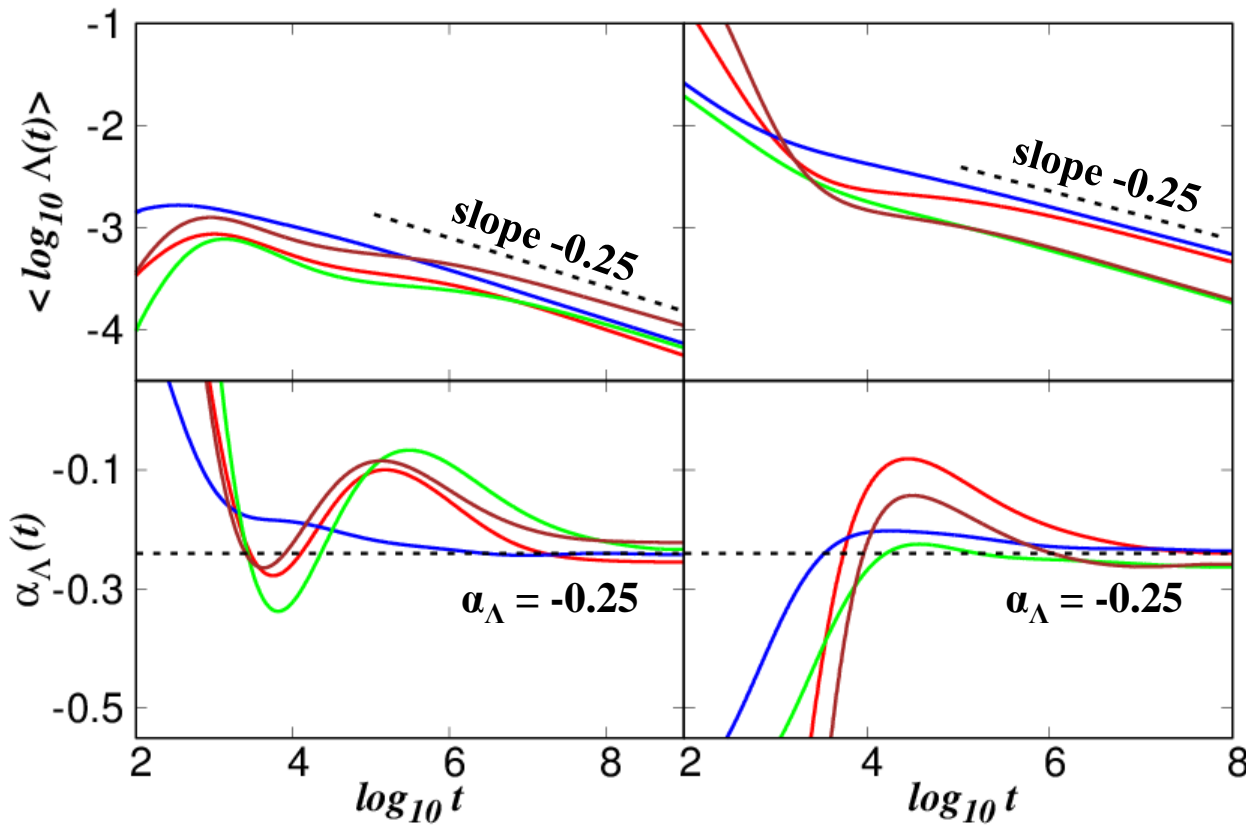
**Block excitation (L=21 sites)
E=0.21, W=4**

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

S. et al., PRL (2013)

Weak Chaos: **DKG** and **DDNLS**

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Average over 100 realizations [Senyange, Many Manda & S., PRE (2018)]

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

Single site excitation E=0.4, W=4

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

Block excitation (L=13 sites) E=0.26, W=5

Block excitation (L=21 sites) $\beta=0.04$, W=4

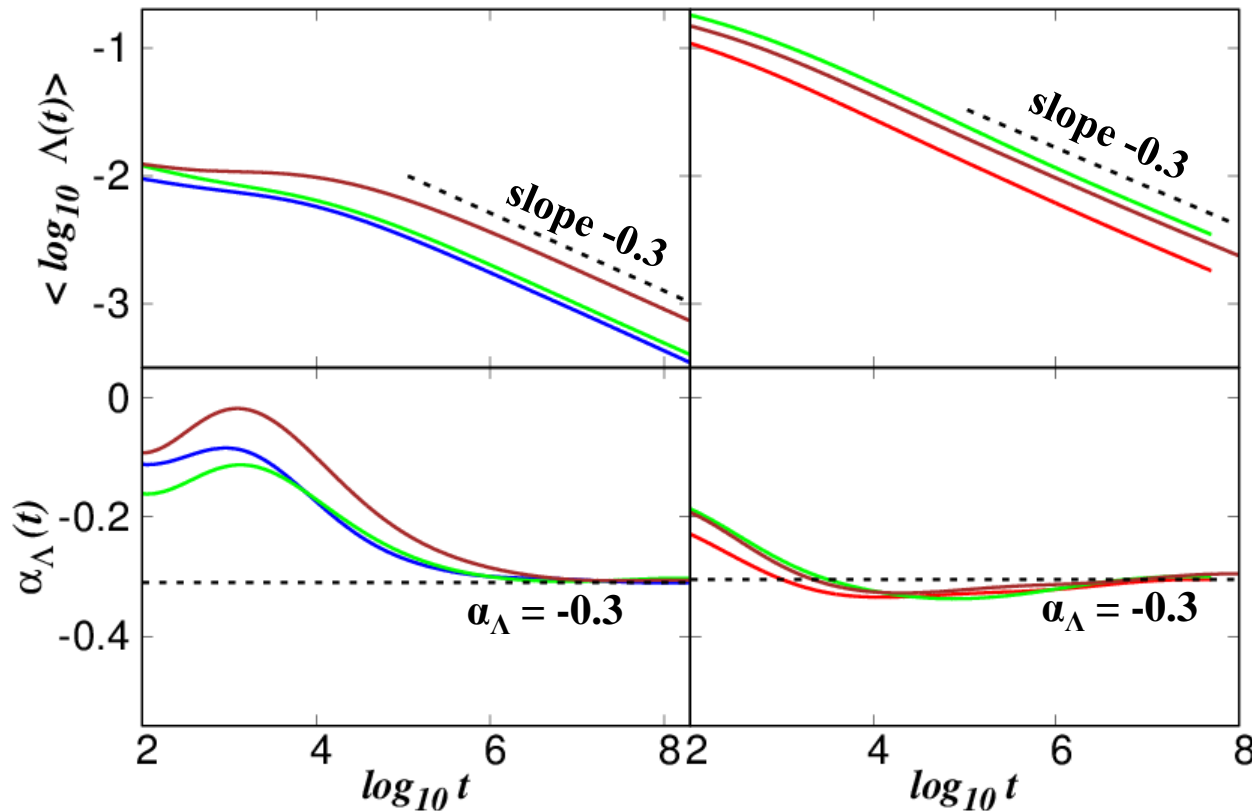
Single site excitation $\beta=1$, W=4

Single site excitation $\beta=0.6$, W=3

Block excitation (L=21 sites) $\beta=0.03$, W=3

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Average over 100 realizations [Senyange, Many Manda & S., PRE (2018)]

Block excitation (L=83 sites) E=0.83, W=2

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

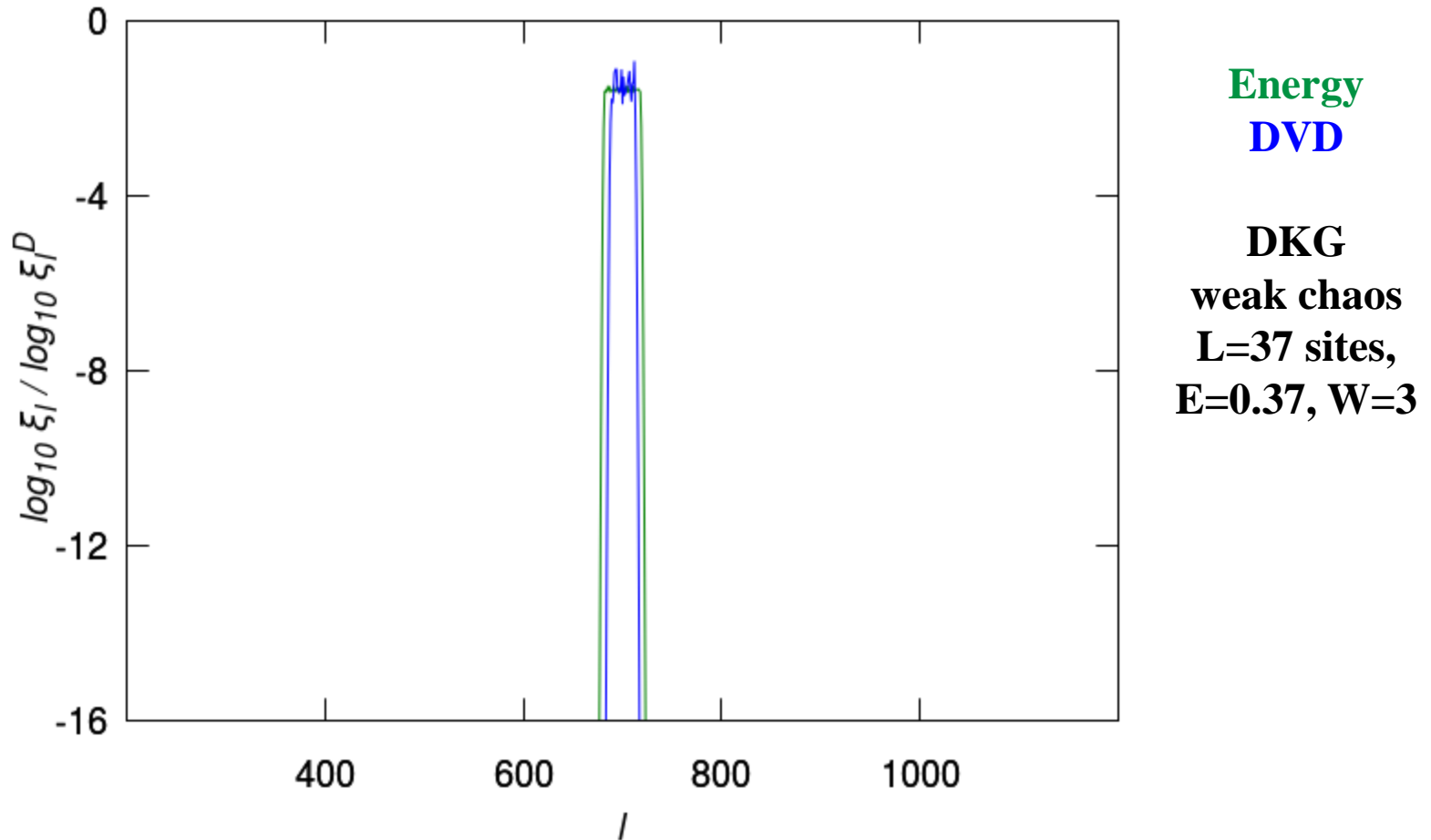
Block excitation (L=83 sites) E=0.83, W=3

Block excitation (L=21 sites) $\beta=0.62$, W=3.5

Block excitation (L=21 sites) $\beta=0.5$, W=3

Block excitation (L=21 sites) $\beta=0.72$, W=3.5

Deviation Vector Distributions (DVDs)

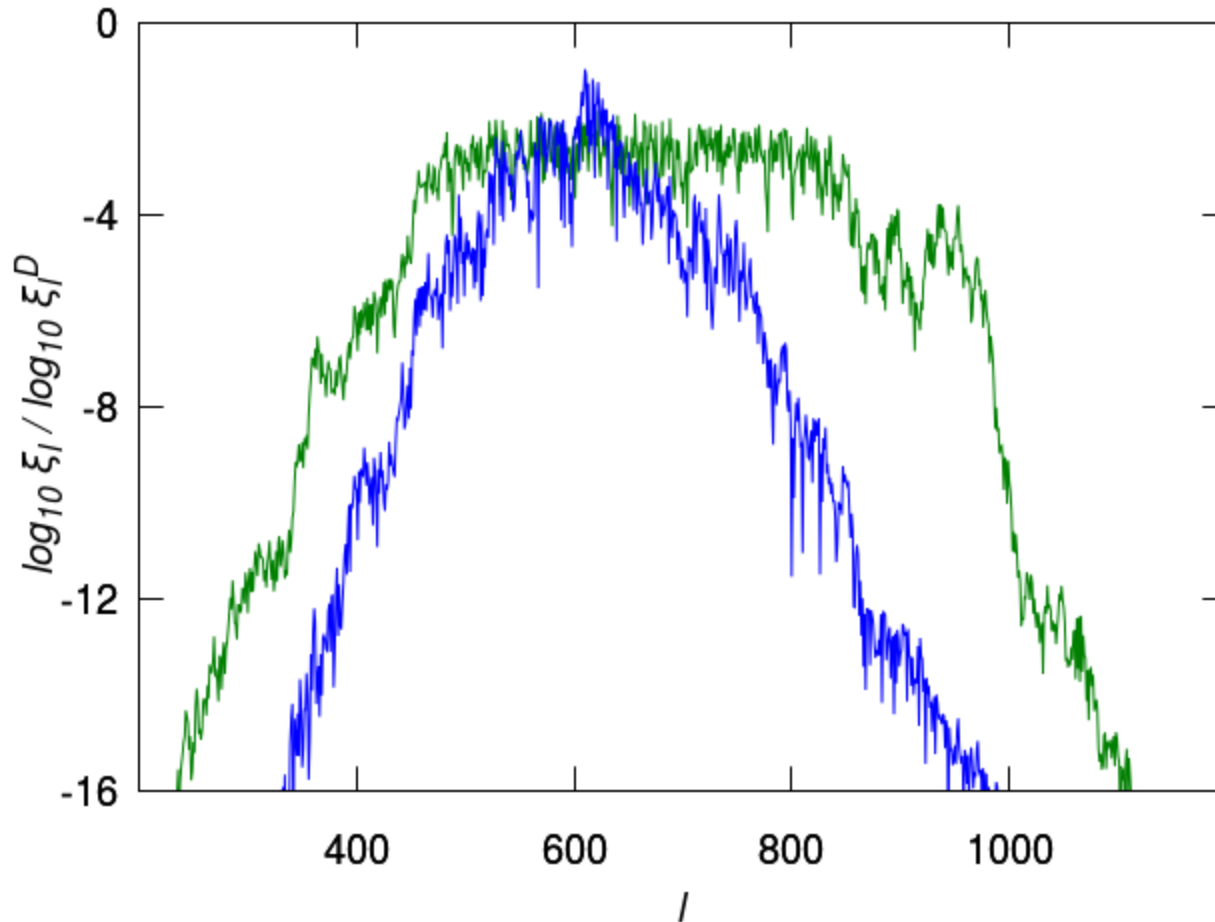


Deviation vector:

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

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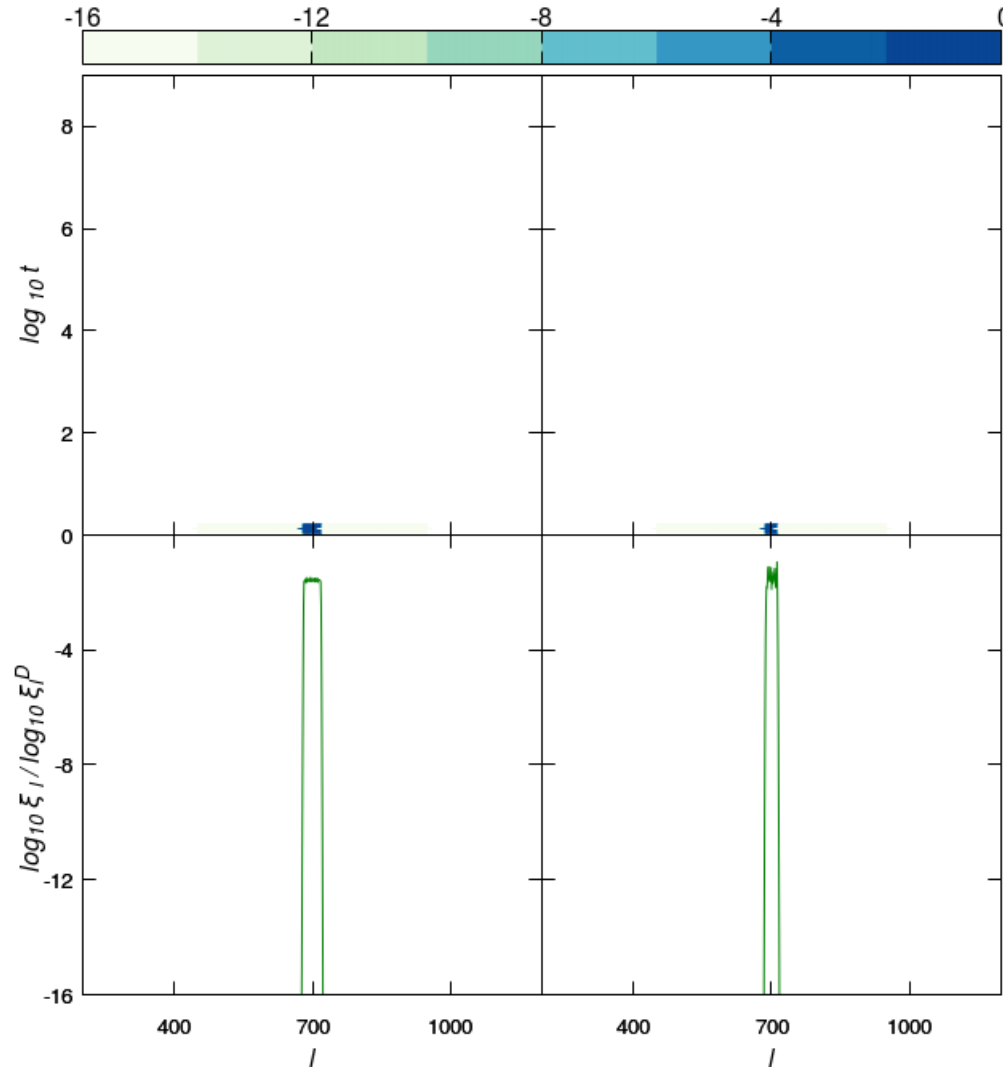
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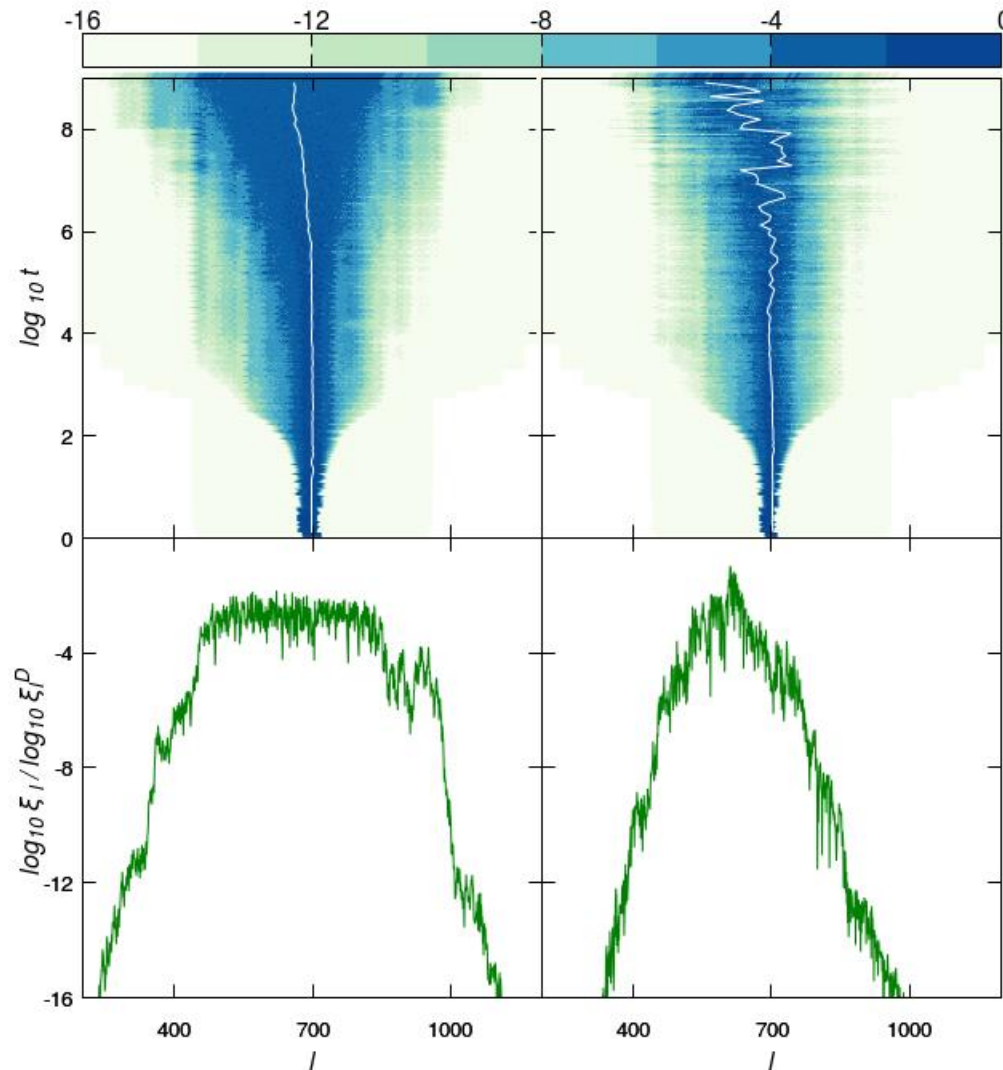


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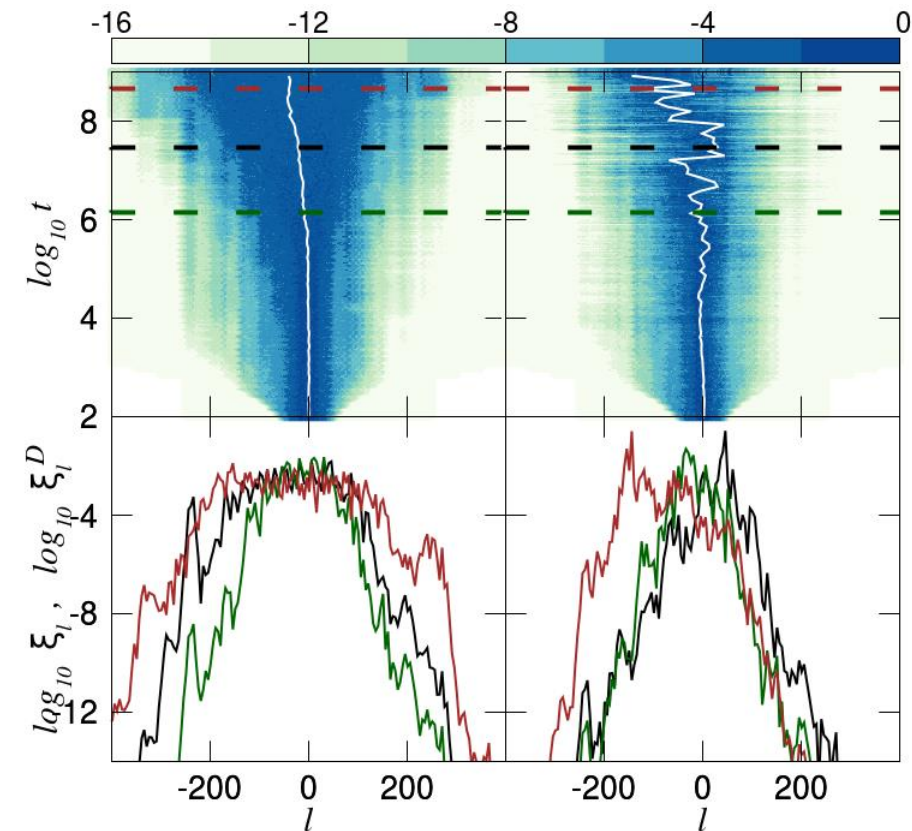


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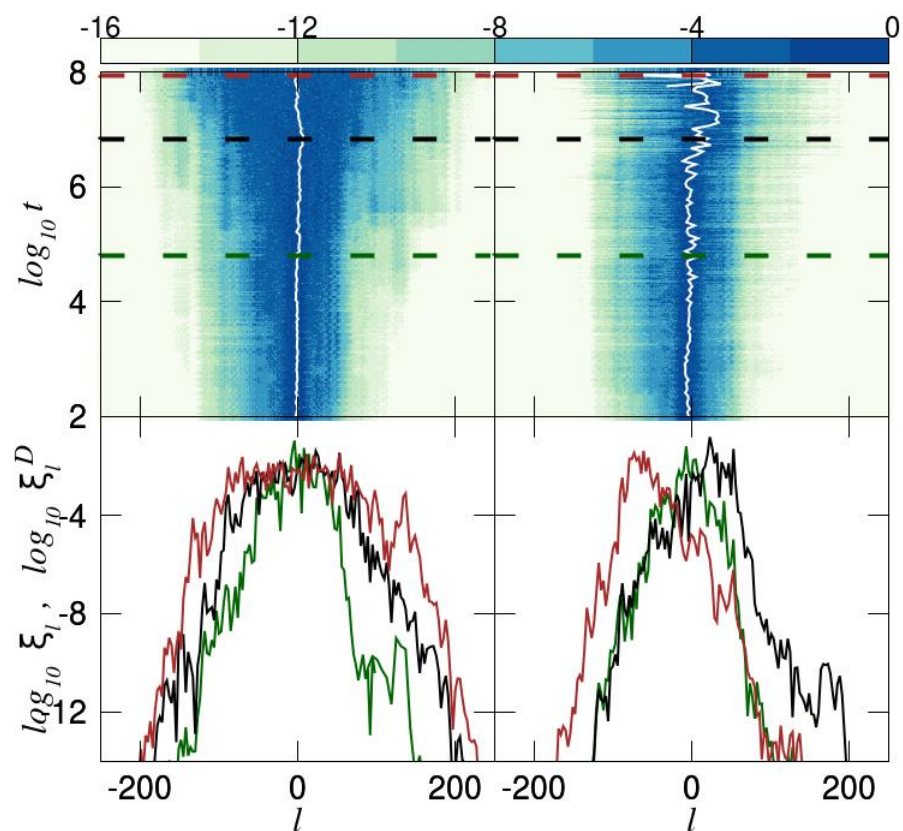
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DKG: $W=3, L=37, E=0.37$

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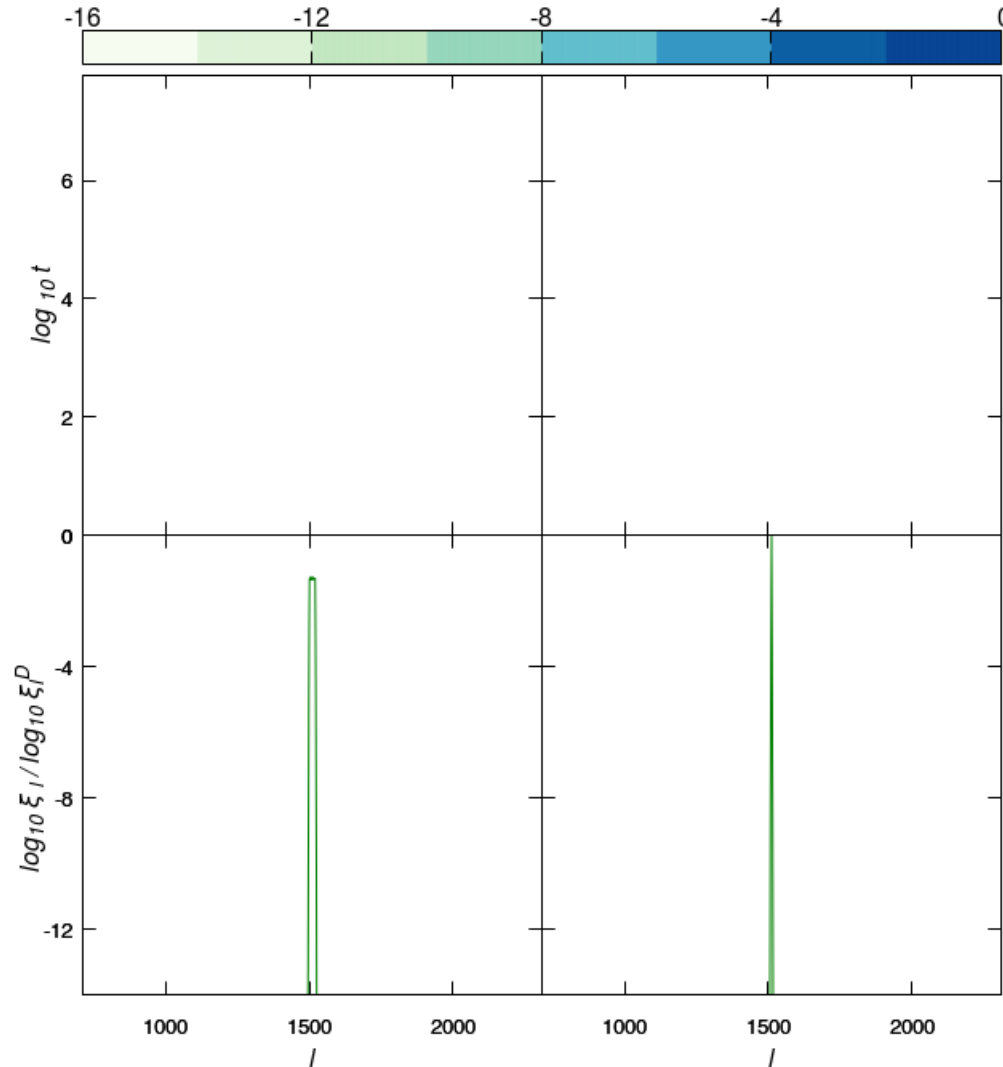


DDNLS: $W=4, L=21, \beta=0.04$

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DDNLS: strong chaos $W=3.5$, $L=21$, $\beta=0.72$

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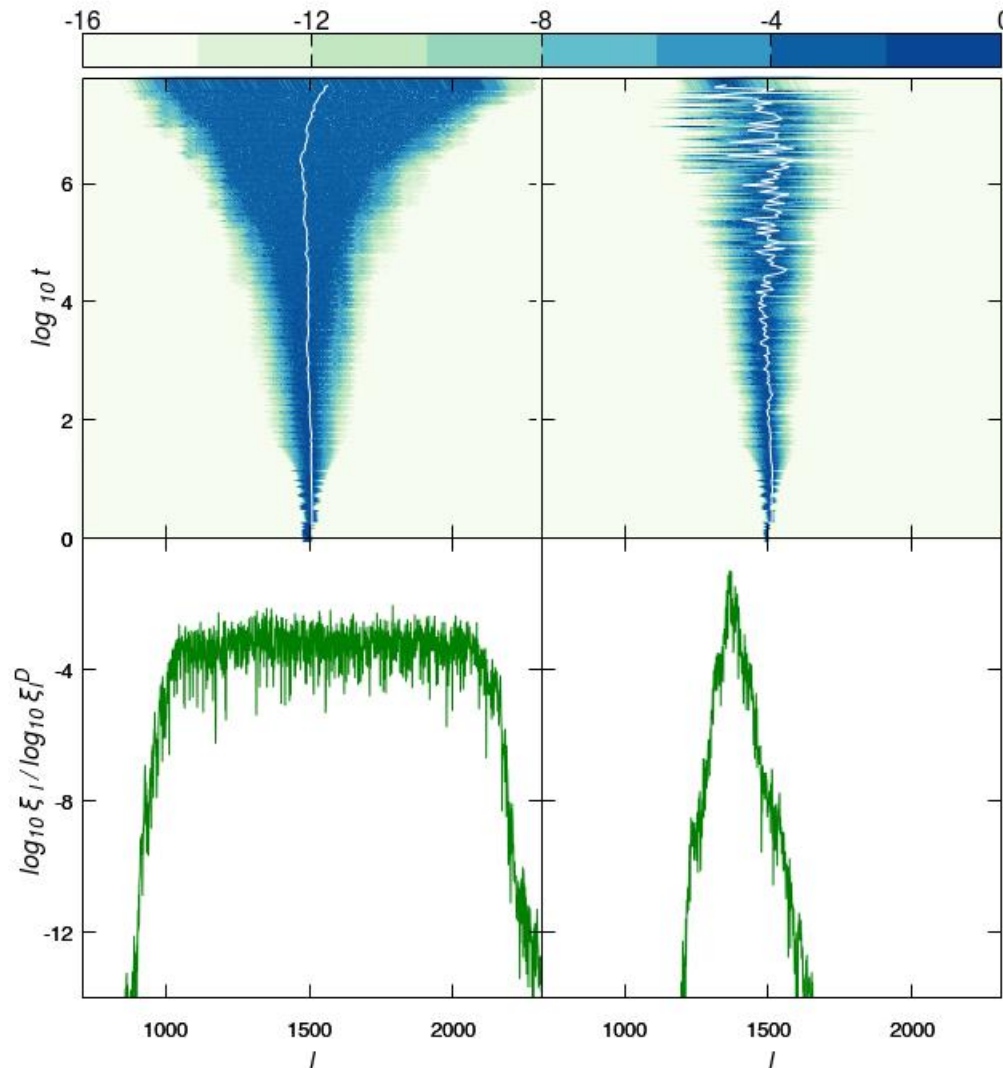


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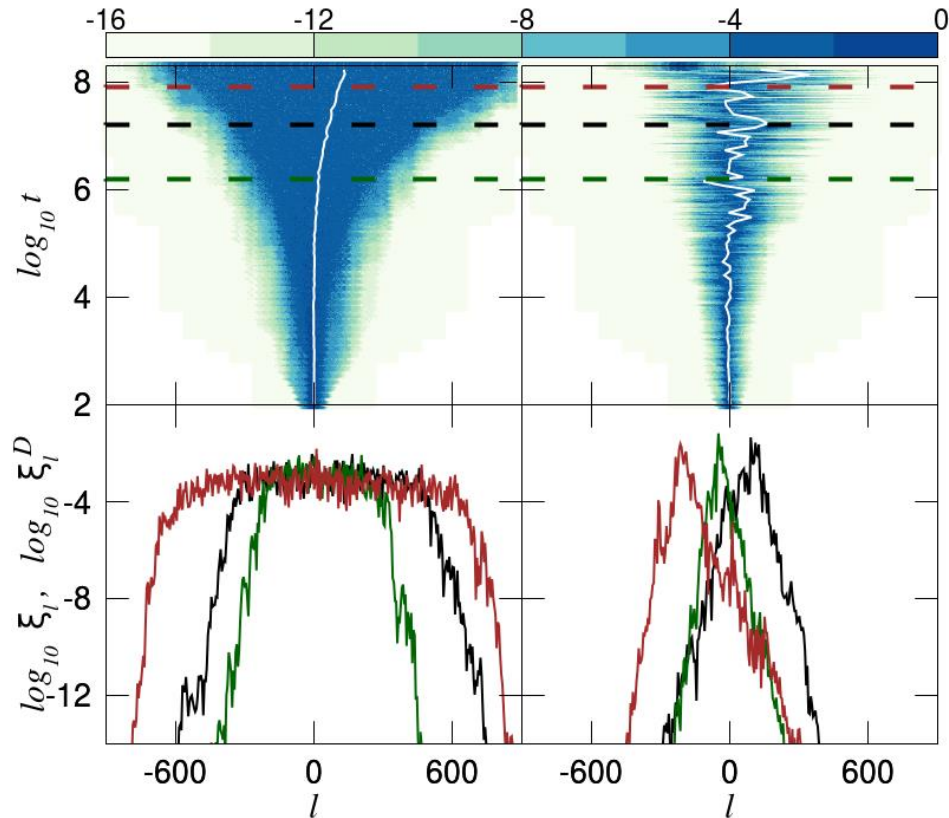
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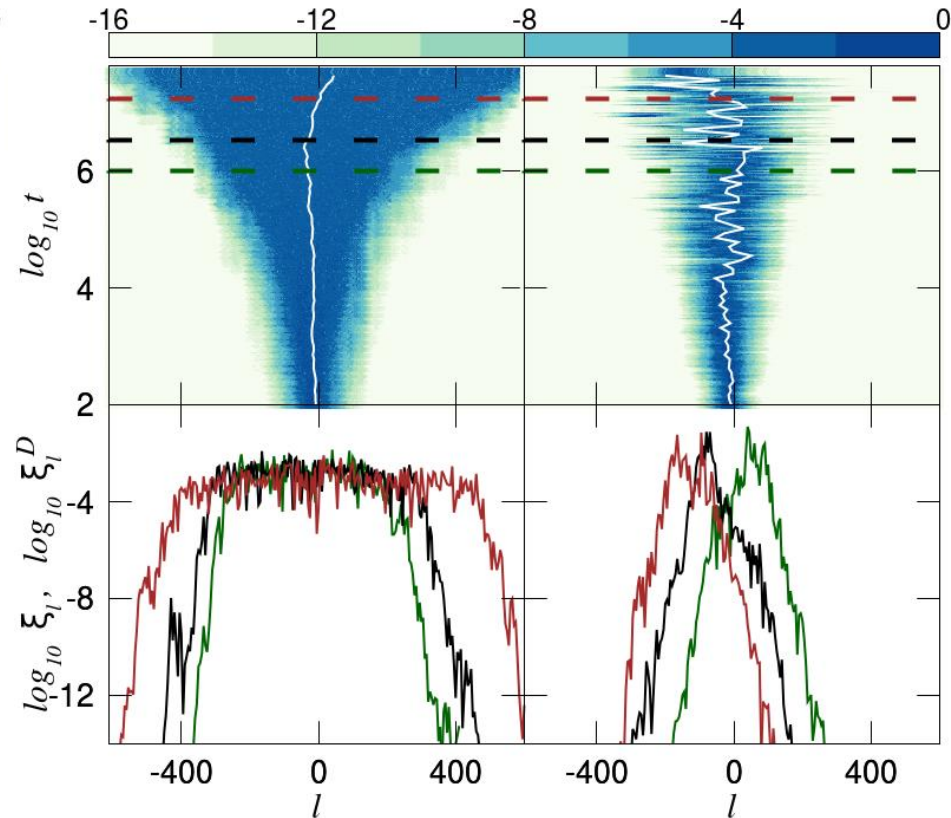
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DKG: $W=3, L=83, E=8.3$

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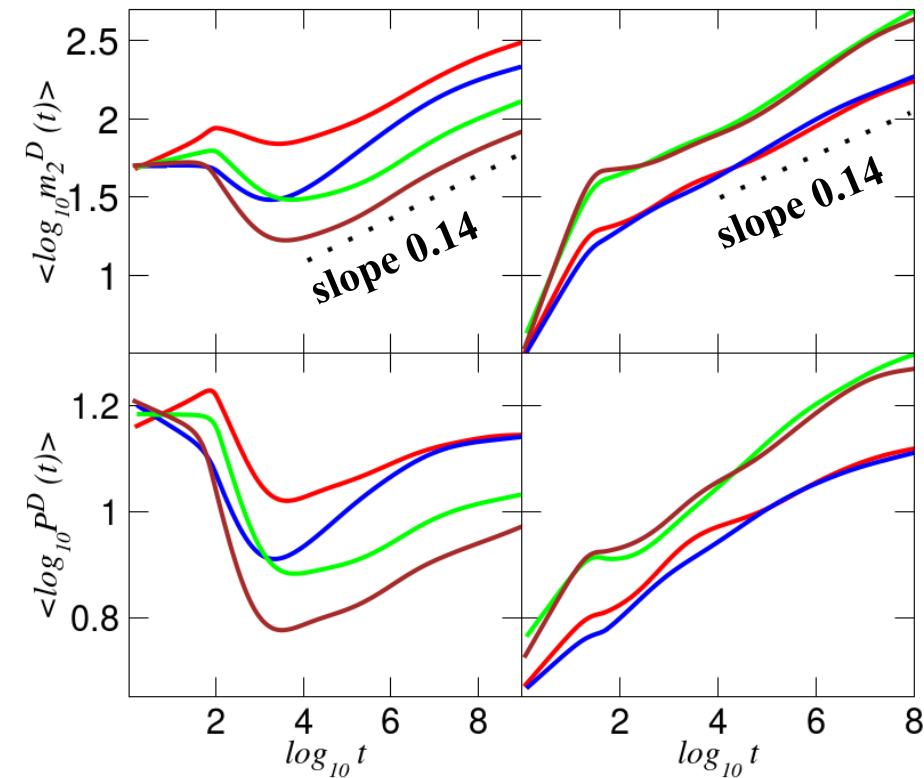
Characteristics of DVDs

Weak chaos

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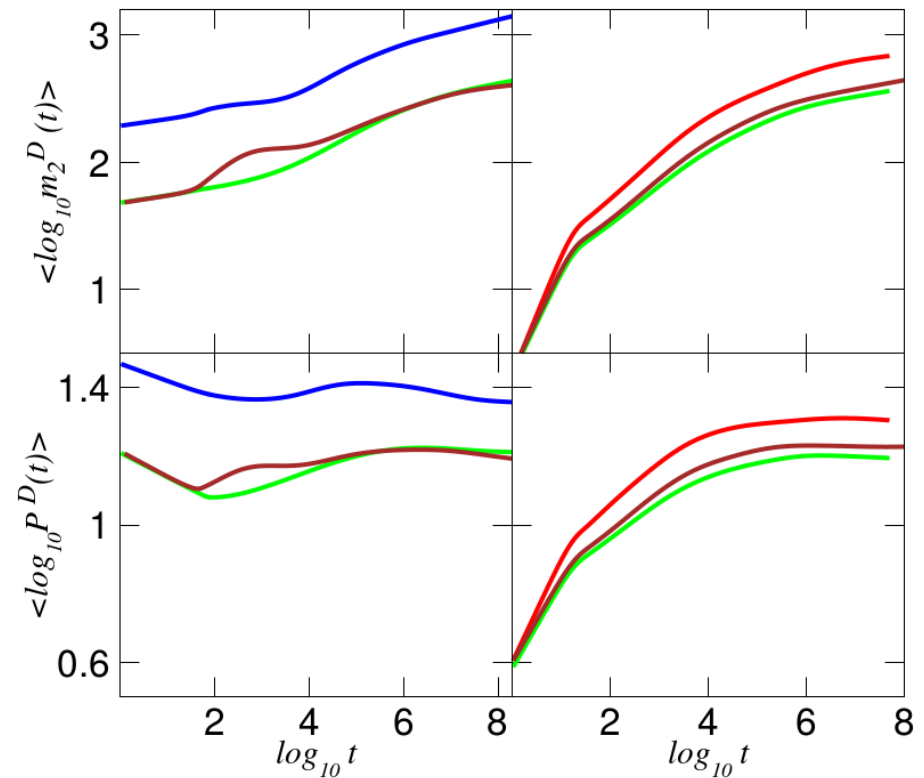
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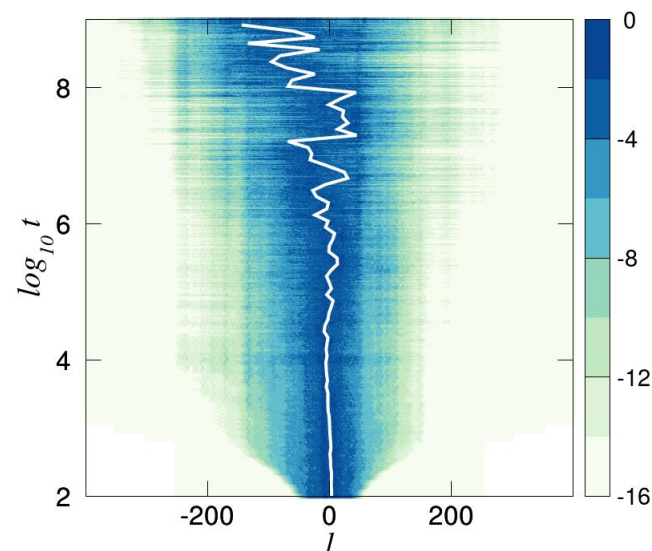
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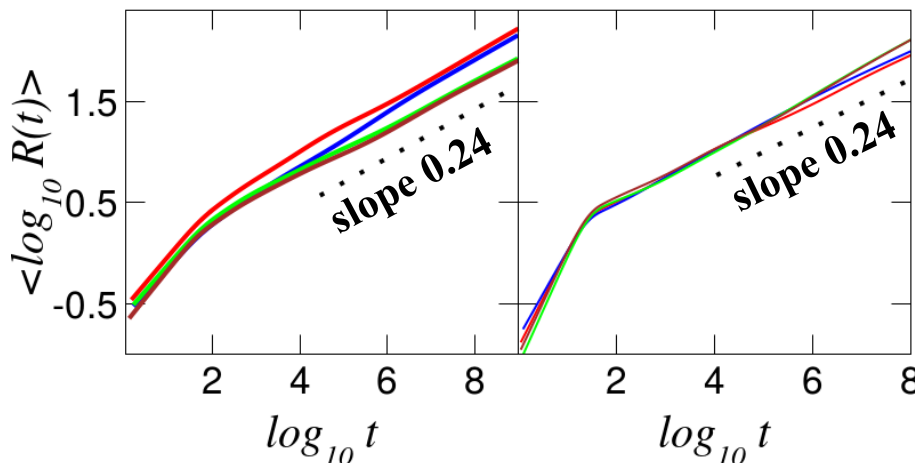
**Range of the lattice
visited by the DVD**

$$R(t) = \max_{[0,t]} \left\{ \bar{l}_w(t) \right\} - \min_{[0,t]} \left\{ \bar{l}_w(t) \right\}$$

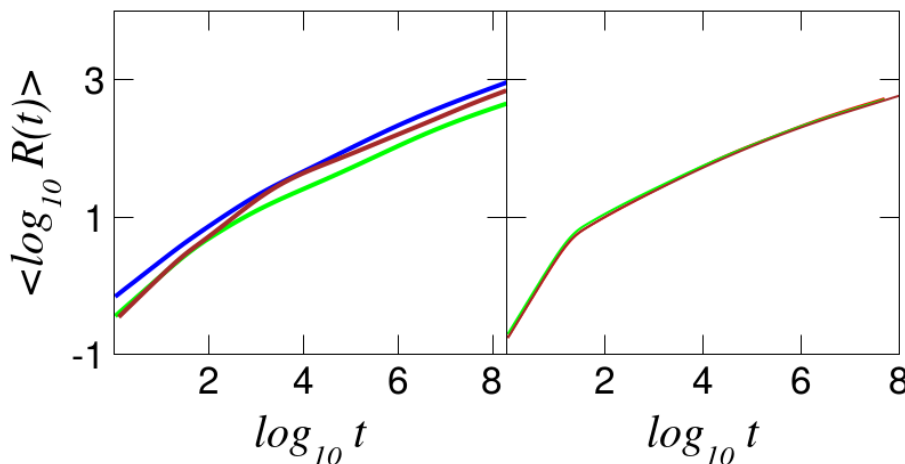
$$\bar{l}_w = \sum_{l=1}^N l \xi_l^D$$

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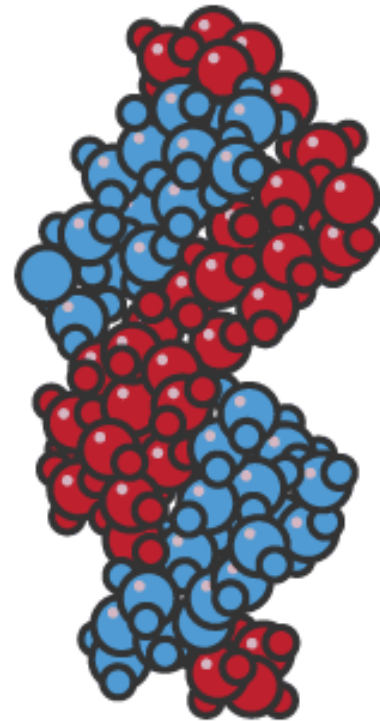
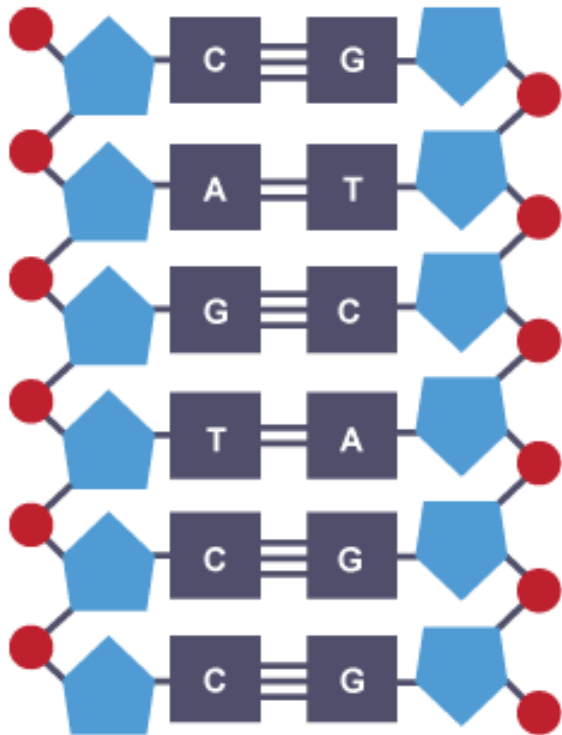
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The PBD model of DNA

DNA structure

Double helix with two types of bonds:

- **Adenine-thymine (AT) – two hydrogen bonds**
- **Guanine-cytosine (GC) – three hydrogen bonds**



Hamiltonian model

Peyrard-Bishop-Dauxois (PBD) model

[Dauxois, Peyrard, Bishop, PRE (1993)]

$$H_N = \sum_{n=1}^N \left[\frac{1}{2m} p_n^2 + D_n (e^{-a_n y_n} - 1)^2 + \frac{K}{2} (1 + \rho e^{-b(y_n + y_{n-1})}) (y_n - y_{n-1})^2 \right]$$

Bond potential energy (Morse potential)

GC: $D=0.075$ eV, $a=6.9$ Å⁻¹

AT: $D=0.05$ eV, $a=4.2$ Å⁻¹

Nearest neighbors coupling potential

$K=0.025$ eV/Å², $\rho=2$, $b=0.35$ Å⁻¹

Disorder realizations

Different arrangements of **AT** and **GC** bonds.

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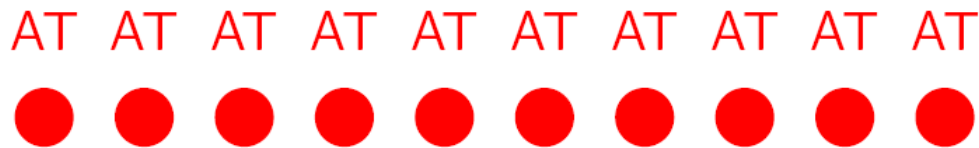
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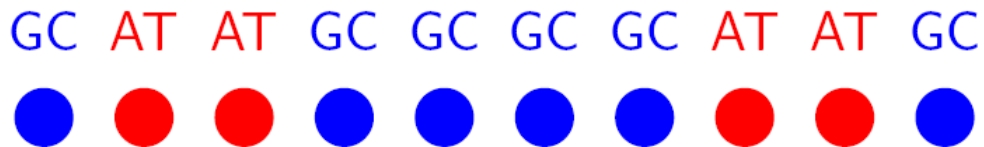
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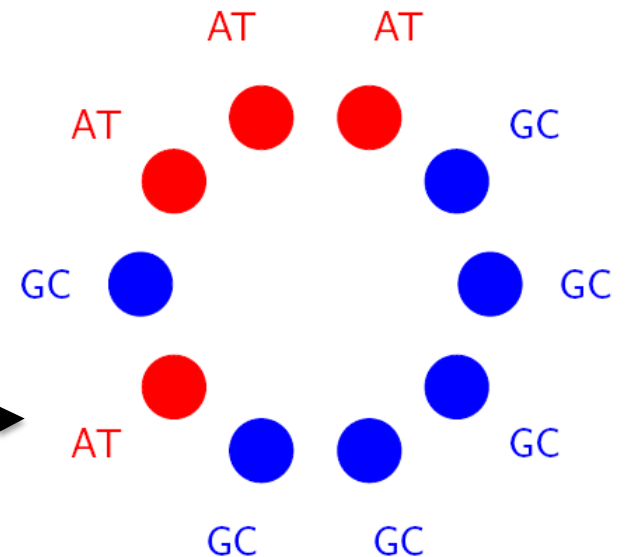
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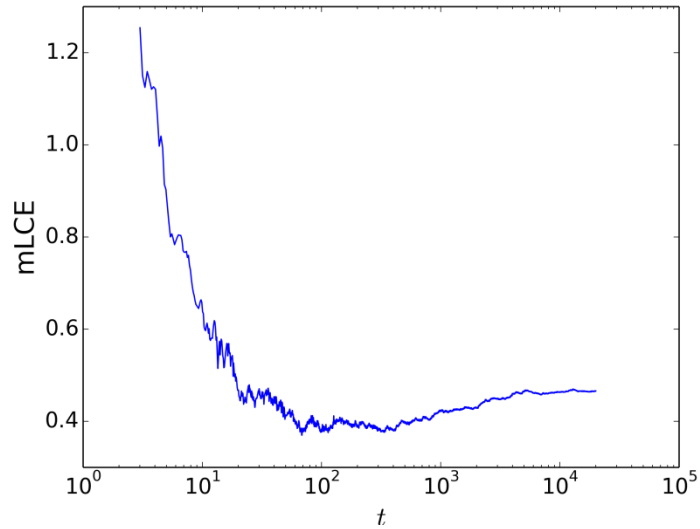
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Periodic boundary conditions

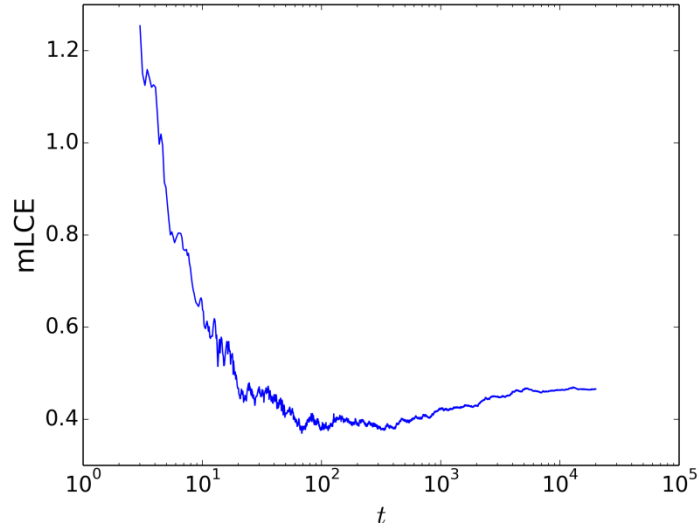


Lyapunov exponents ($E/n=0.04$, $P_{AT}=0.3$)



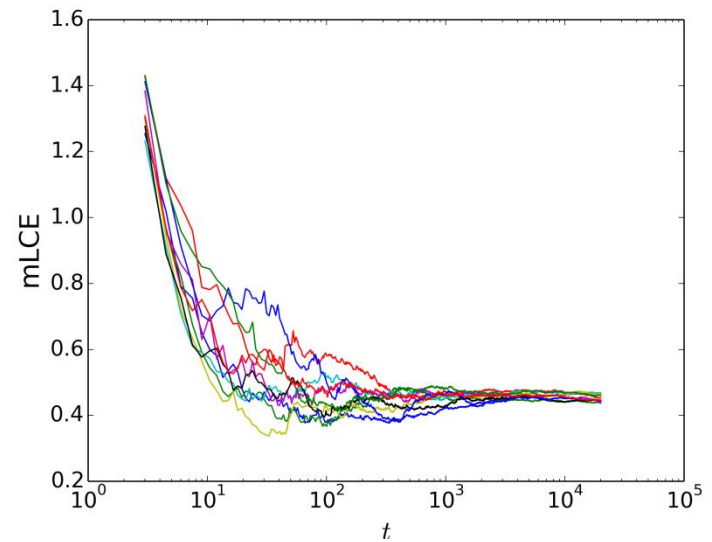
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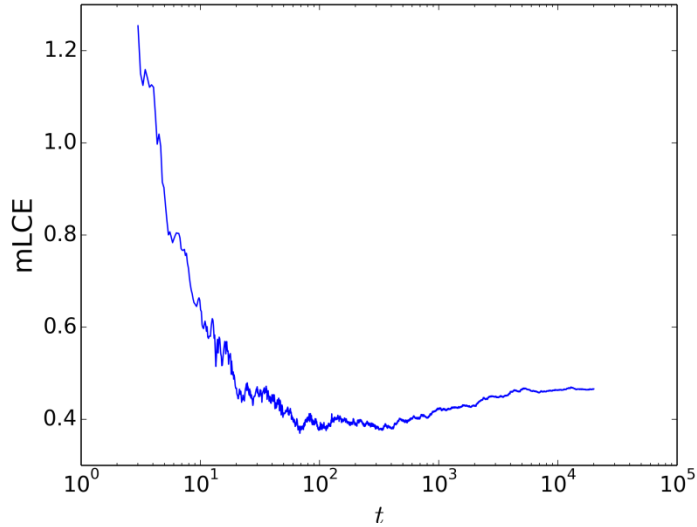


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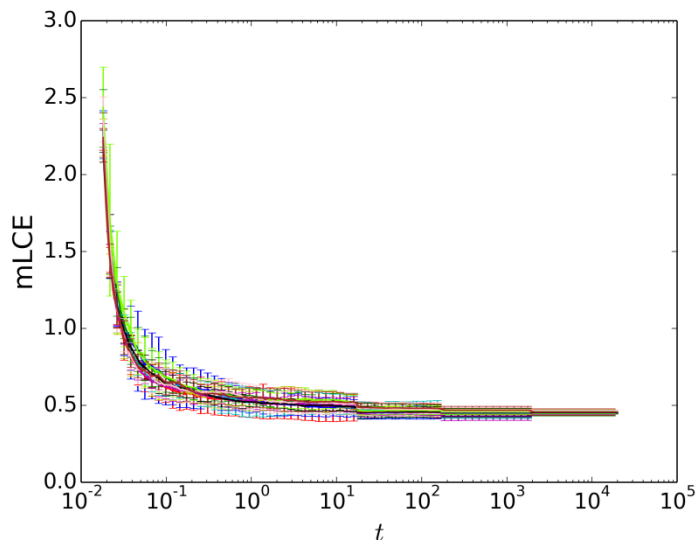
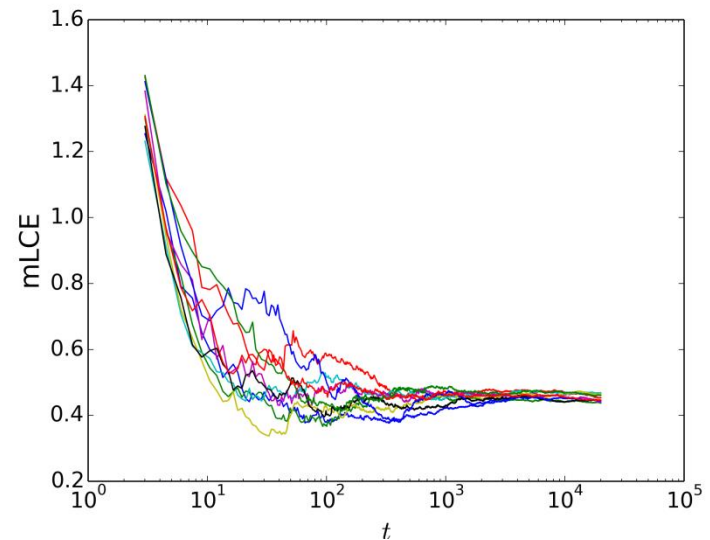


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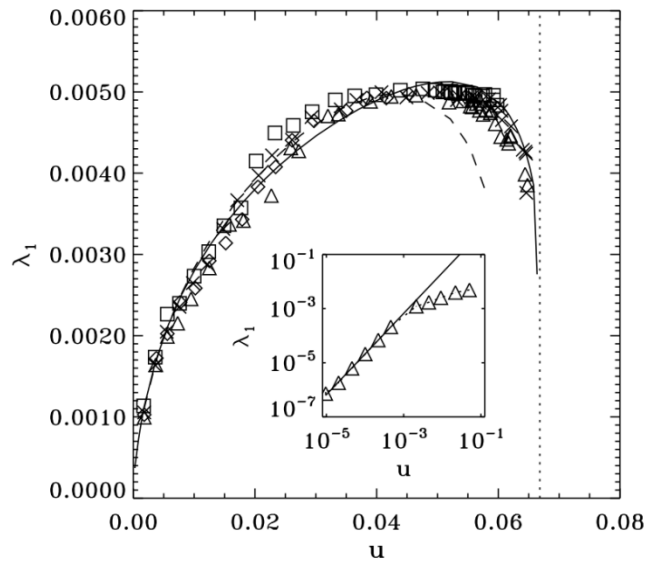
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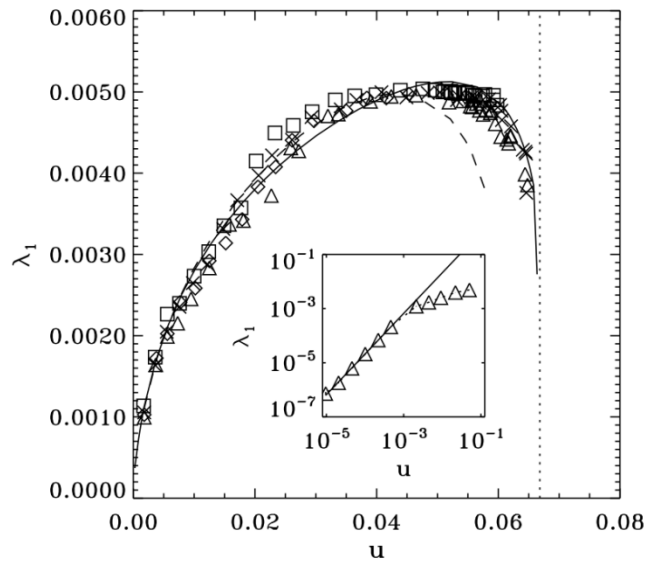
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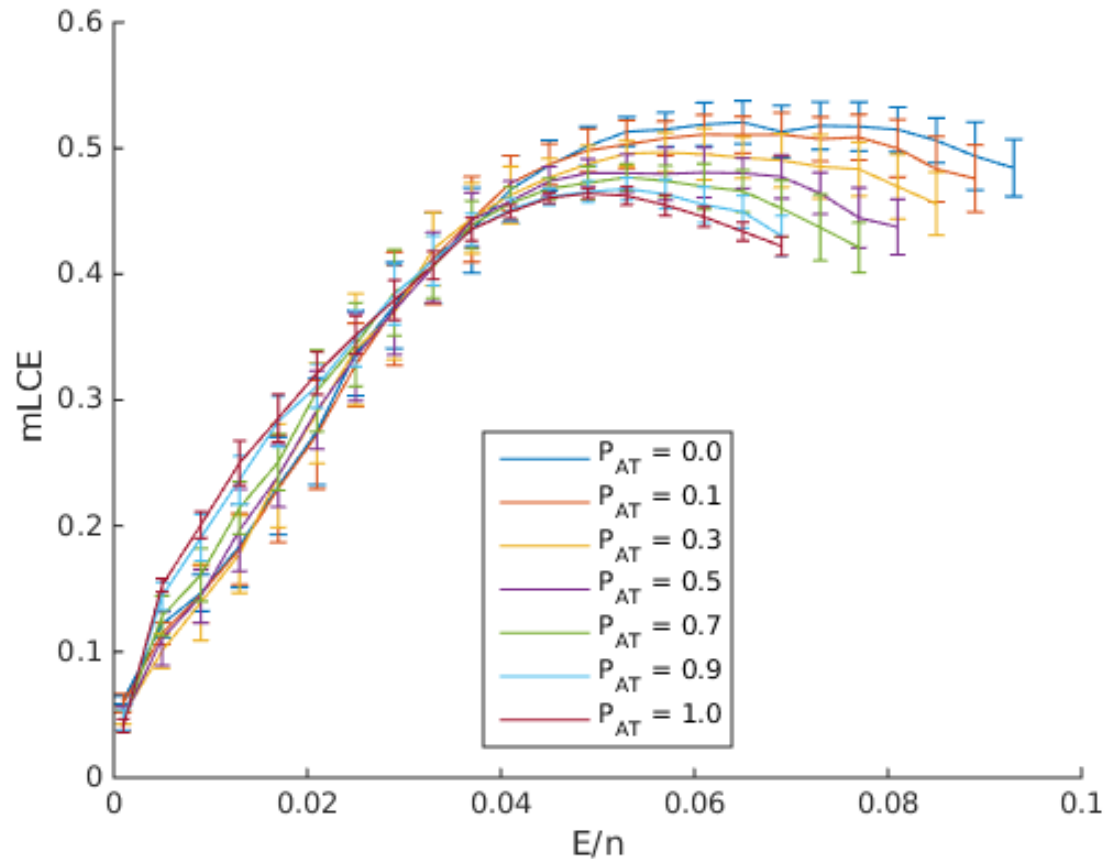


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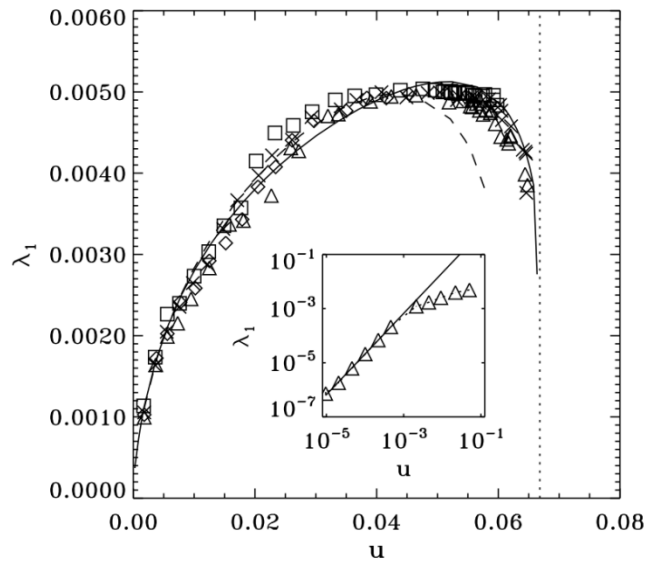
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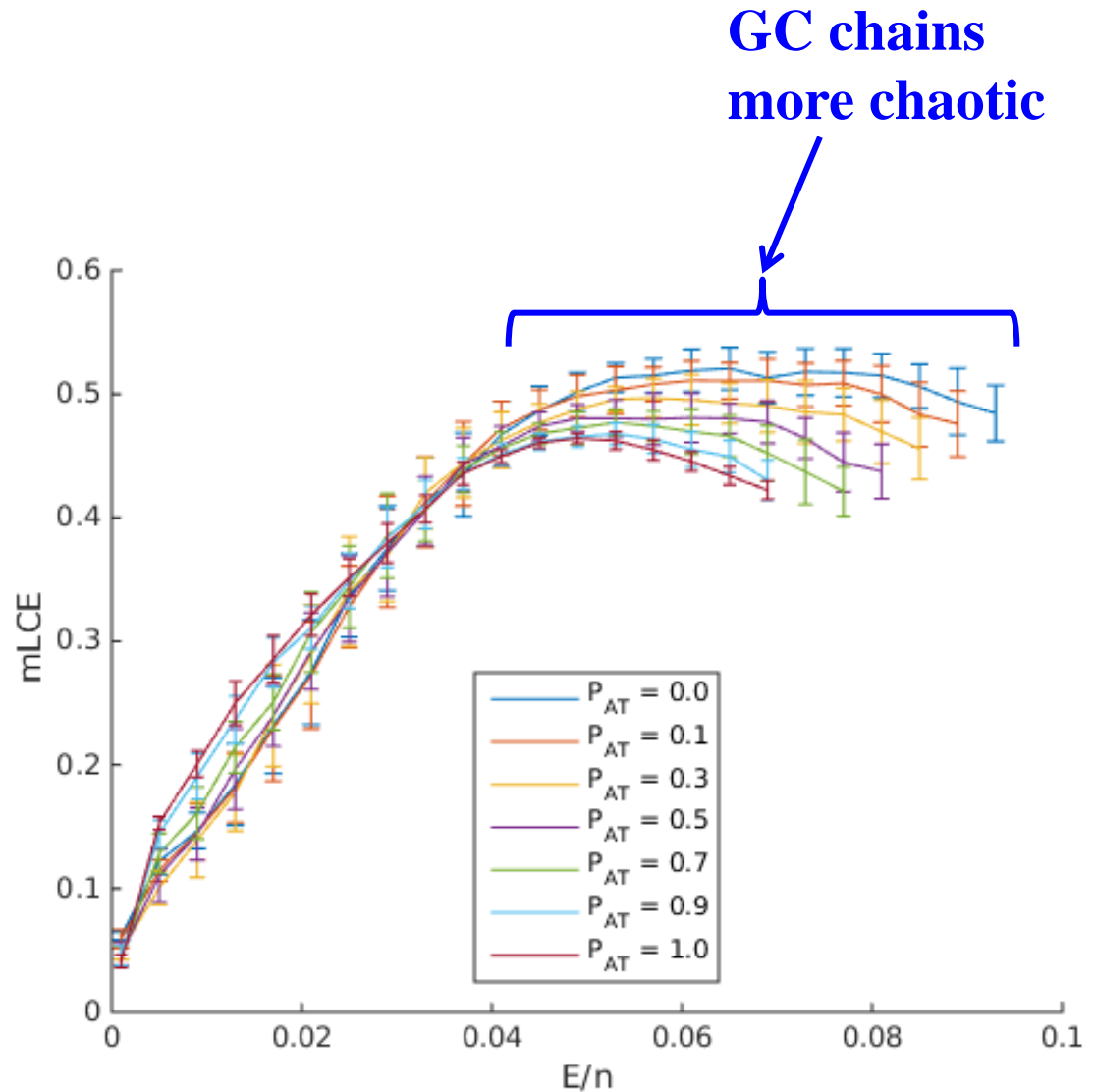
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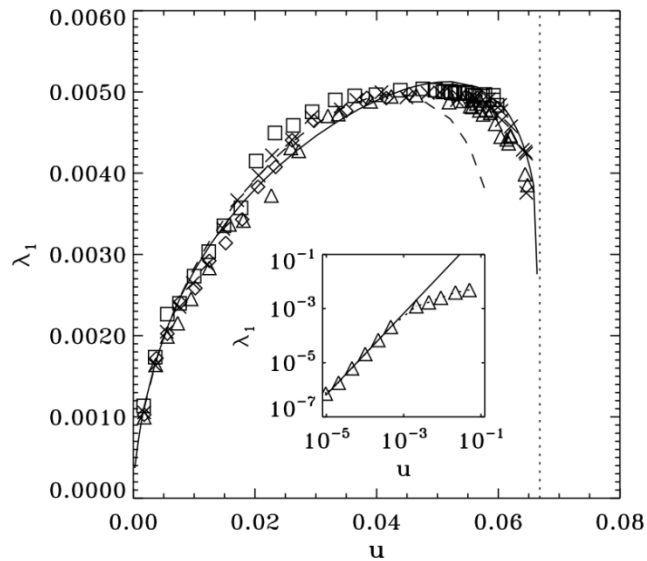
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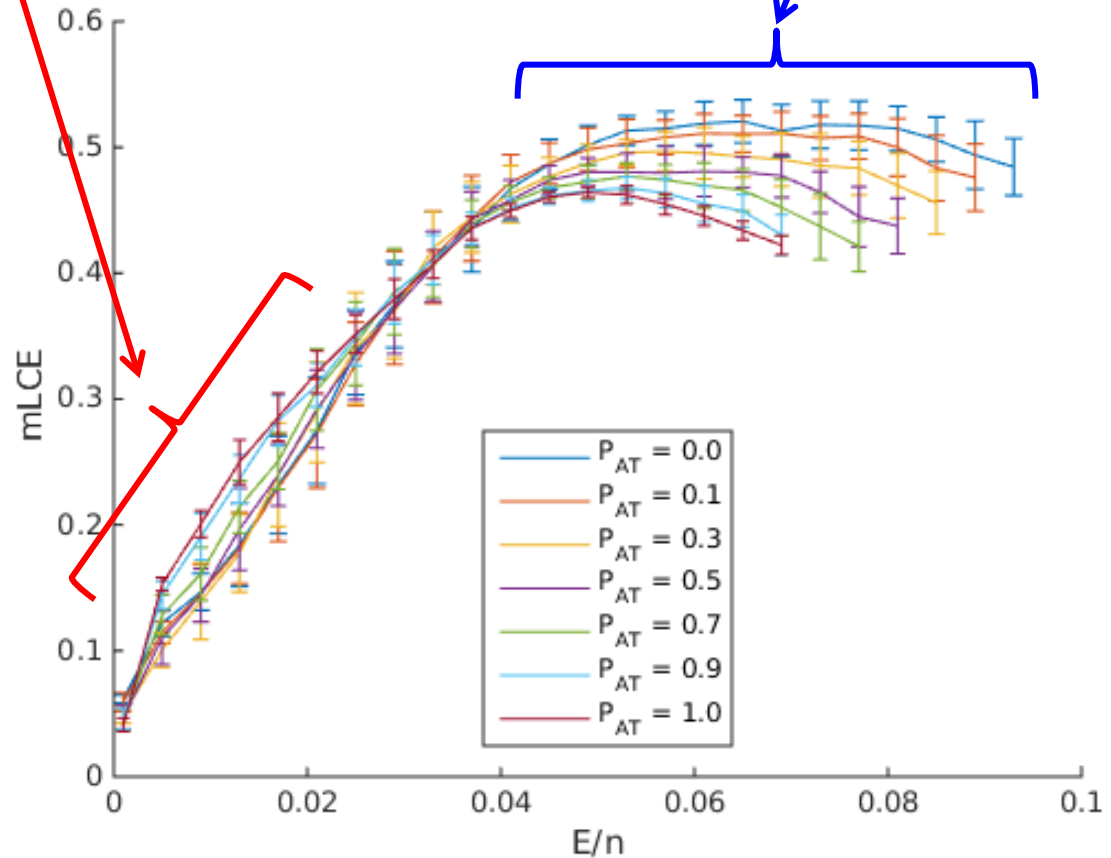
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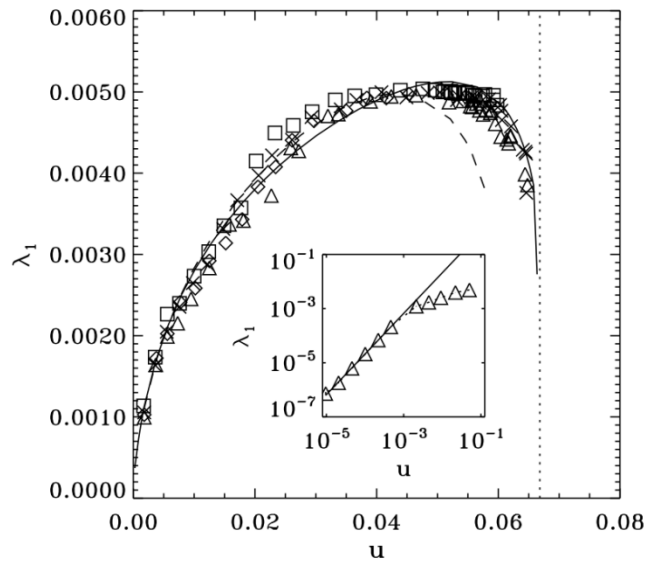


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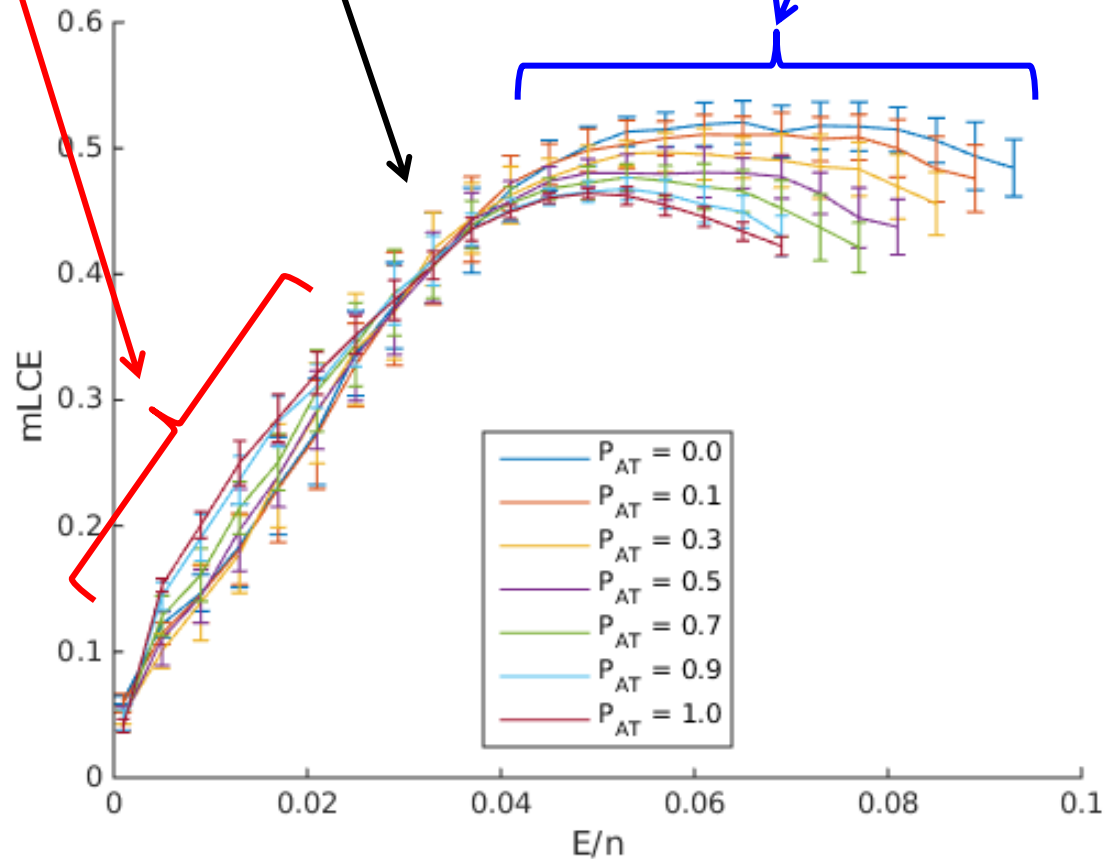
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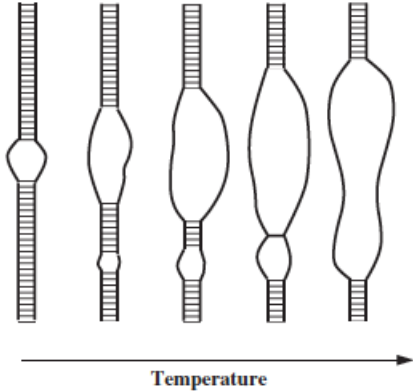


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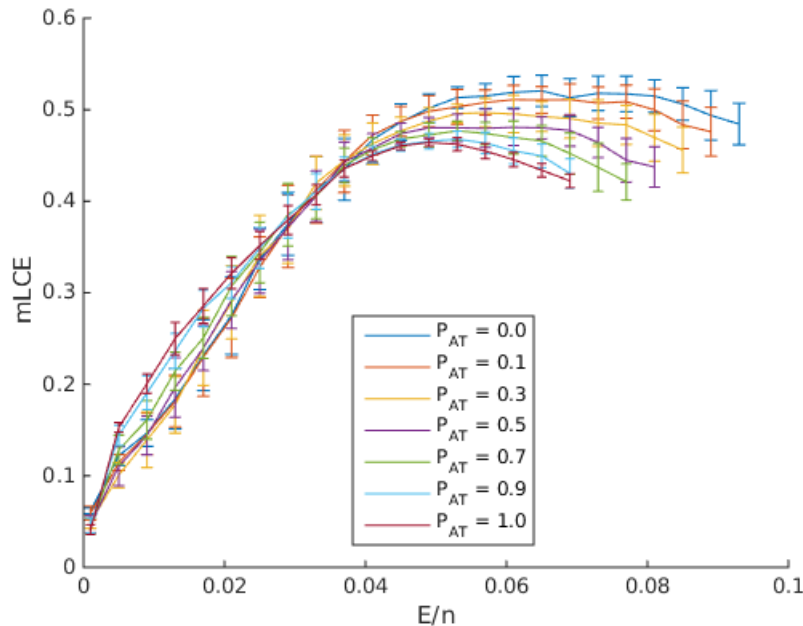
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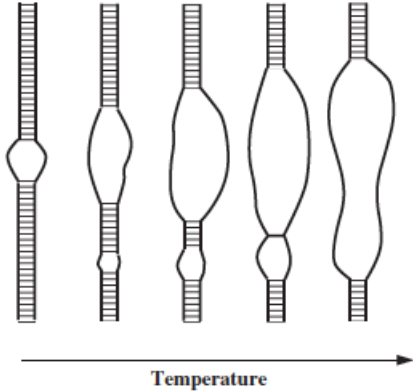
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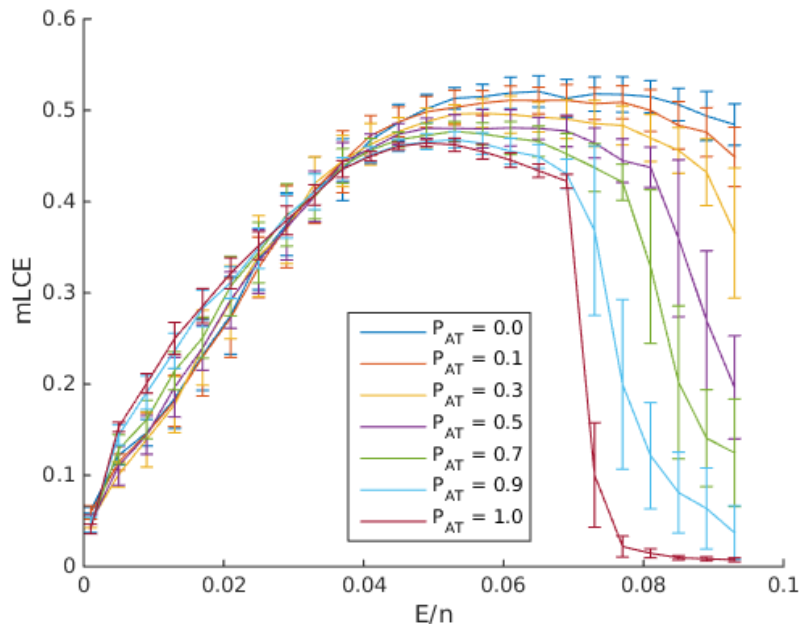
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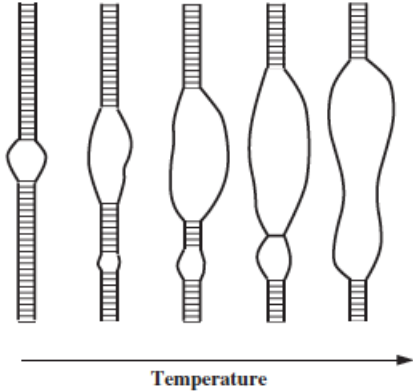
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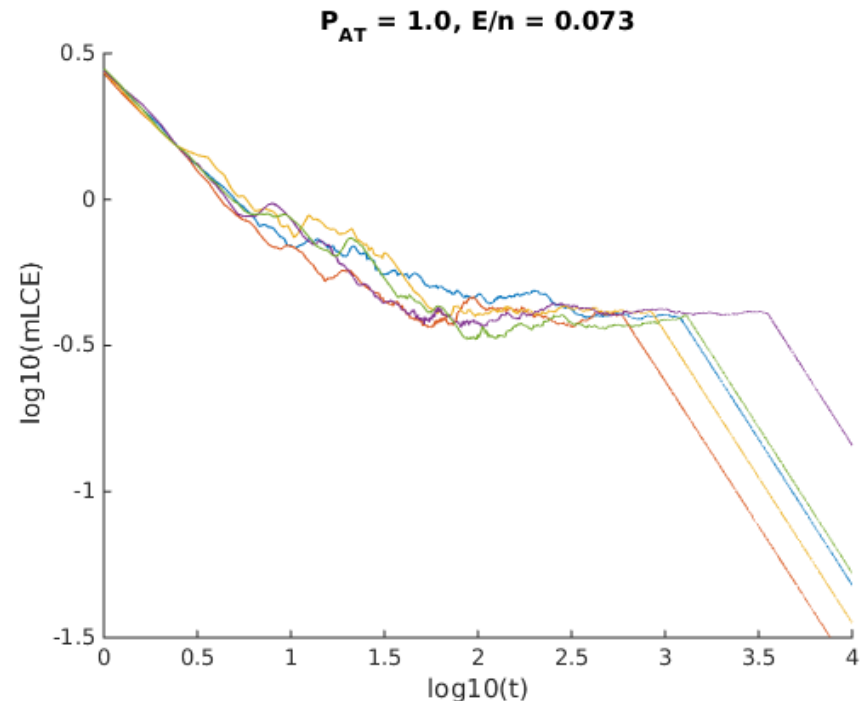
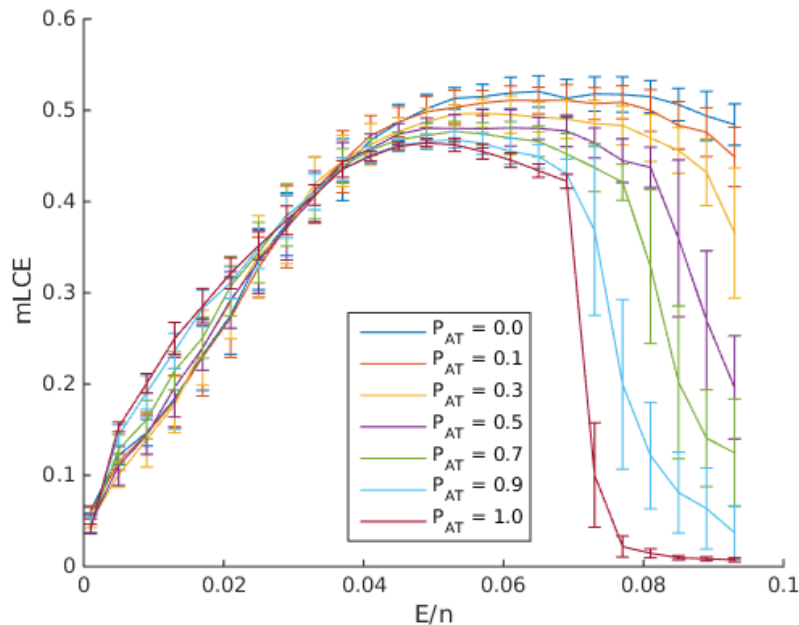
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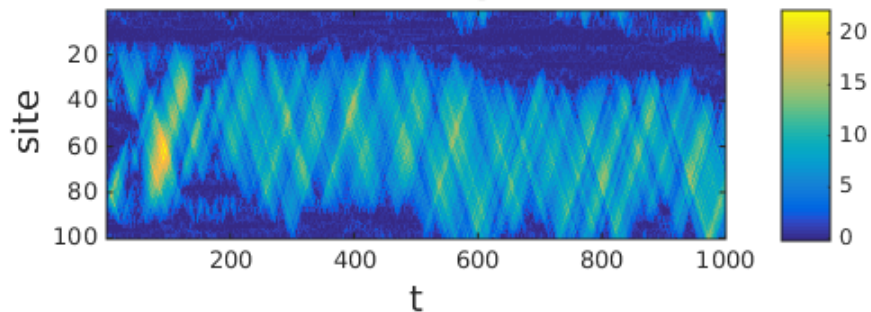
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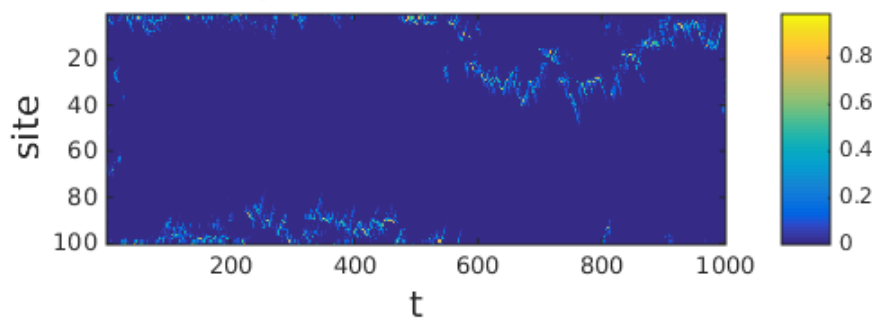


DVD and the formation of bubbles

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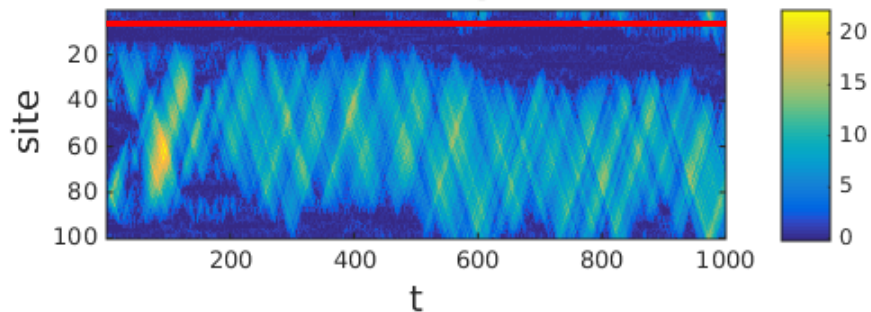


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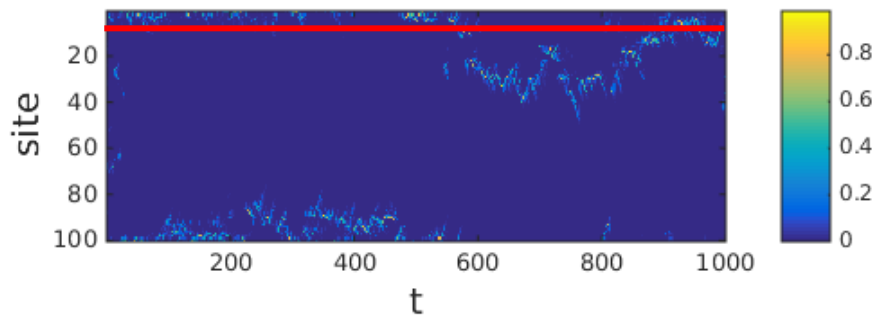


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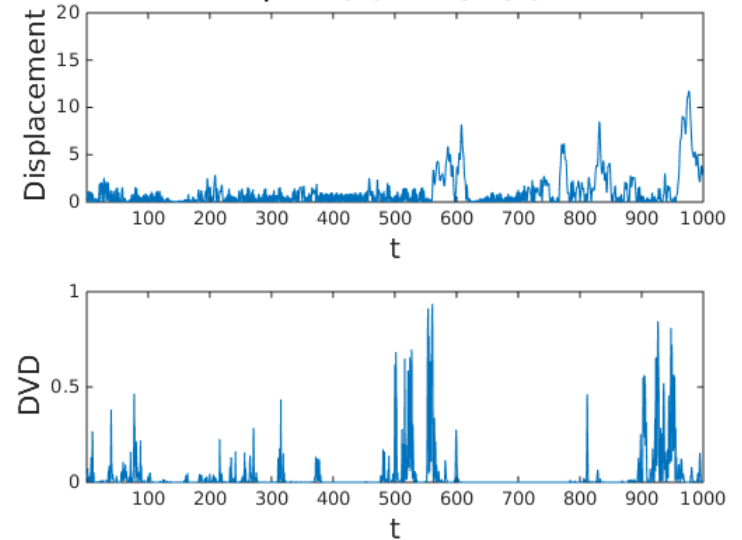
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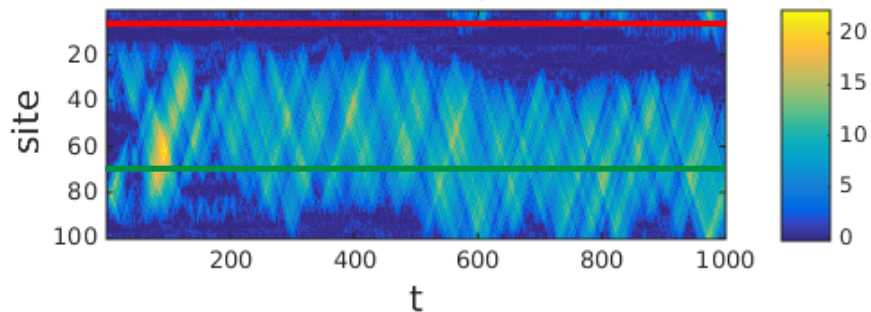


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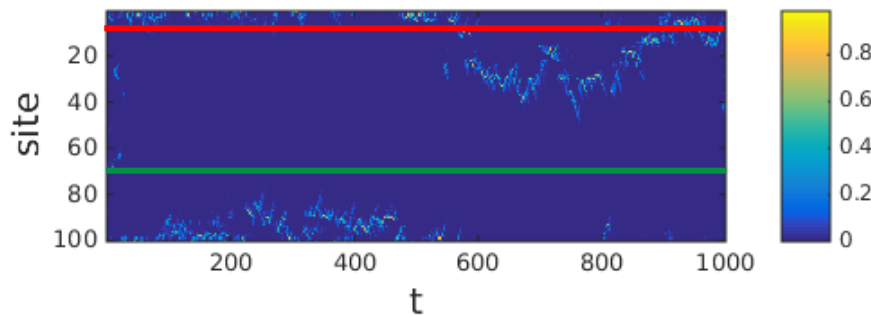


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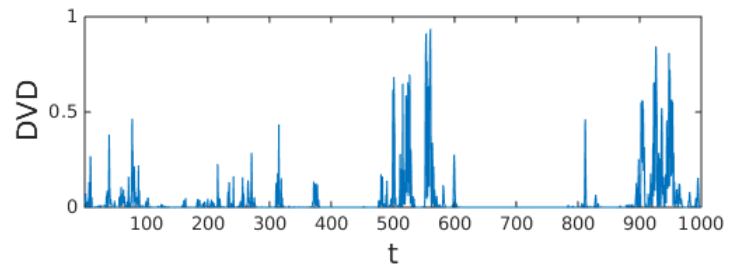
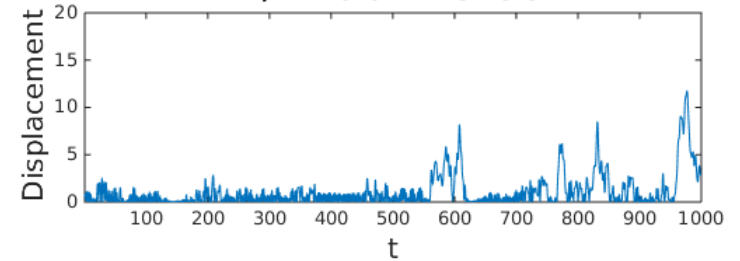
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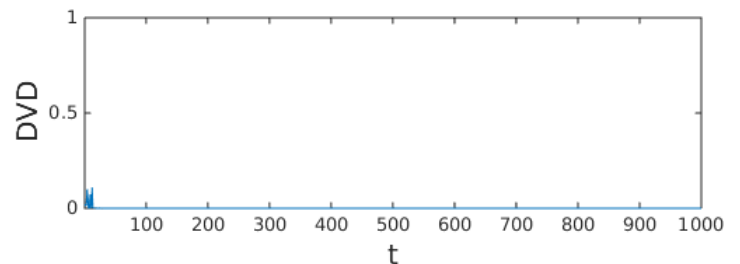
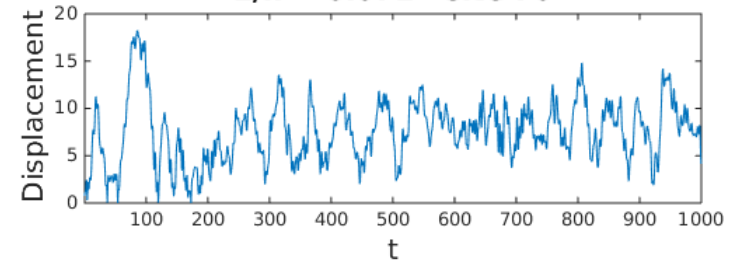
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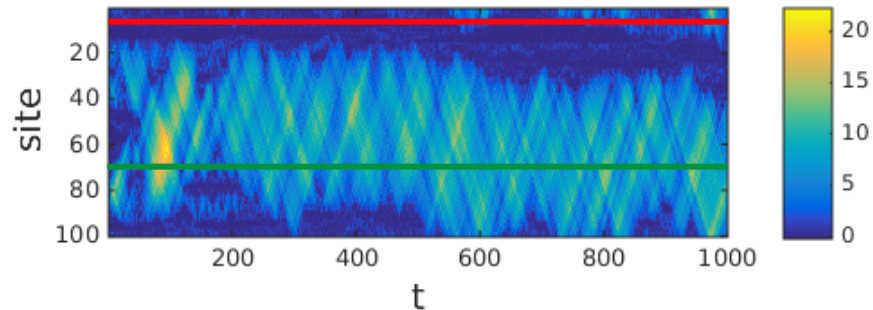
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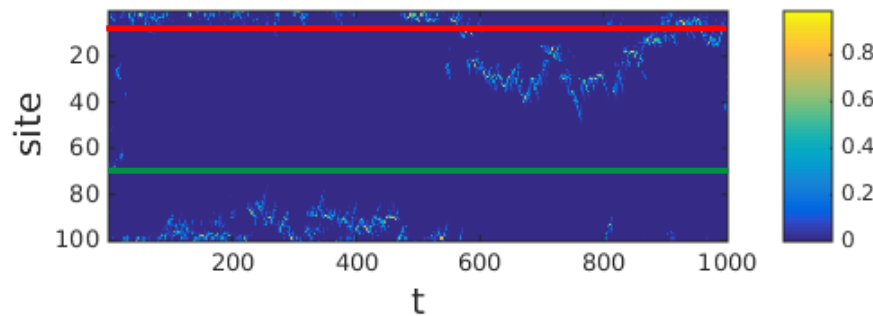
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Relation between the concentration of the deviation vector at a site and the formation of a bubble at that site.

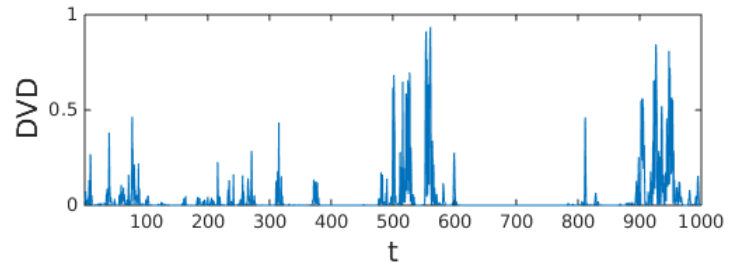
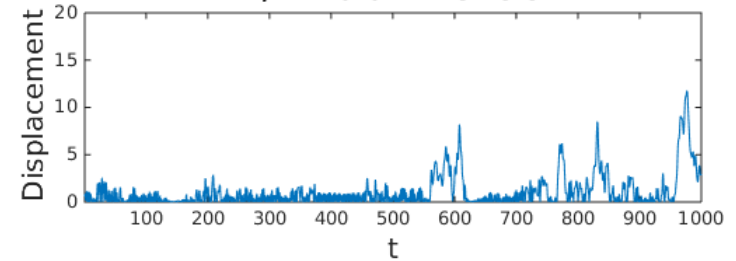
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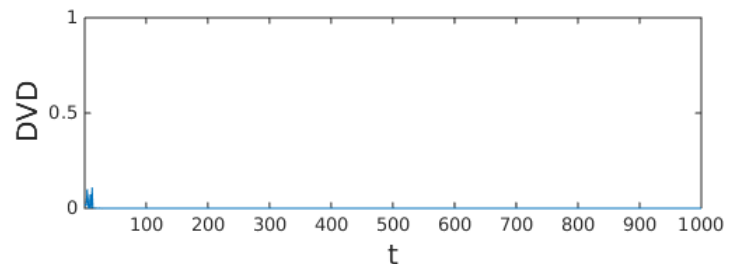
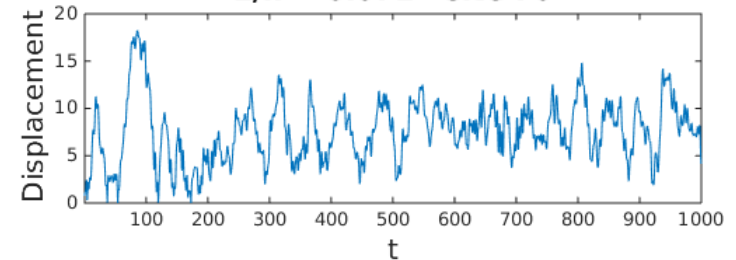
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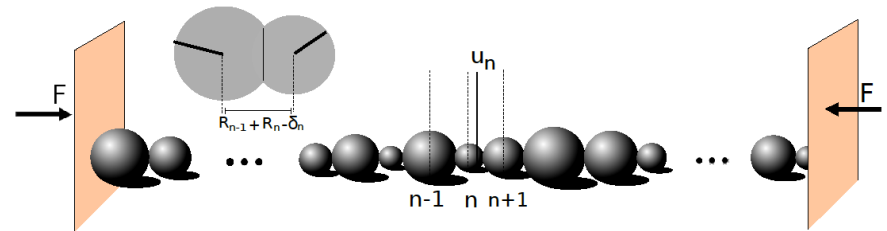
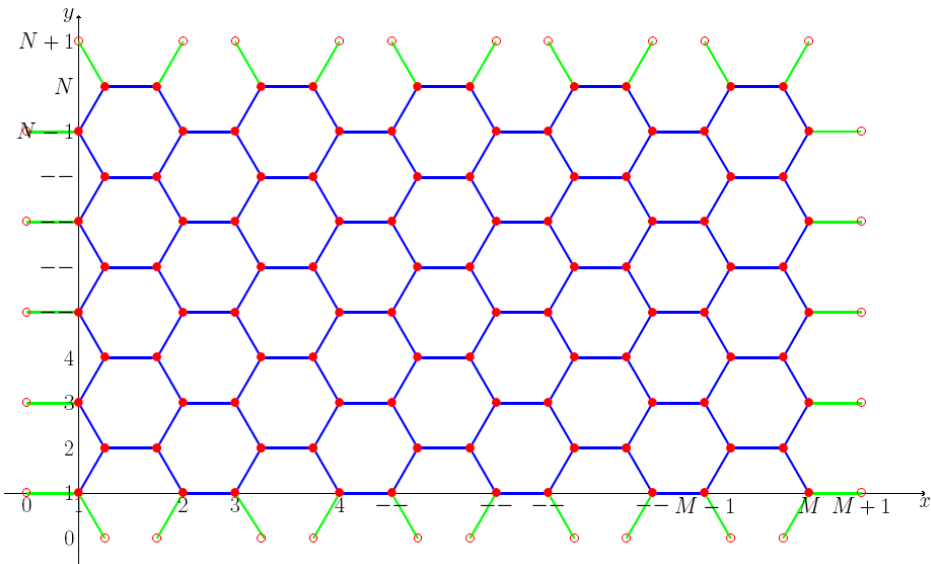


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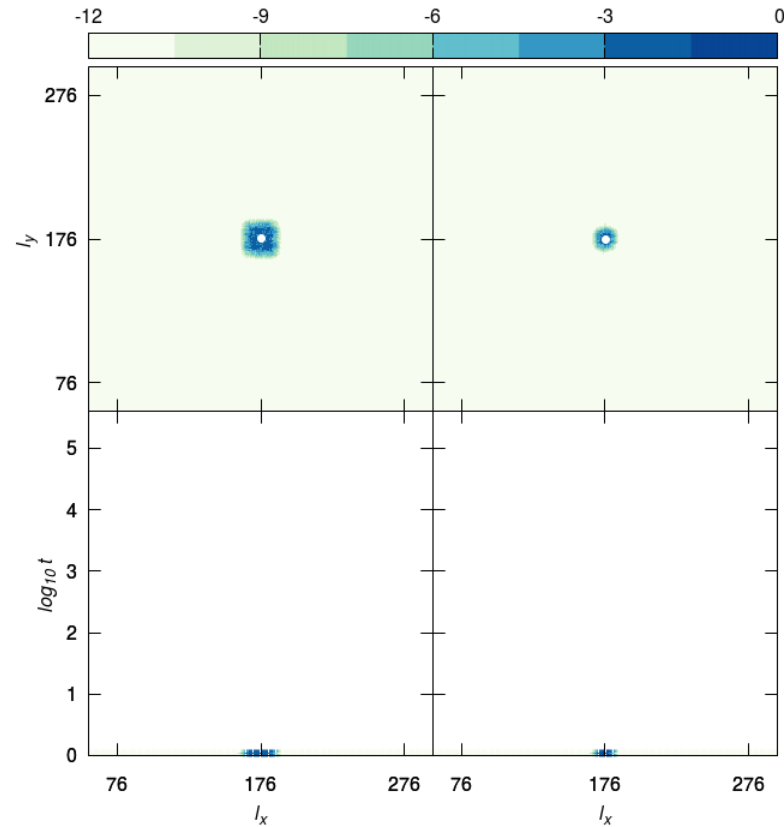
Future works

- **DKG and DDNLS models in 2 spatial dimensions**
- **Extended, sequence-dependent PBD models of DNA**
- **Models of granular material**
- **Graphene models**



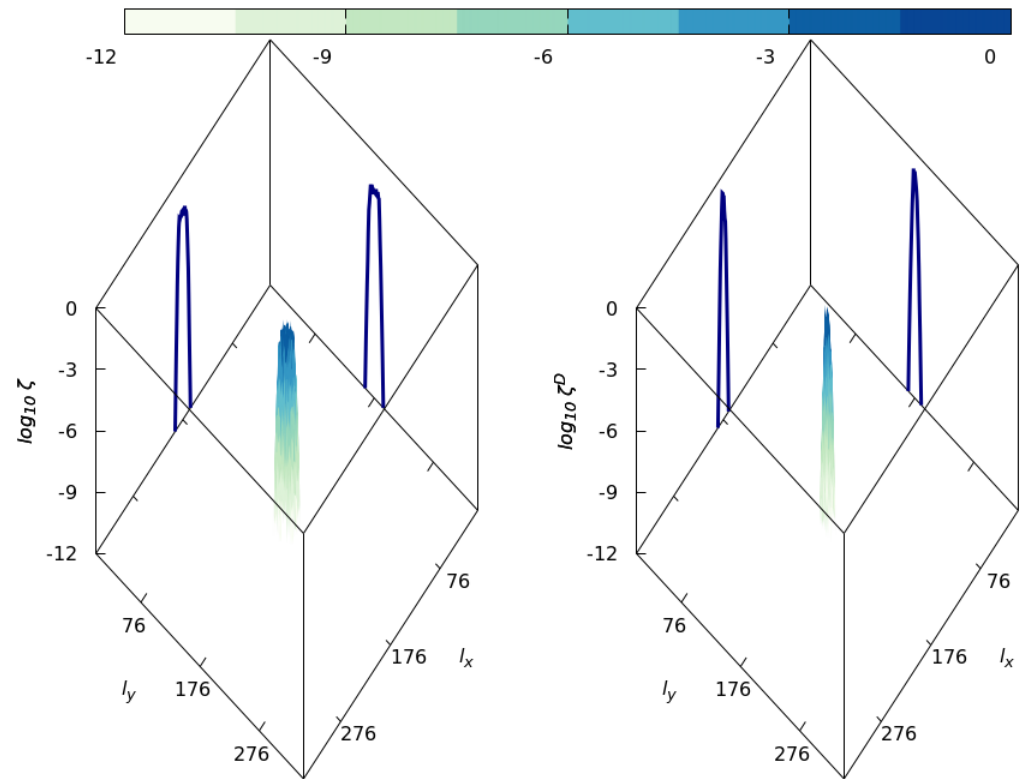
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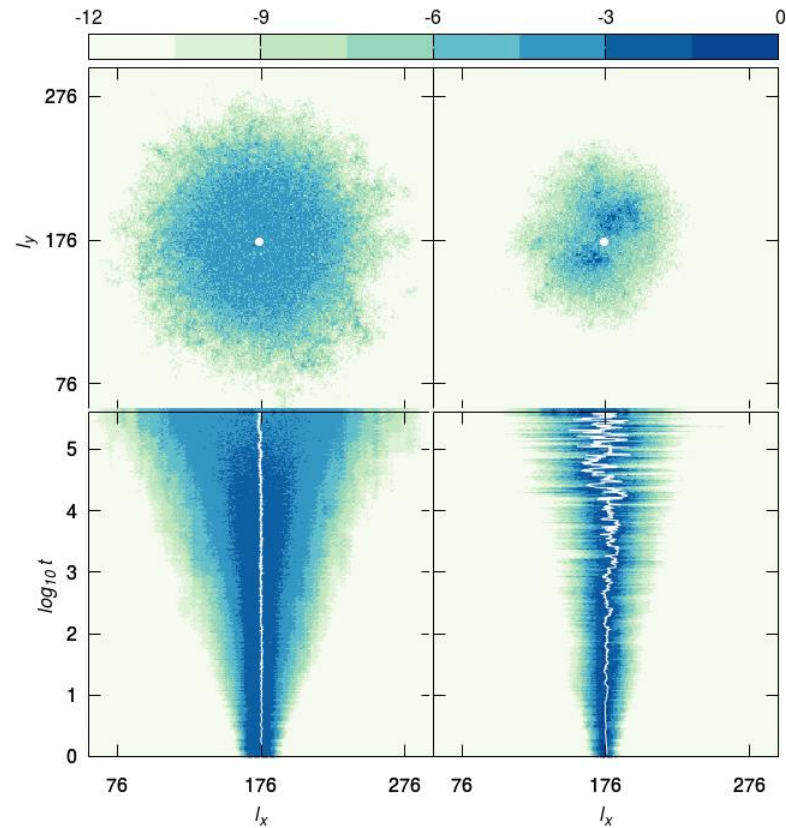


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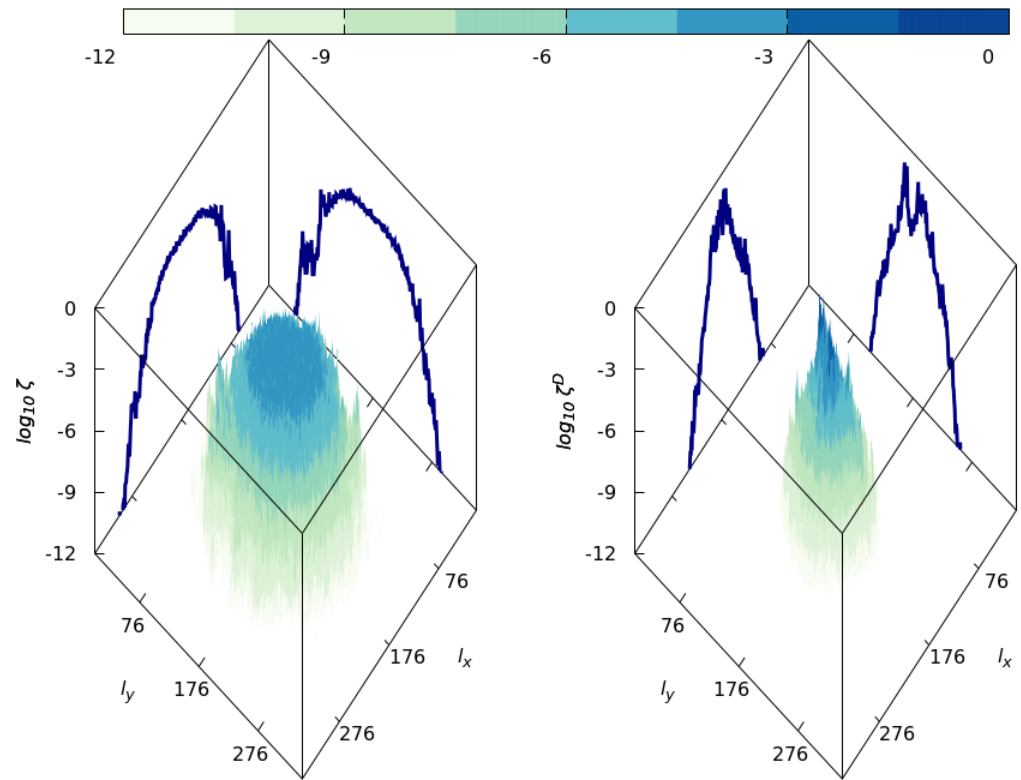
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Summary

- Both the DKG and the DDNLS models show similar chaotic behaviors
 - The mLCE and the DVDs show different behaviors for the weak and the strong chaos regimes.
 - Lyapunov exponent computations show that:
 - ✓ Chaos not only exists, but also persists.
 - ✓ Slowing down of chaos does not cross over to regular dynamics.
 - ✓ Weak chaos: $\text{mLCE} \sim t^{-0.25}$ - Strong chaos: $\text{mLCE} \sim t^{-0.3}$
 - The behavior of DVDs can provide information about the chaoticity of a dynamical system.
 - ✓ Chaotic hot spots meander through the system, supporting a homogeneity of chaos inside the wave packet.
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- Heterogeneity influences the chaotic behavior of the DNA chaotic behavior.
 - There seems to be a relation between the concentration of the DVD at a site and the formation of a bubble

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