

Chaotic Behavior of Multidimensional Hamiltonian Systems: Disordered lattices, granular chains and DNA models

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Outline

The quartic **disordered Klein-Gordon (DKG) model** and the **disordered discrete nonlinear Schrödinger equation (DDNLS)**

- Different dynamical behaviors
- Lyapunov exponents
- Deviation Vector Distributions (DVDs)

Chaotic behavior of **granular chains** (coexistence of **smooth and non-smooth nonlinearities**)

- Do granular nonlinearities and the resulting chaotic dynamics destroy energy localization? If yes, how?
- Comparison with the disordered Fermi-Pasta-Ulam-Tsingou (FPUT) model

The **Peyrard-Bishop-Dauxois (PBD) model of DNA**

- Lyapunov exponents and different dynamical regimes
- Behavior of DVDs
- Effect of heterogeneity on system's chaoticity

Future works - Summary

**The
DKG and DDNLS
models**

Work in collaboration with

Bob Senyange (PhD student): DKG model



Bertin Many Manda (PhD student): DDNLS model

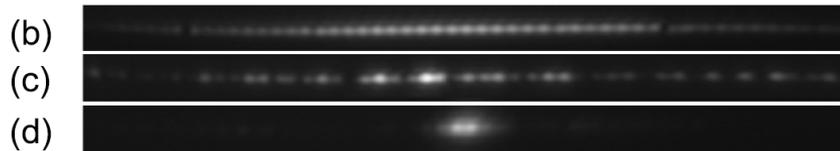
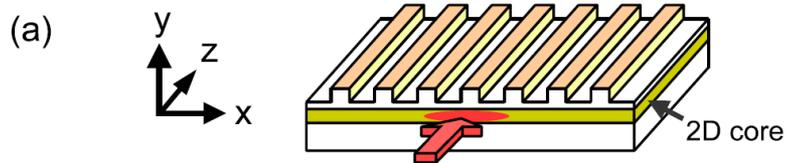
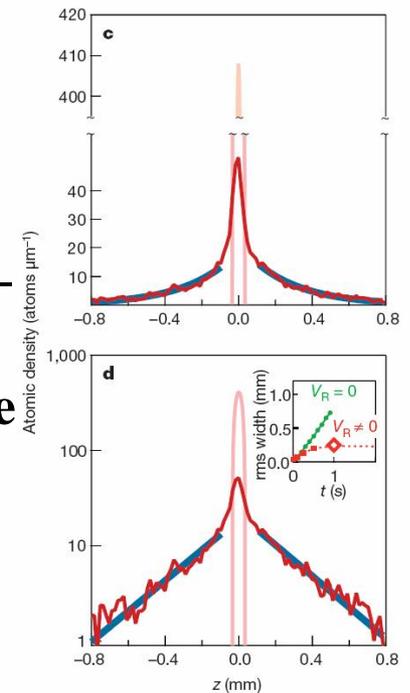
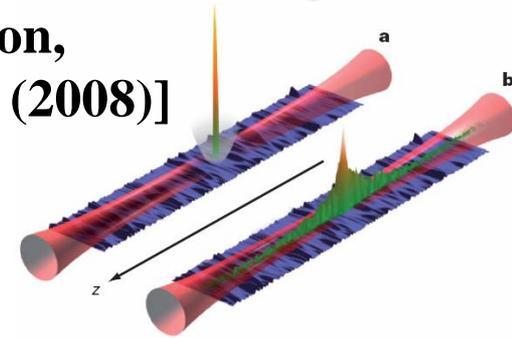
Interplay of disorder and nonlinearity

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

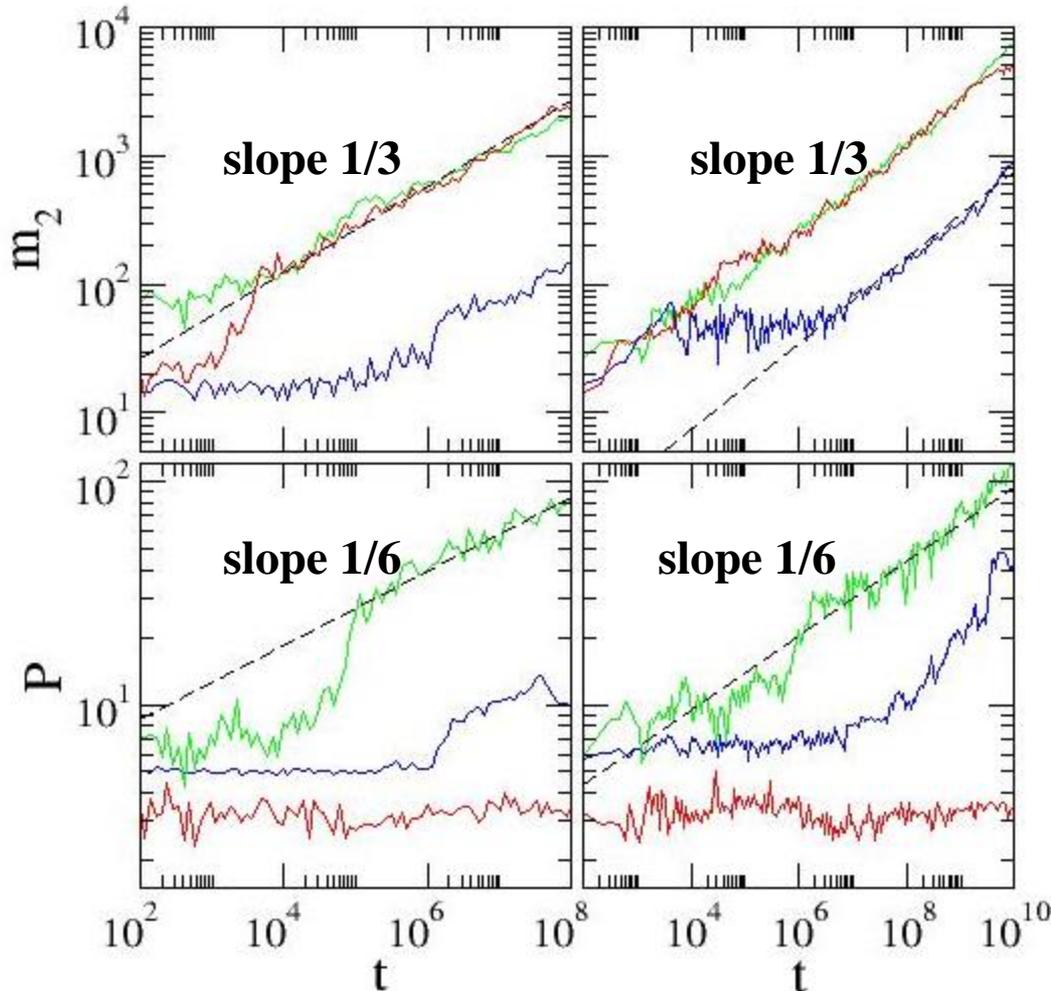
Almost all NMs in the packet are resonantly interacting. Wave packets initially spread faster and eventually enter the weak chaos regime.

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:

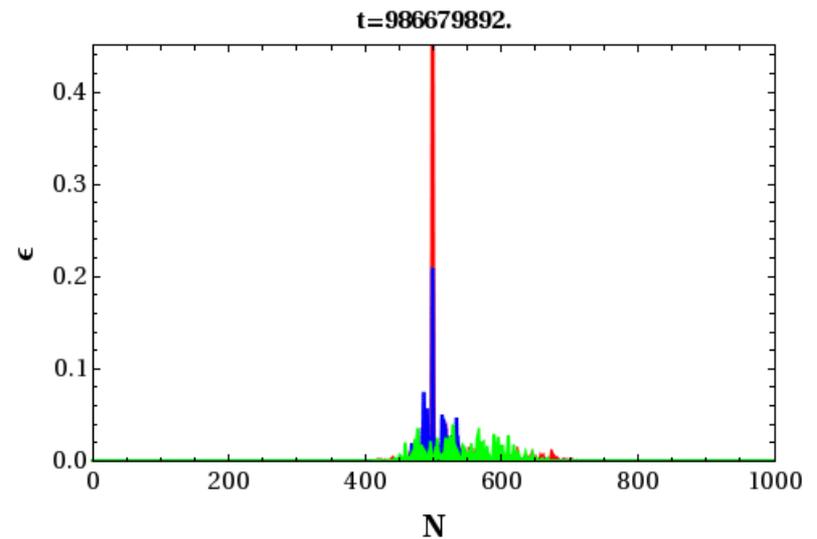
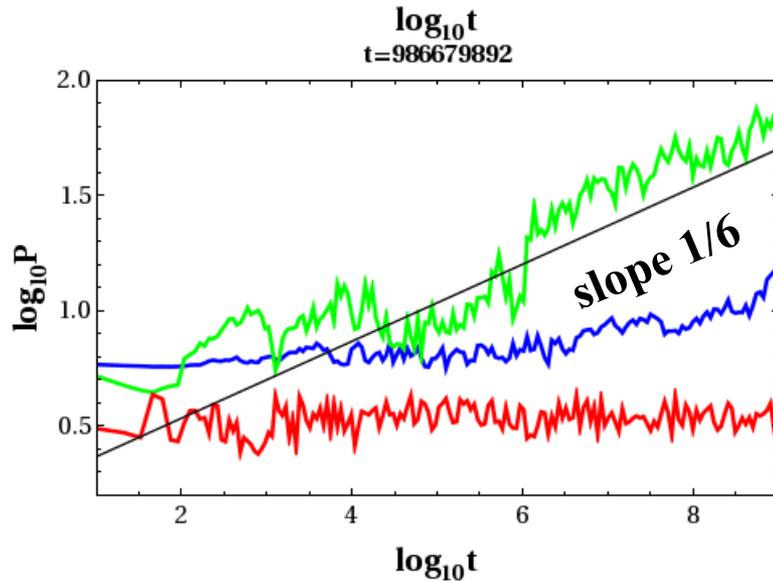
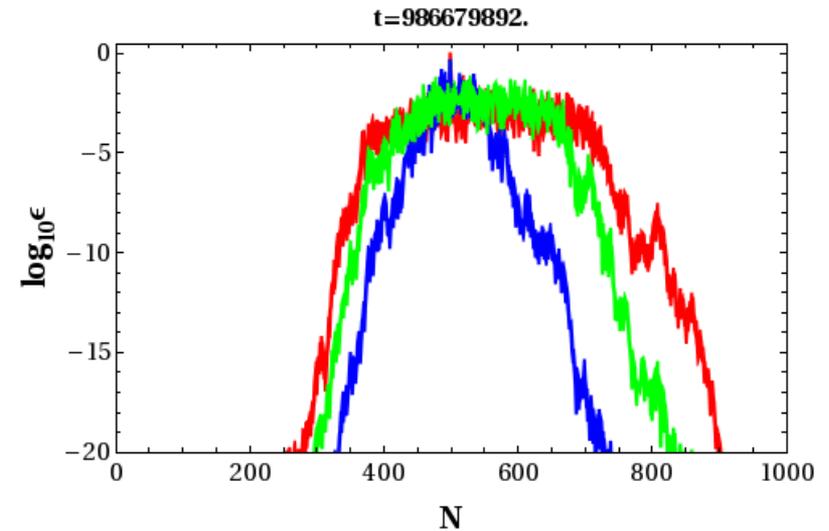
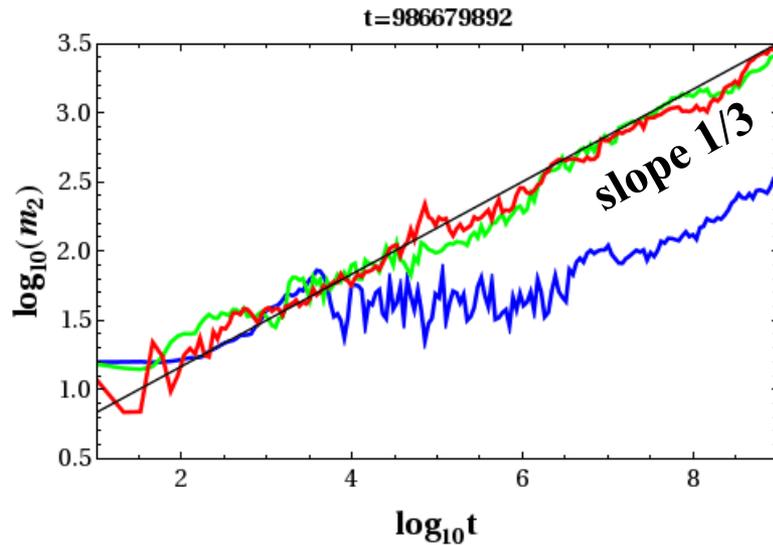
$$\alpha = 0.33 \pm 0.05 \text{ (DKG)}$$

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

Flach et al., PRL (2009)

S. et al., PRE (2009)

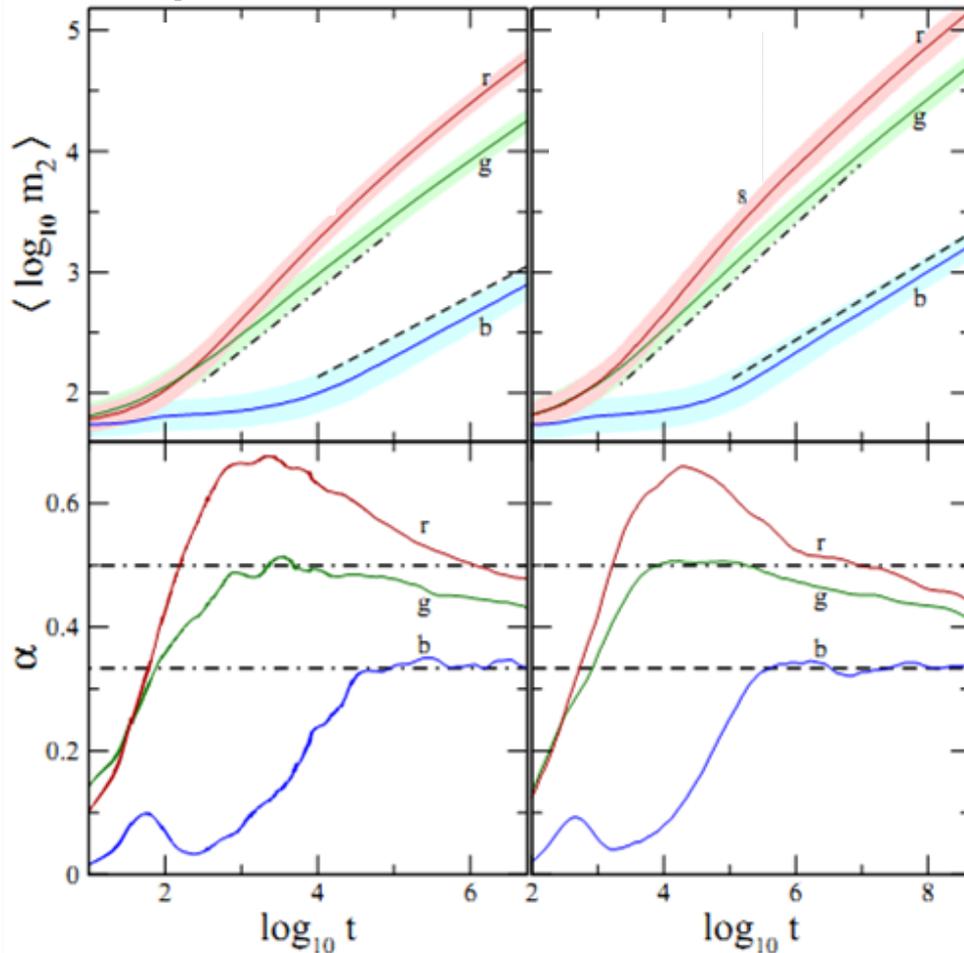
DKG: Different spreading regimes



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!

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

$\alpha = 1/2$

$\alpha = 1/3$

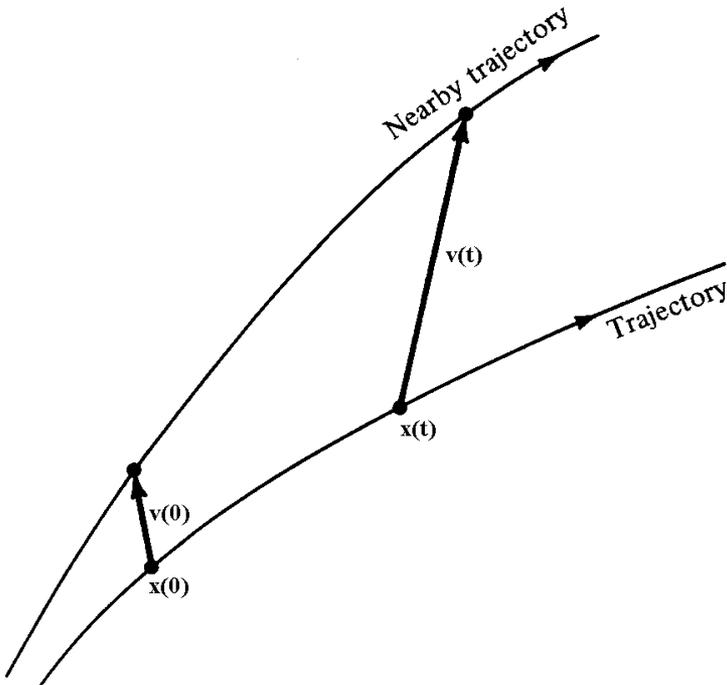
Laptyeva et al., EPL (2010)

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

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

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

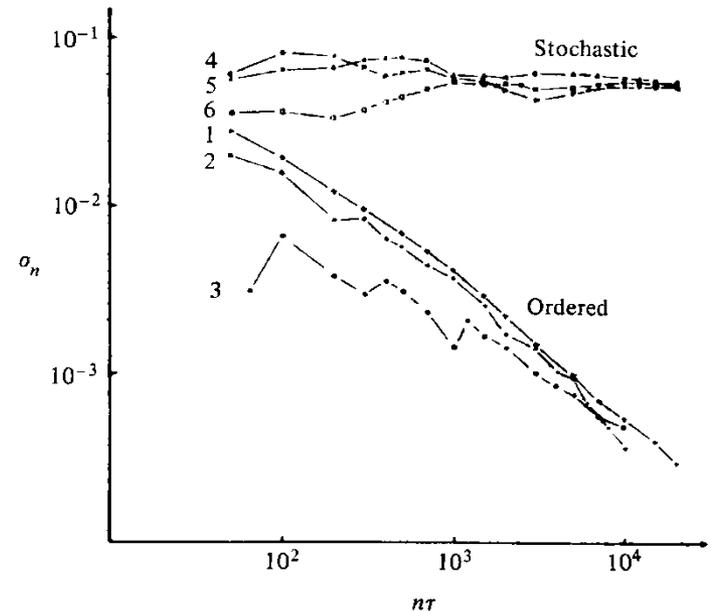


Figure 5.7. Behavior of σ_n at the intermediate energy $E = 0.125$ for initial points taken in the ordered (curves 1–3) or stochastic (curves 4–6) regions (after Benettin *et al.*, 1976).

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:

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

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:

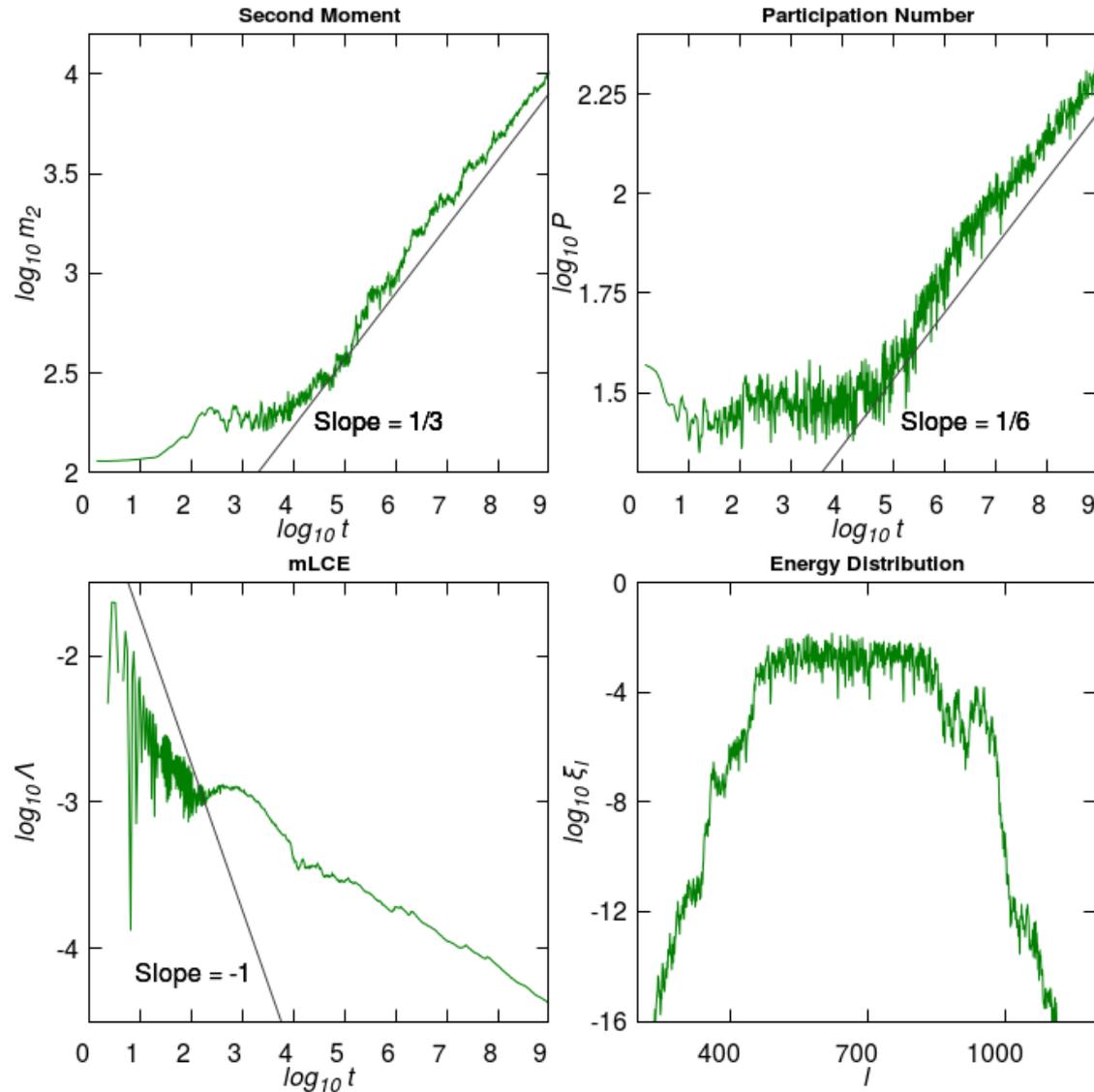
$$H_D = \sum_l \varepsilon_l |\psi_l|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} |\psi_l|^4 - (\psi_{l+1} \psi_l^* + \psi_{l+1}^* \psi_l), \quad \psi_l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (q_l + ip_l)$$

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

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)].

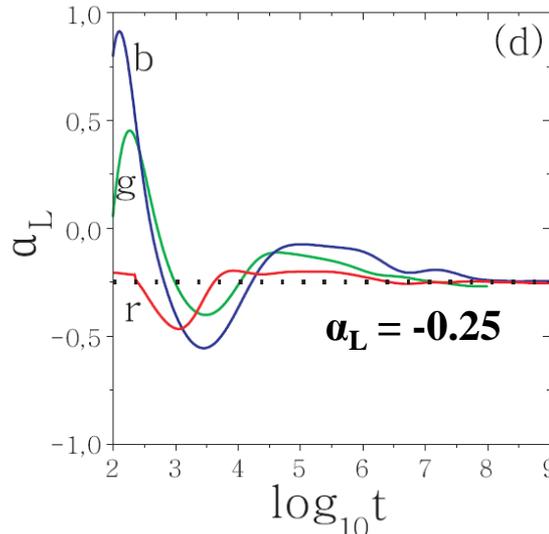
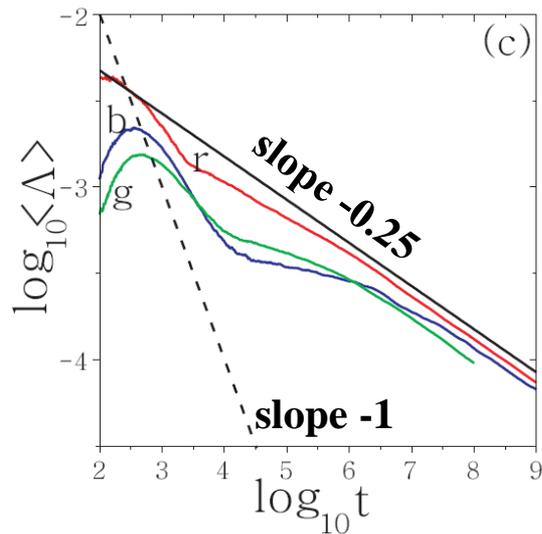
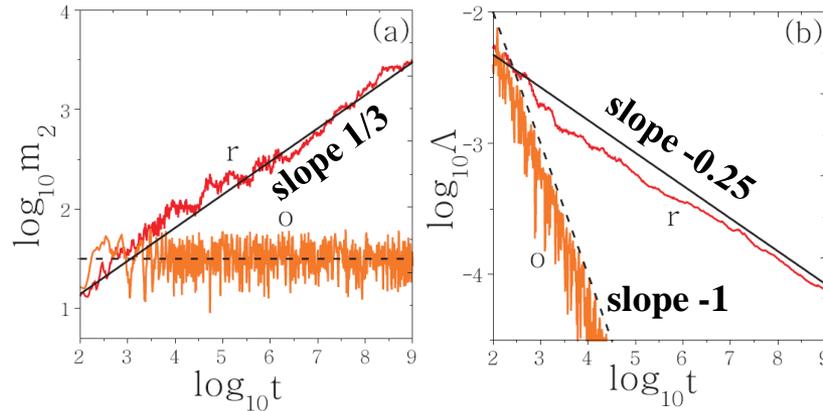
DKG: Weak Chaos

Block excitation
 $L=37$ sites,
 $E=0.37$, $W=3$



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

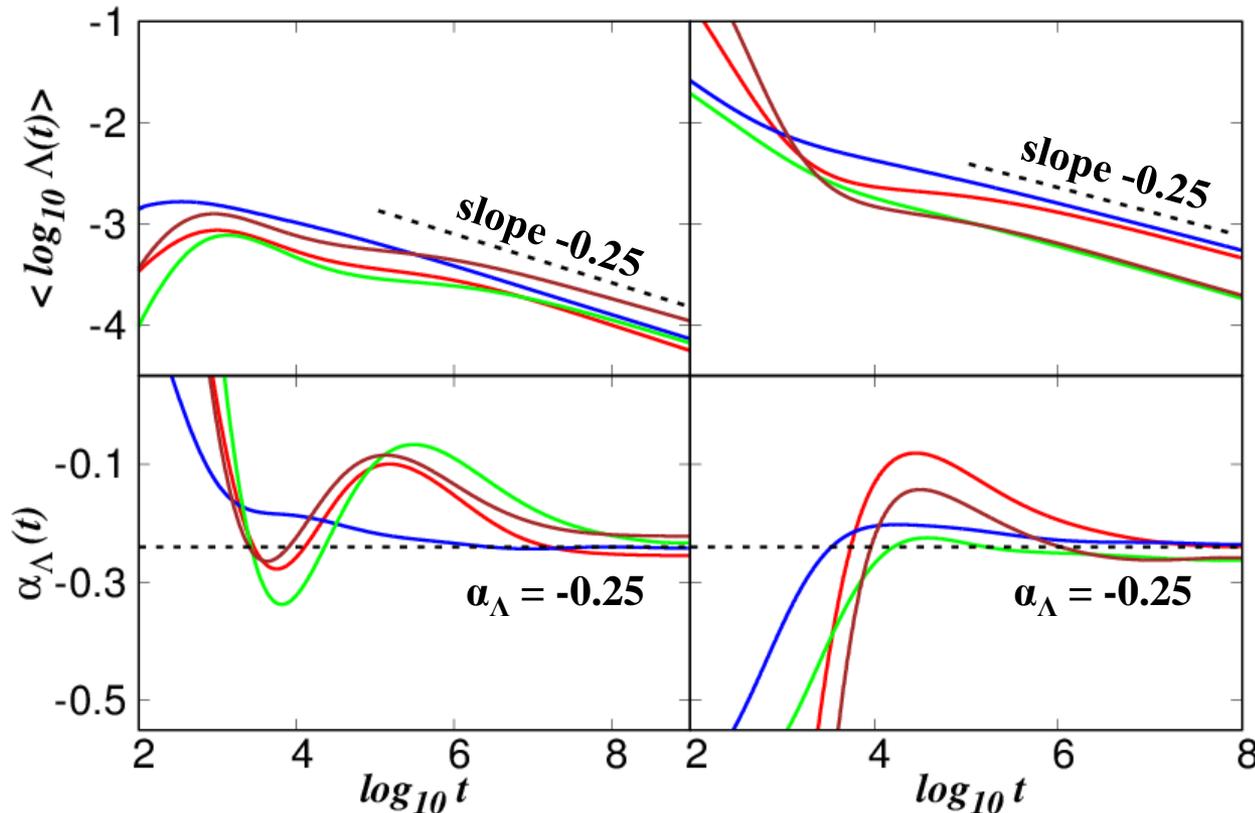
Block excitation (L=21 sites) E=0.21, W=4

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

S. et al., PRL (2013)

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

DKG



DDNLS

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

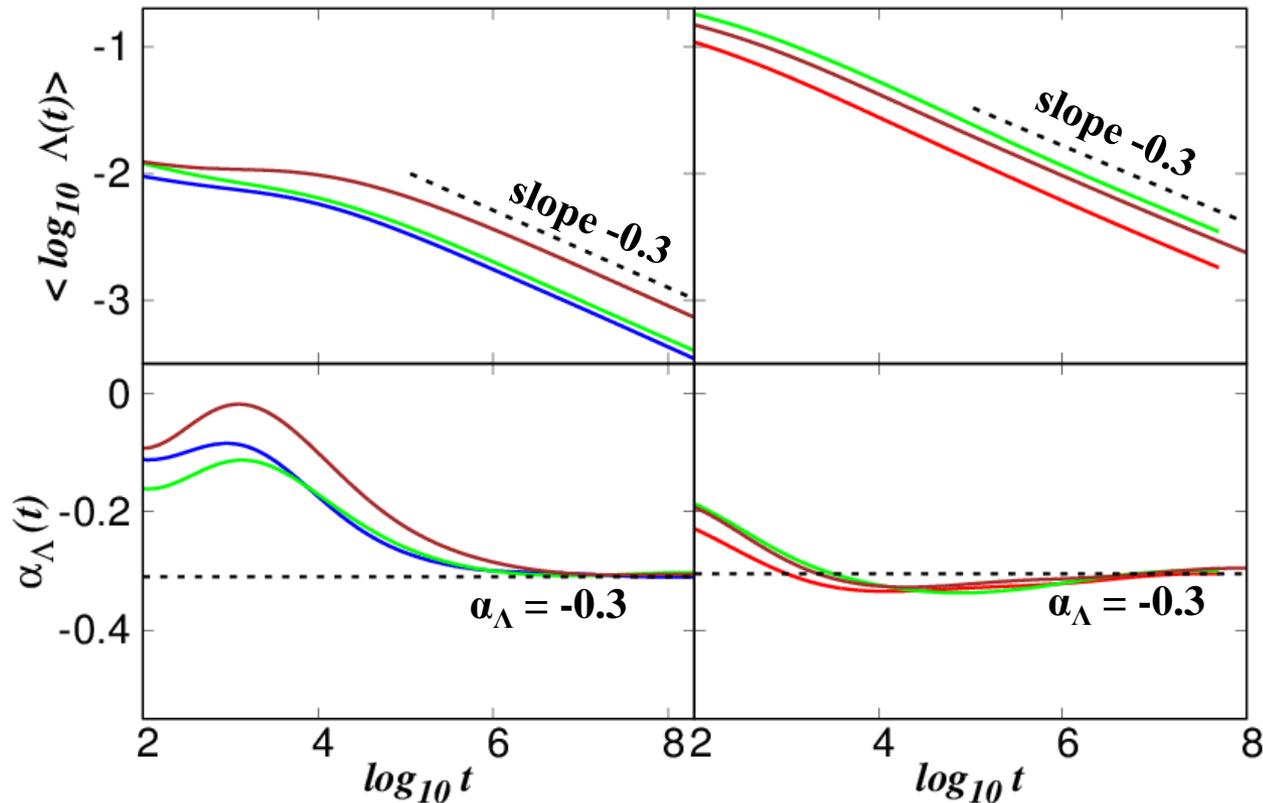
Single site excitation $\beta=1$, W=4

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

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

Strong Chaos: **DKG** and **DDNLS**

DKG



DDNLS

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

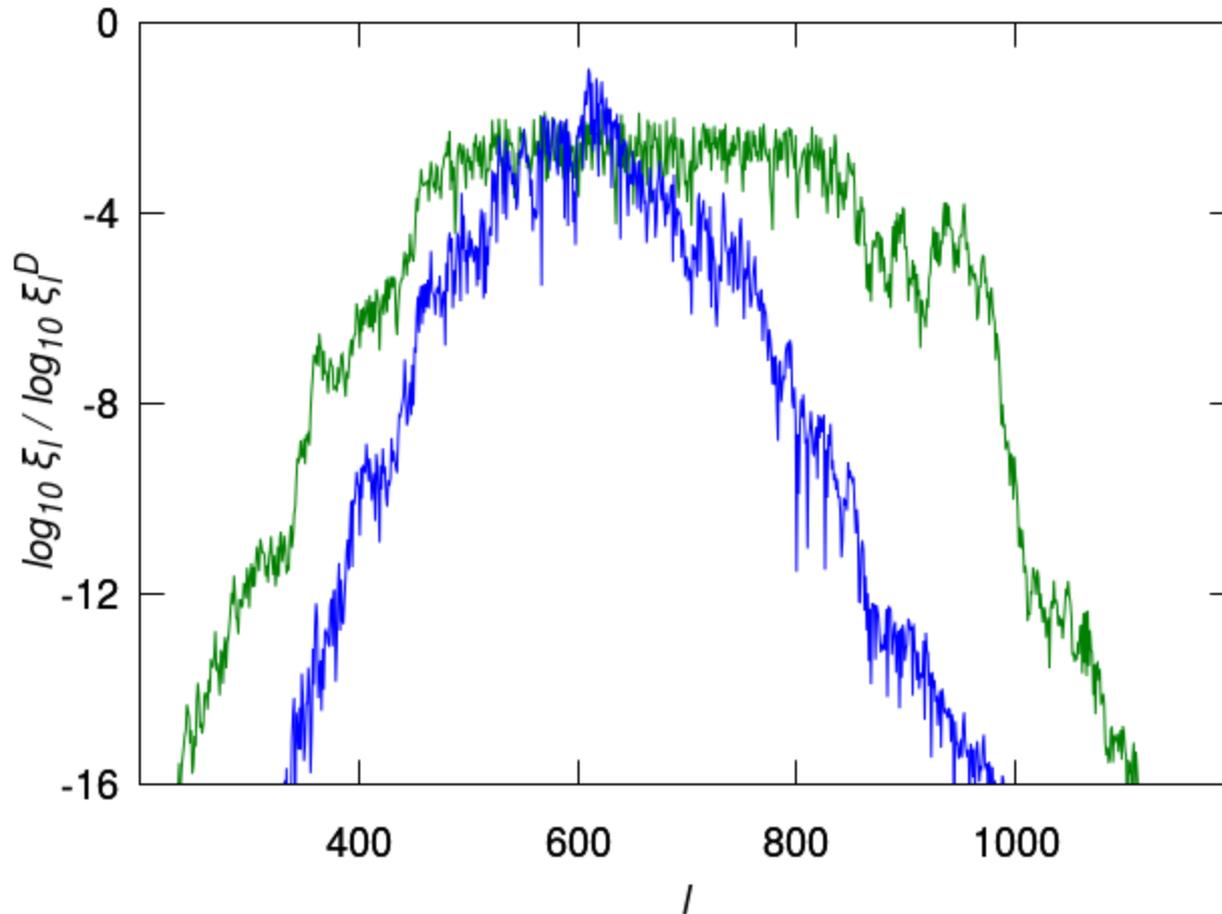
Block excitation (L=83 sites) E=0.83, W=3

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)



Energy
DVD

DKG
weak chaos
L=37 sites,
E=0.37, W=3

Deviation vector:

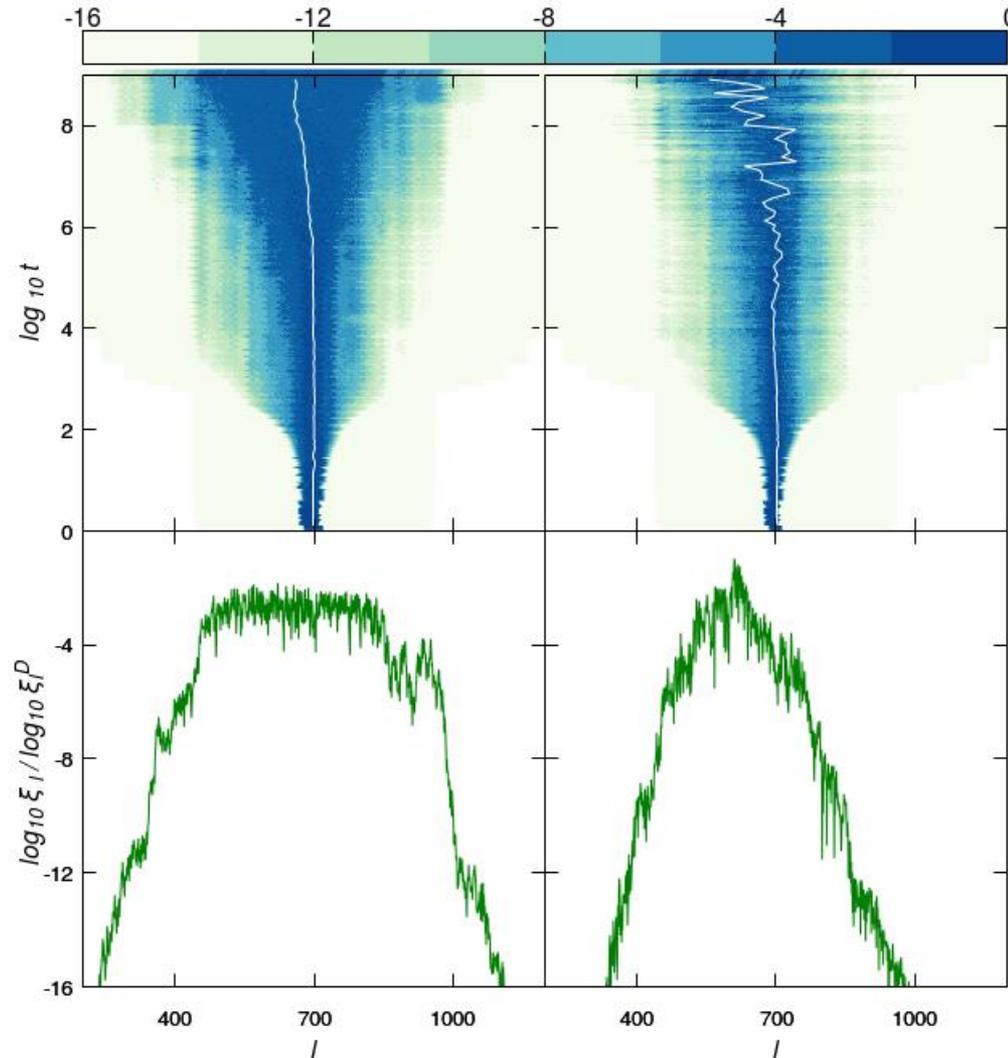
$$\mathbf{v}(t) = (\delta u_1(t), \delta u_2(t), \dots, \delta u_N(t), \delta p_1(t), \delta p_2(t), \dots, \delta p_N(t))$$

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

Deviation Vector Distributions (DVDs)

DKG: weak chaos. $L=37$ sites, $E=0.37$, $W=3$

Energy



DVD

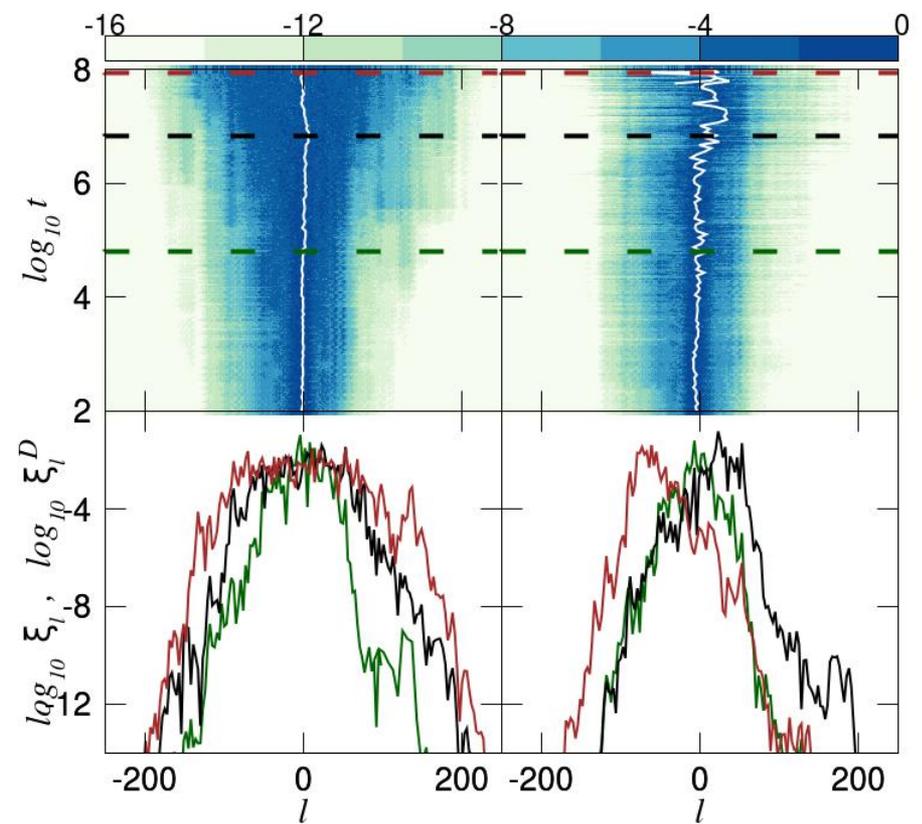
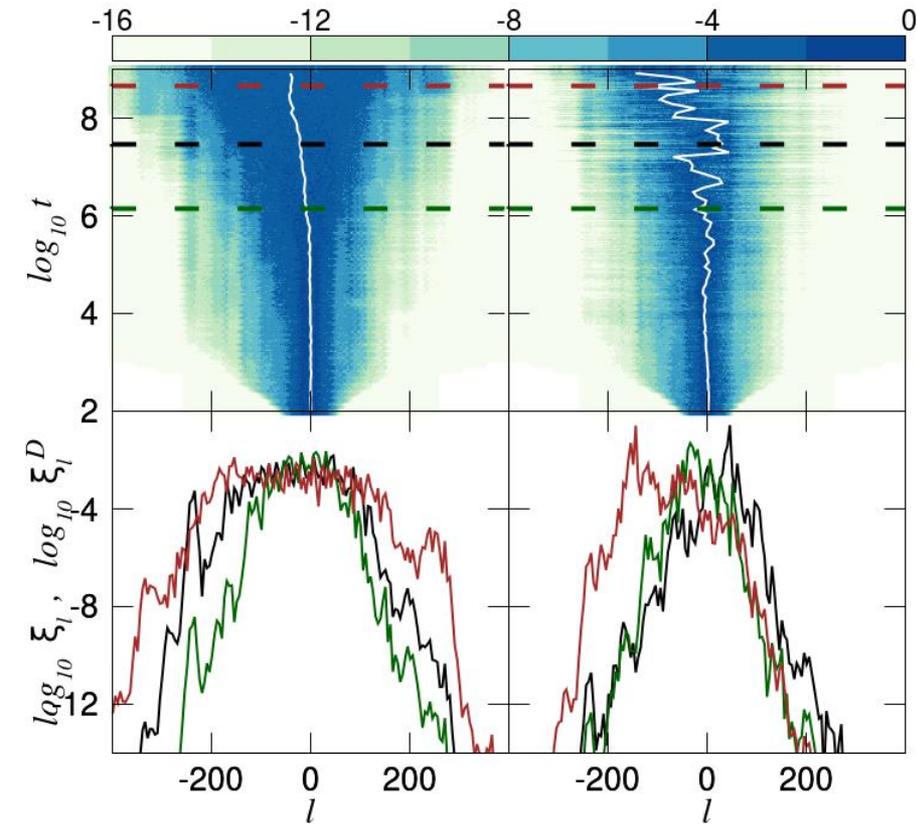
Weak Chaos: **DKG** and **DDNLS**

Energy

DVD

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DVD



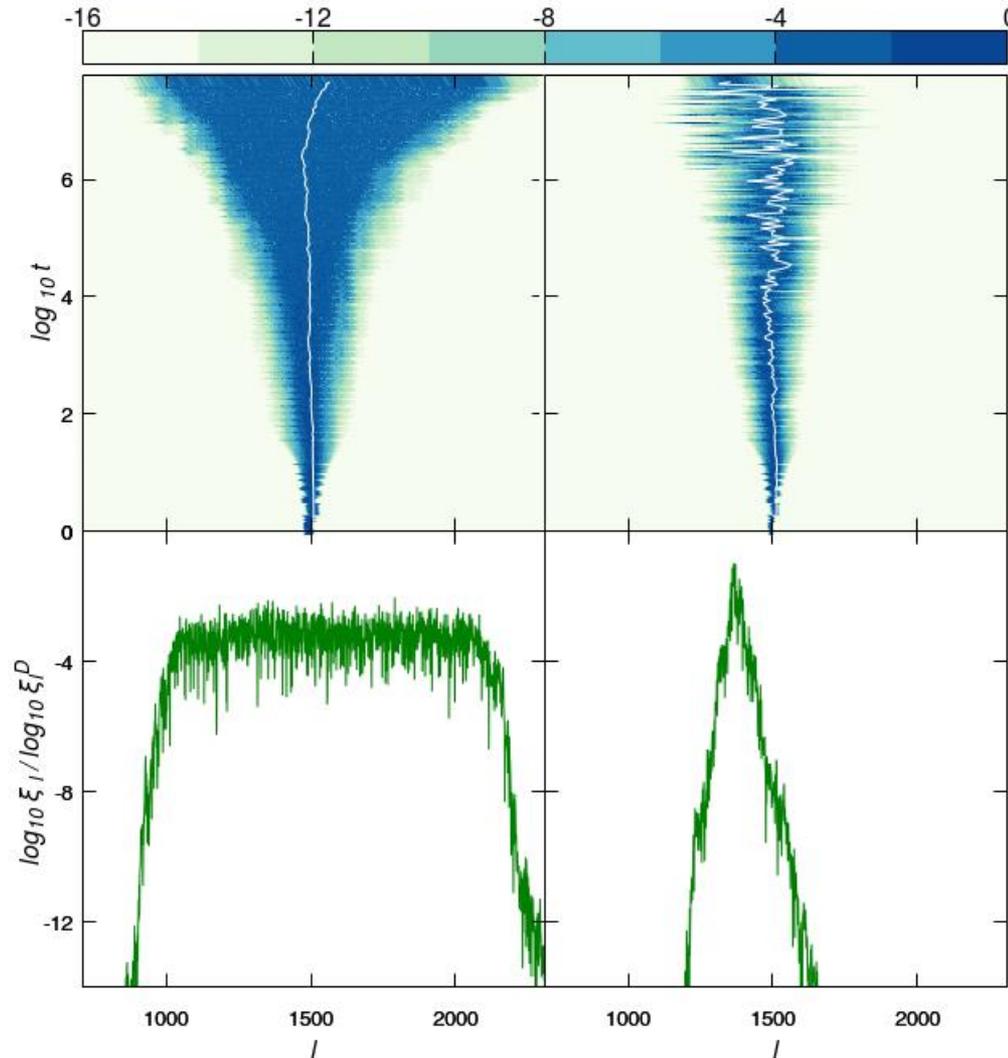
DKG: $W=3, L=37, E=0.37$

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

Deviation Vector Distributions (DVDs)

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

Norm

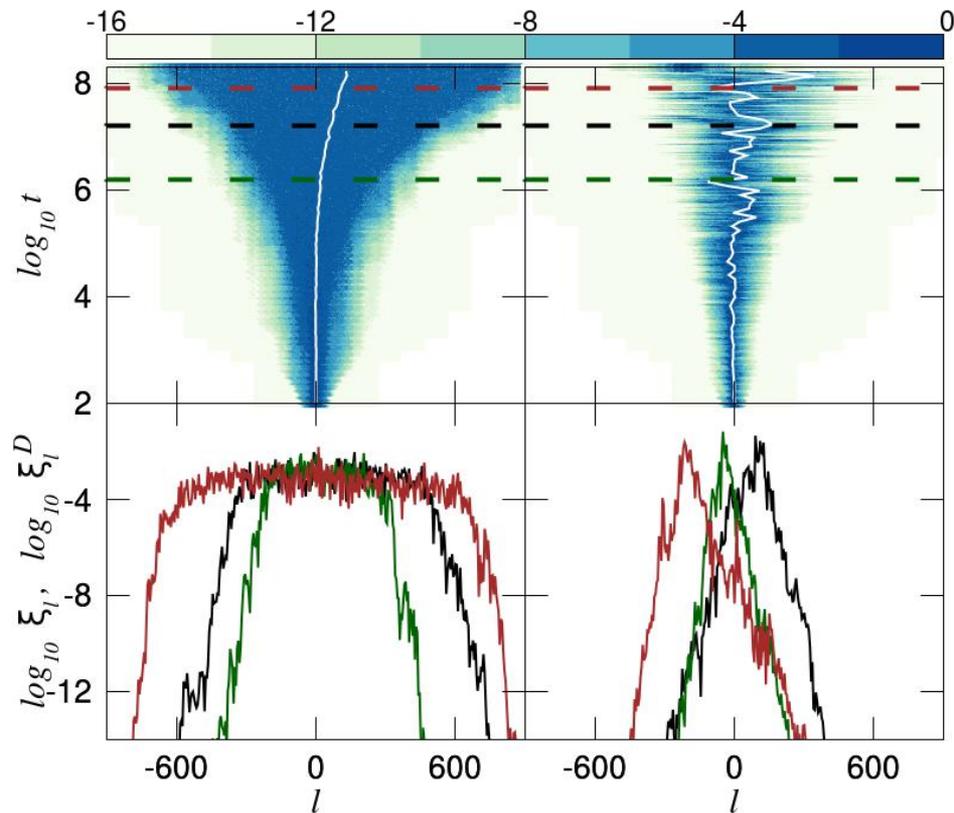


DVD

Strong Chaos: **DKG** and **DDNLS**

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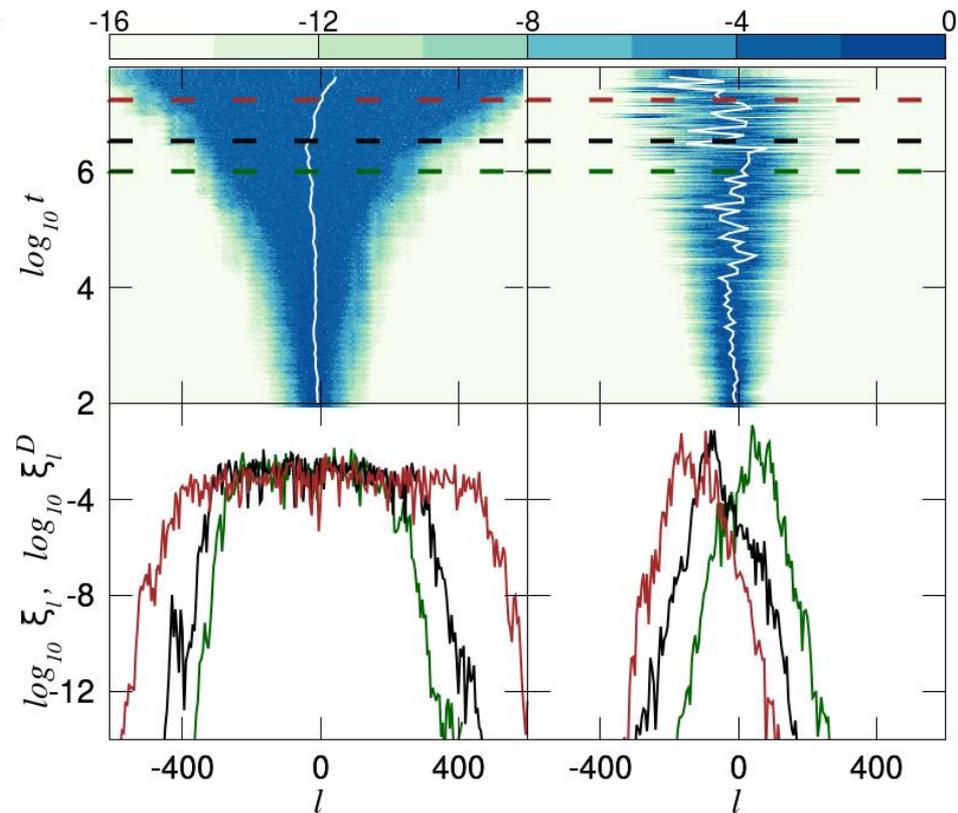
DVD



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

Norm

DVD



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

Characteristics of DVDs

Weak chaos

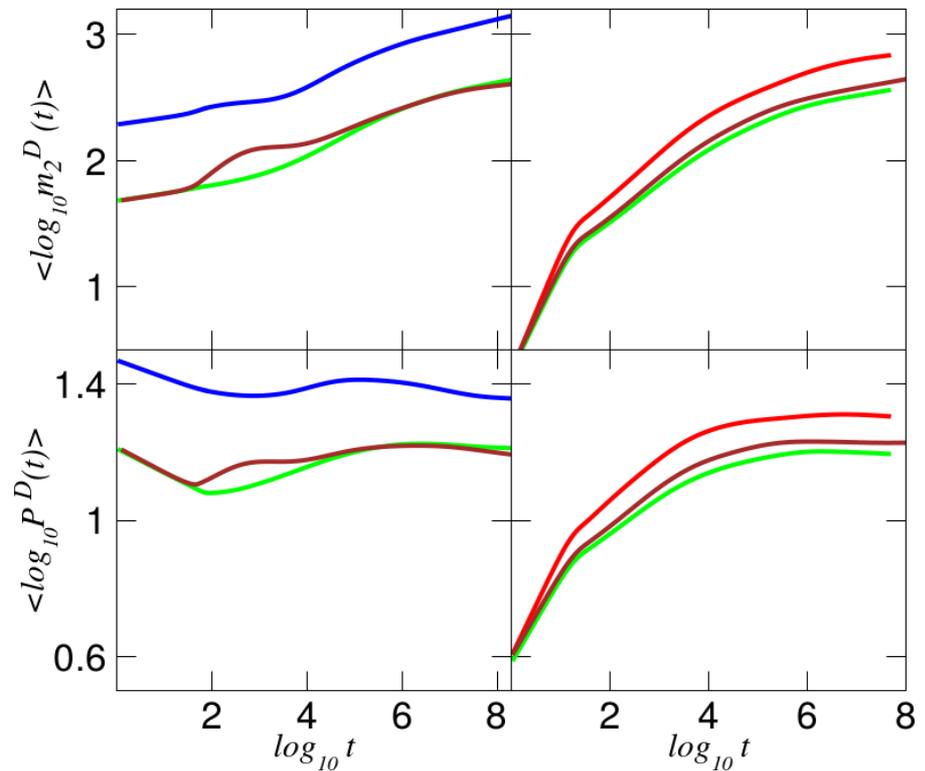
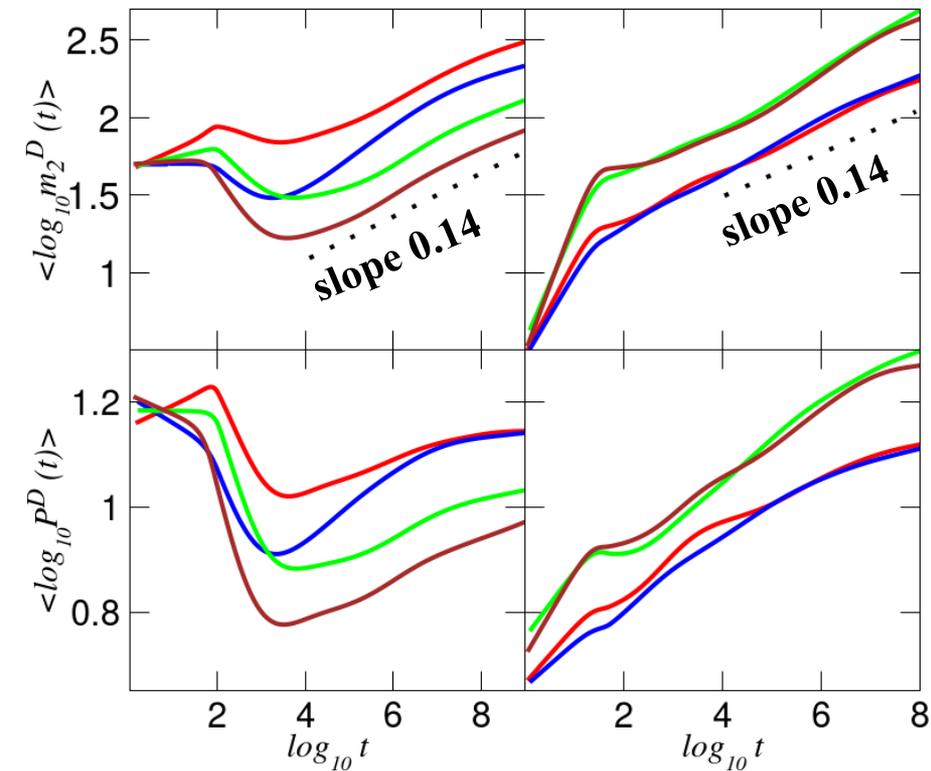
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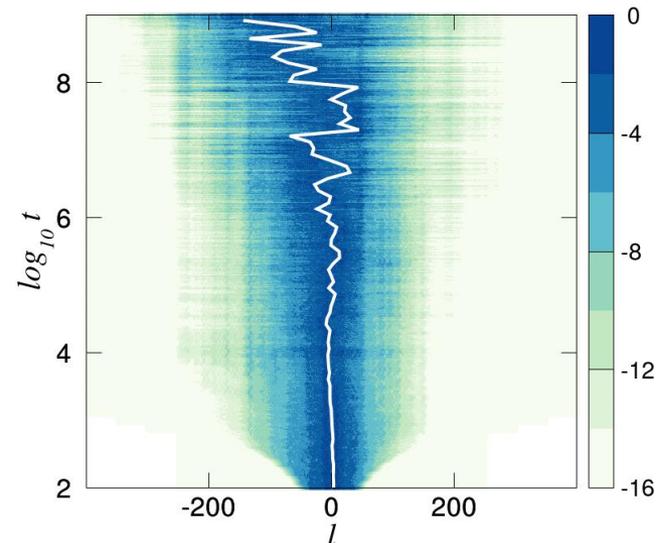
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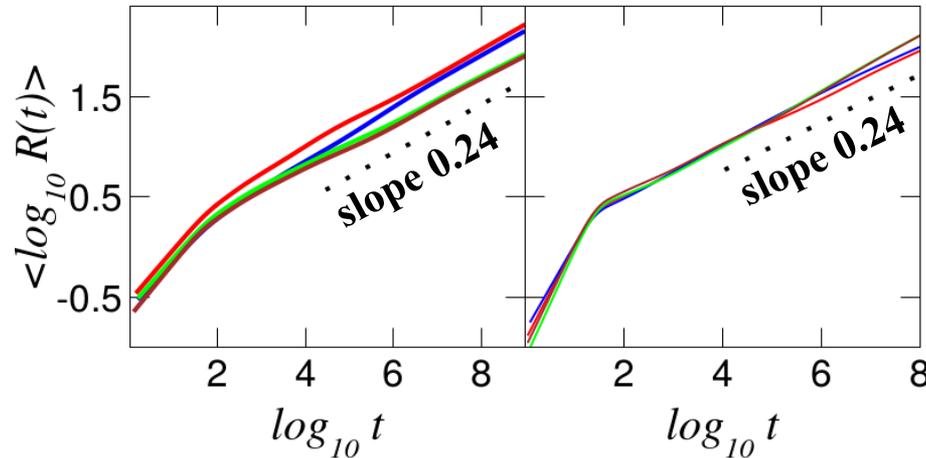
**Range of the lattice
visited by the DVD**

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

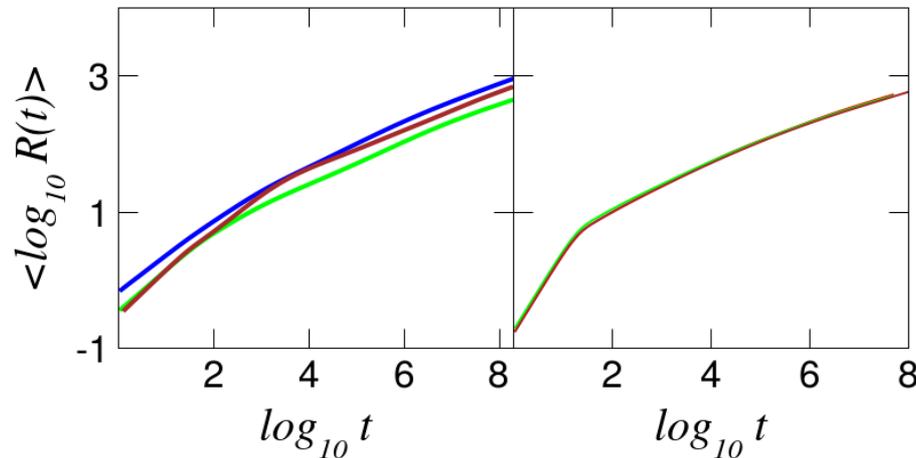
$$\bar{l}_w = \sum_{l=1}^N l \zeta_l^D$$

DKG

DDNLS



**Weak
chaos**

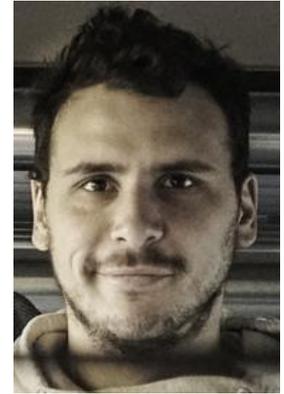


**Strong
chaos**

Granular chains

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Granular media

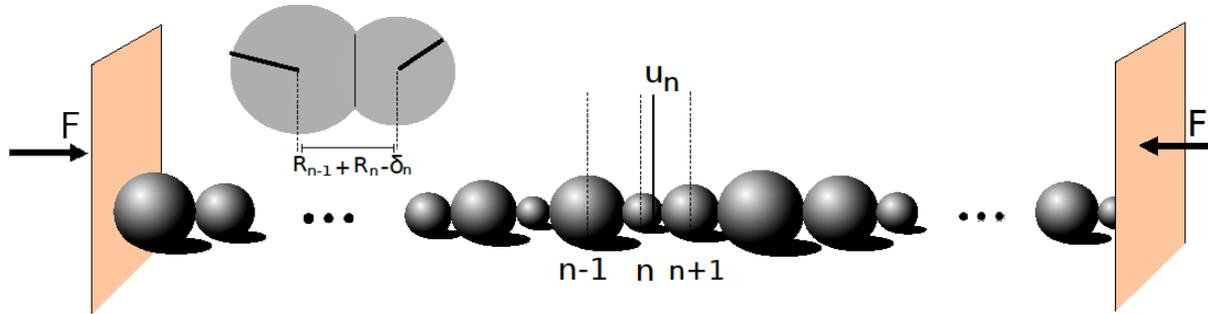


**Examples: coal, sand, rice,
nuts, coffee etc.**

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



Hamiltonian model



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

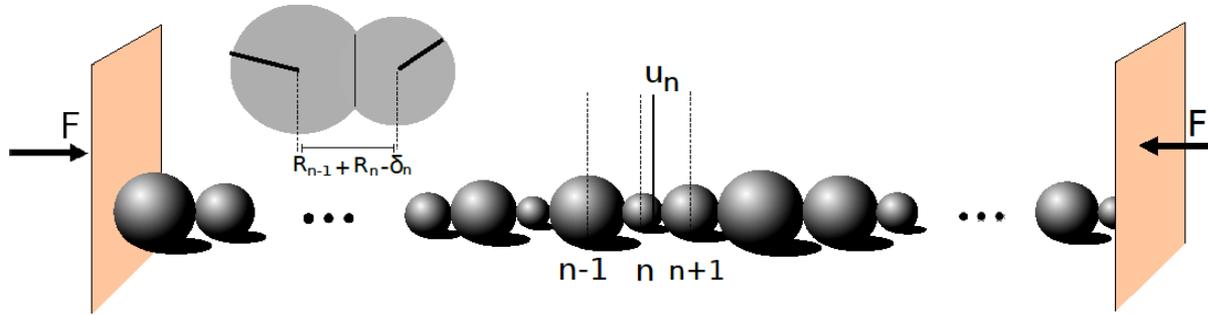
$$\delta_n = (F/A_n)^{2/3}$$

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

$[\mathbf{x}]_+ = 0$ if $\mathbf{x} < 0$: **formation of a gap (non-smooth nonlinearities).**

Hertzian forces between spherical beads. ν : Poisson's ratio, \mathcal{E} : Elastic modulus.

Hamiltonian model



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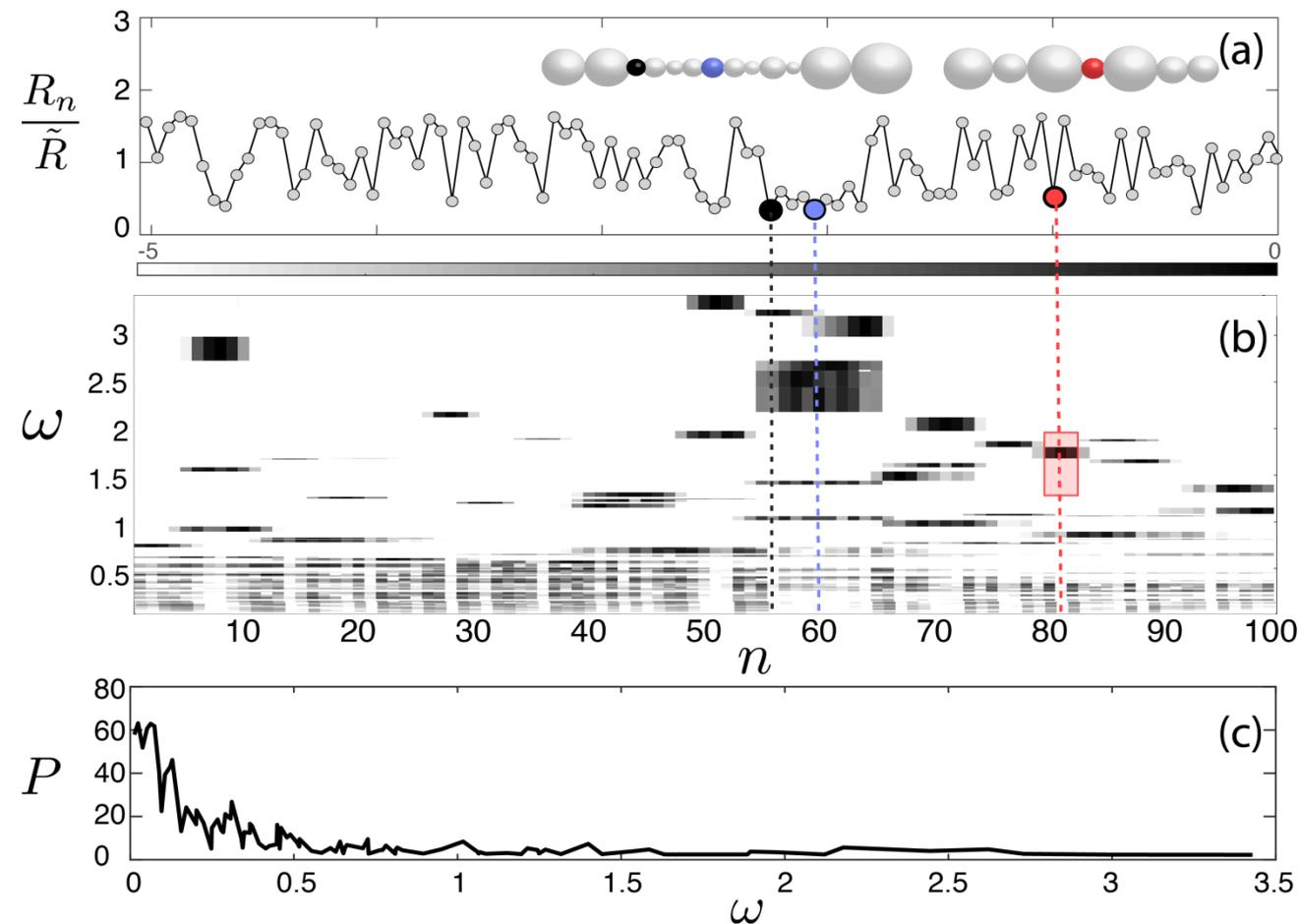
Hertzian forces between spherical beads. ν : Poisson's ratio, \mathcal{E} : Elastic modulus.

Disorder both in couplings and masses

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

Mean radius = 0.01 m, $\alpha=5$, $F=1\text{N}$, Fixed boundary conditions

Eigenmodes and single site excitations

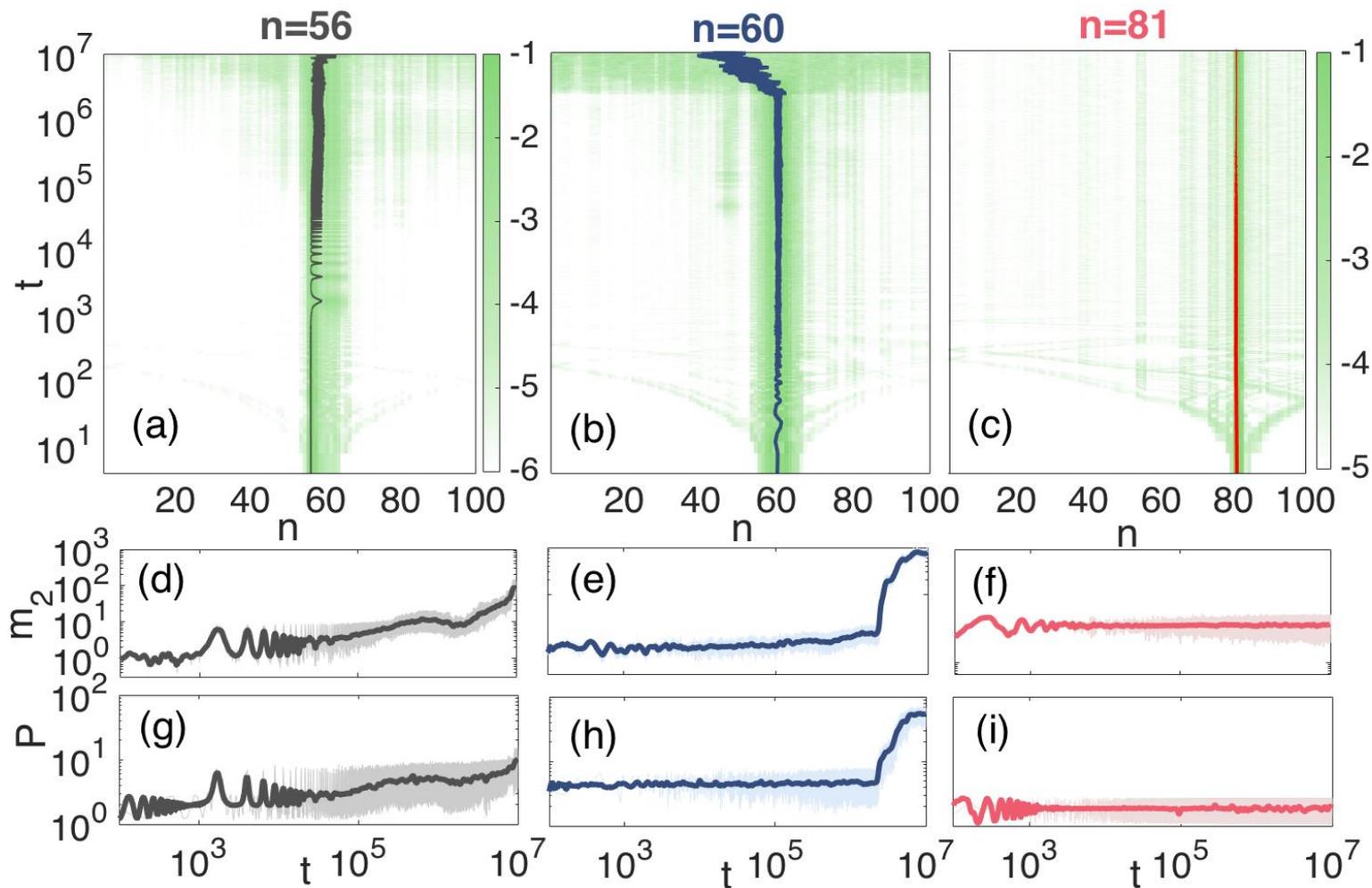


**Disorder realization
with $N=100$ beads**

**Displacement
excitation of bead n**

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

Weak nonlinearity: Long time evolution

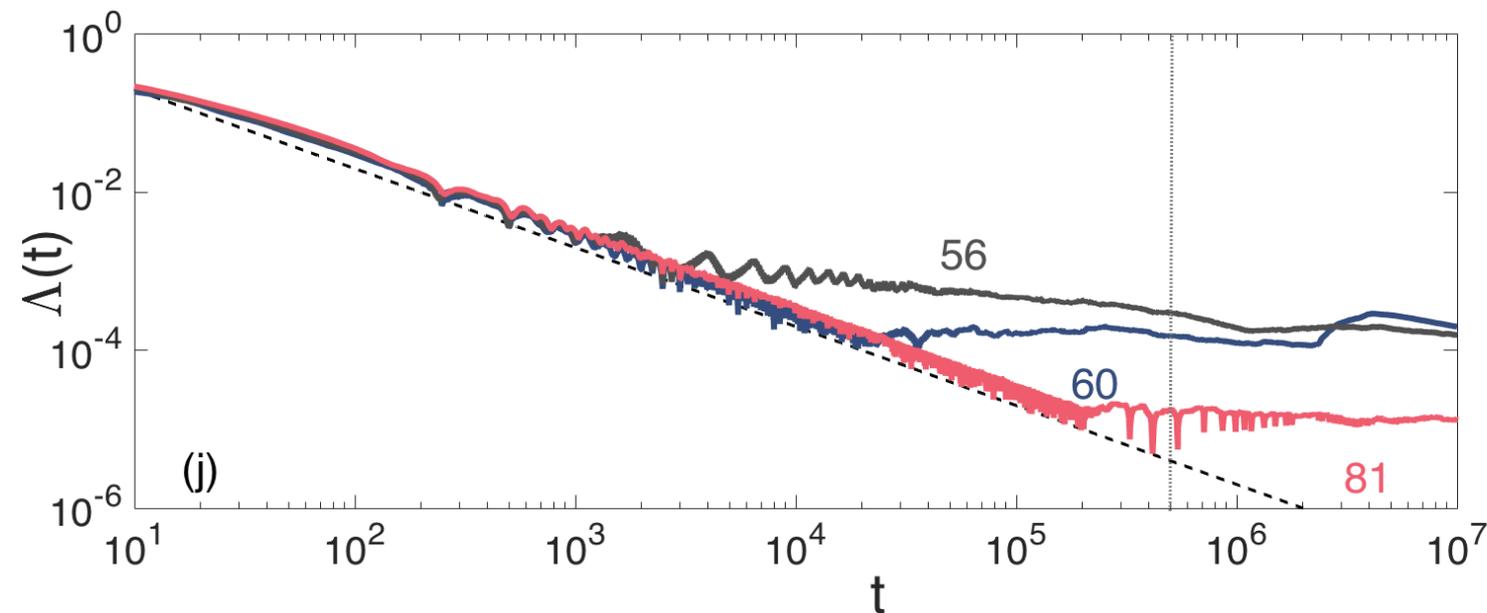


Delocalization

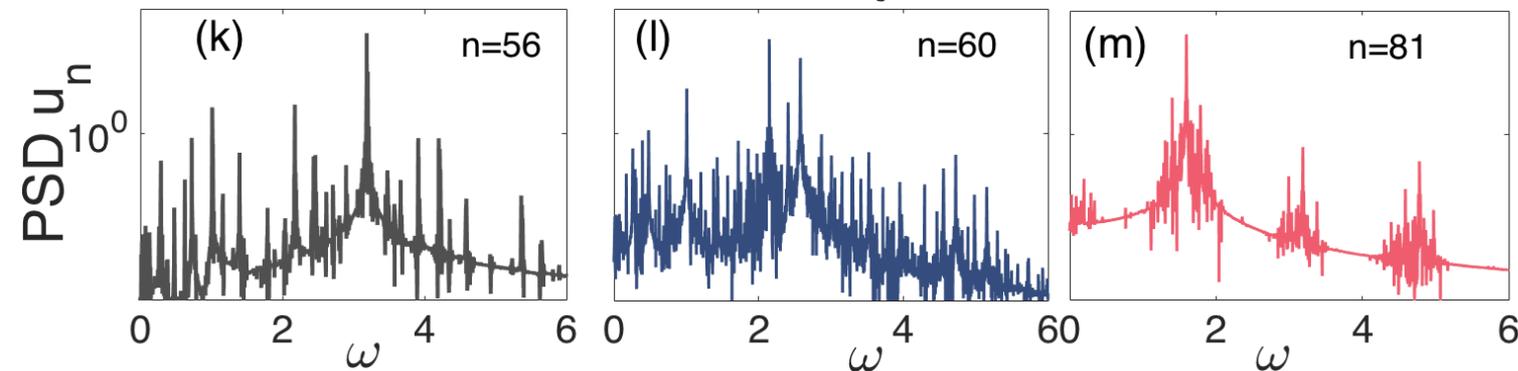
Delocalization

Localization

Weak nonlinearity: Chaoticity



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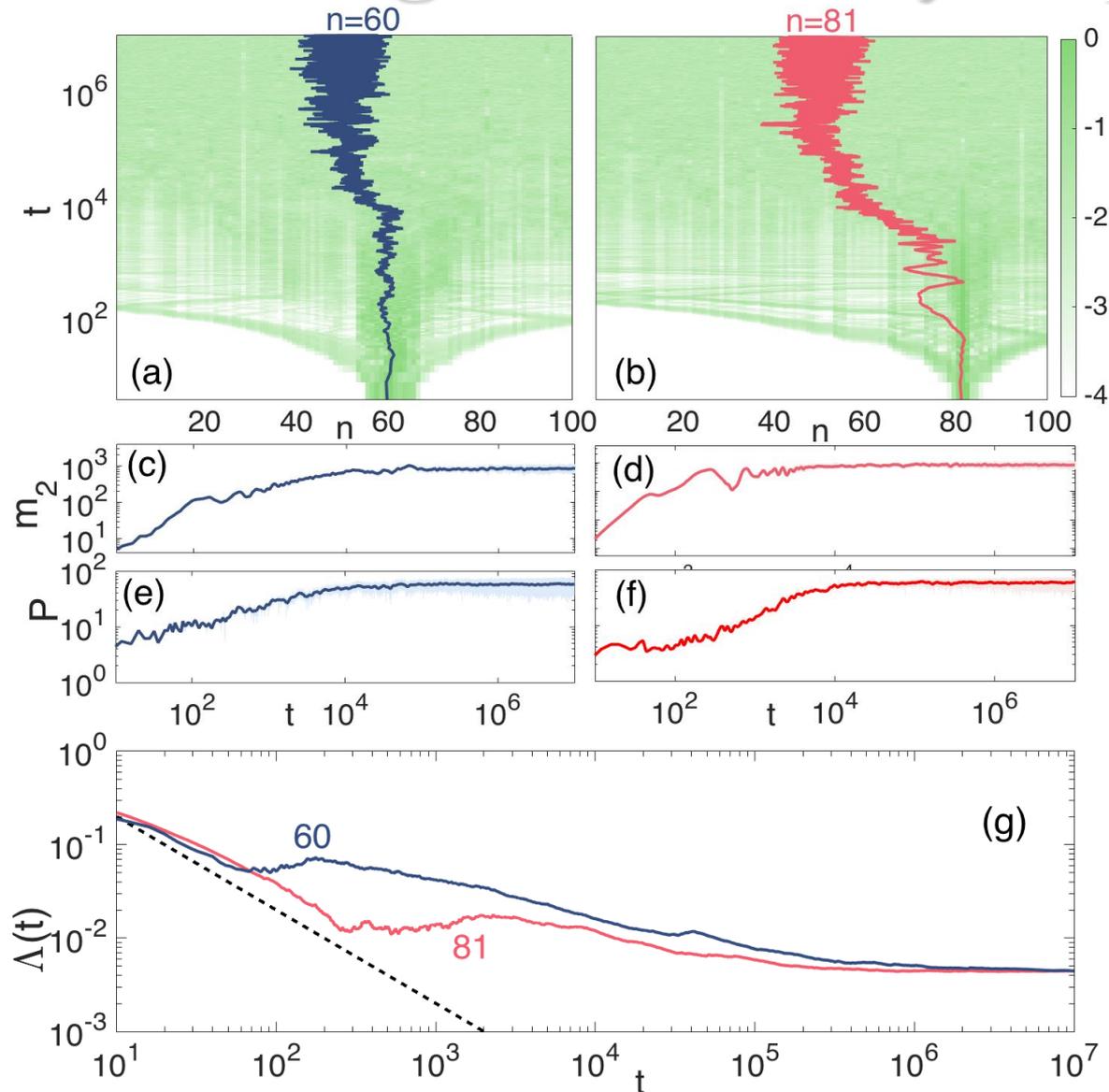


Power
Spectrum
Distribution

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.

Comparison with the FPUT model

Hertzian model H_H :

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

Using

- a) Taylor series expansion up to fourth order and
 - b) assuming small displacements, i.e. $u_n/\delta_{n,n+1} \ll 1$
- we obtain the disordered $\alpha+\beta$ FPUT model H_F :

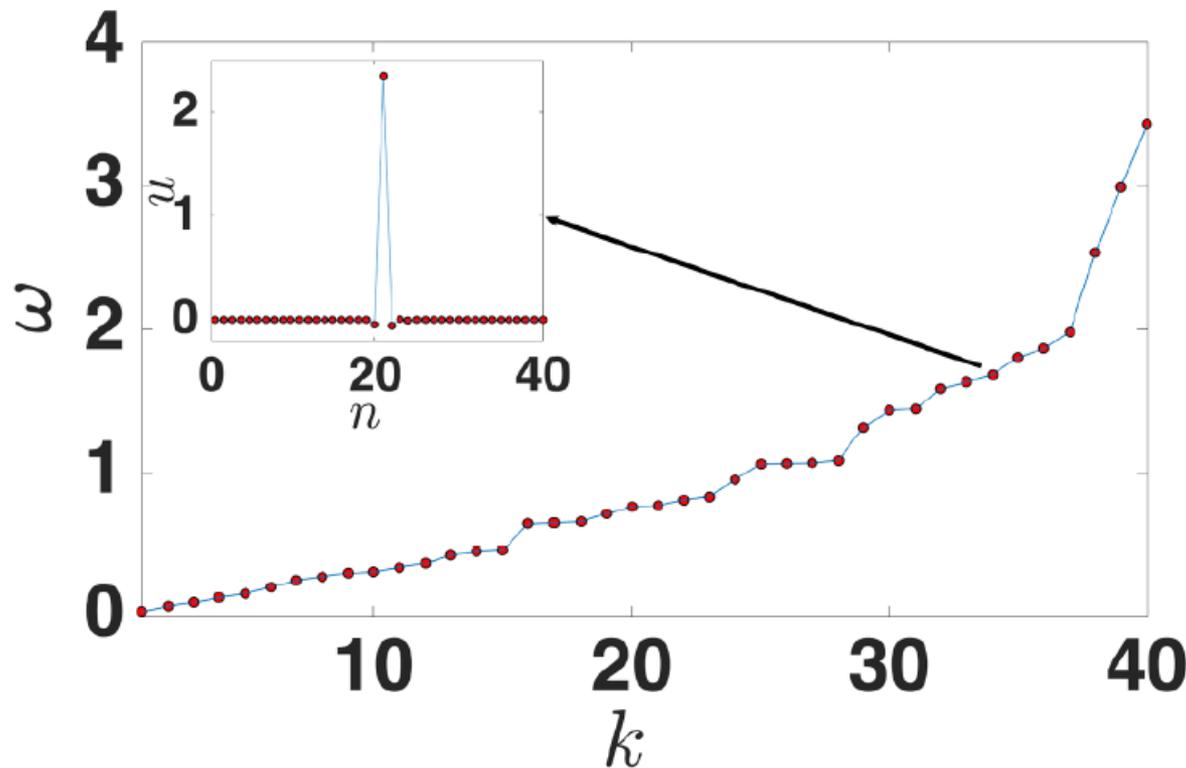
$$H_F = \sum_{n=1}^N \left[\frac{p_n^2}{2m_n} + K_n^{(2)} (u_n - u_{n-1})^2 + K_n^{(3)} (u_n - u_{n-1})^3 + K_n^{(4)} (u_n - u_{n-1})^4 \right]$$

with

$$K_n^{(2)} = \frac{3}{2} A_n \delta_n^{1/2}, \quad K_n^{(3)} = -\frac{3}{8} A_n \delta_n^{-1/2}, \quad K_n^{(4)} = \frac{3}{48} A_n \delta_n^{-3/2}$$

Dynamical evolution of an initially localized mode

We consider a particular strongly disordered chain of $N=40$ particles with $\alpha=5$ (Ngapasare et al., PRE, 2019).



Mode $k=34$ is strongly localized at site $n=21$.

Entropy and equipartition

Weighted harmonic energies (E_k is the k th mode's energy): $v_k = E_k / \sum_{k=1}^N E_k$

Spectral entropy: $S(t) = -\sum_{k=1}^N v_k(t) \ln v_k(t)$ with $0 < S \leq S_{max} = \ln N$

Normalized spectral entropy: $\eta(t) = \frac{S(t) - S_{max}}{S(0) - S_{max}}$

Dynamics close to initially excited modes:

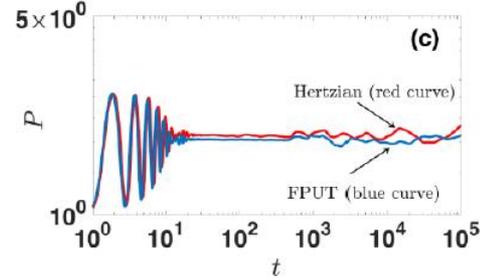
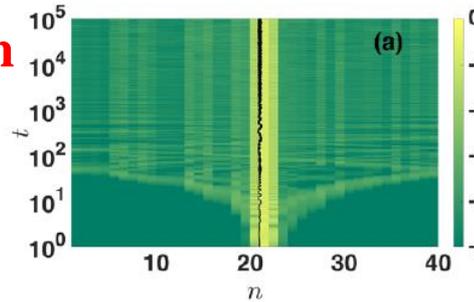
$$\eta \approx 1$$

Equipartition [Goedde et al., Phys. D (1992) – Danieli et al., PRE (2017)]:

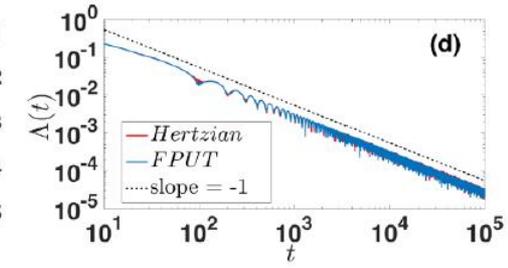
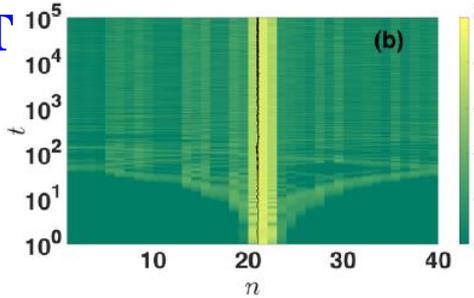
$$\eta(t) \rightarrow \langle \eta \rangle = \frac{1 - C}{\ln N - S(0)}, \quad C \approx 0.5772$$

Weak nonlinearity: Near linear limit

Herzian
Energy
distribution

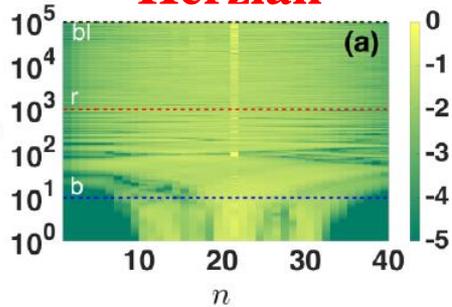


FPUT

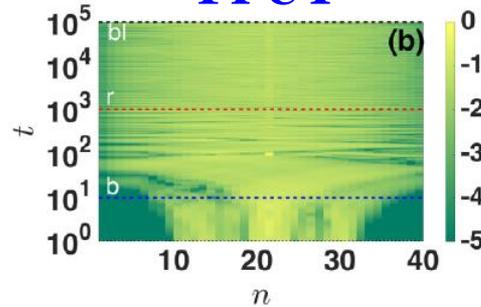


DVD

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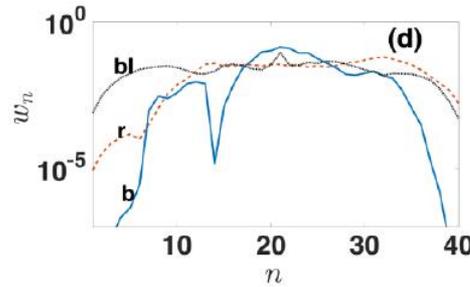
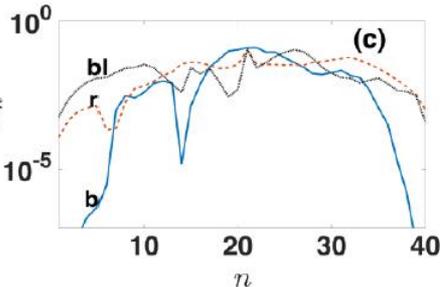


FPUT



**Single site ($n=21$) excitation
for small energies ($H=0.25$):**

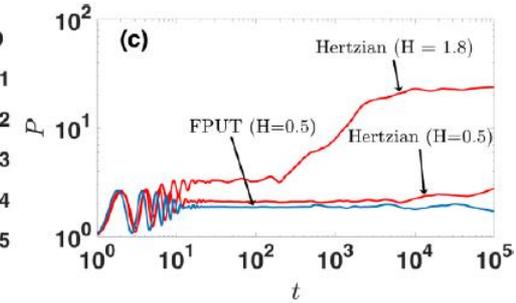
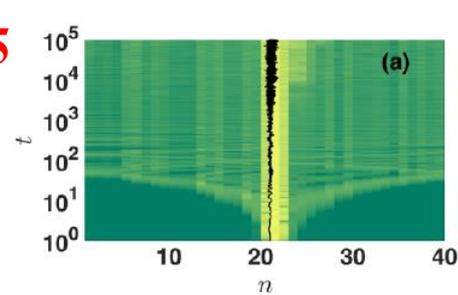
**Both models behave the same.
Localization without chaos.
DVDs are extended.**



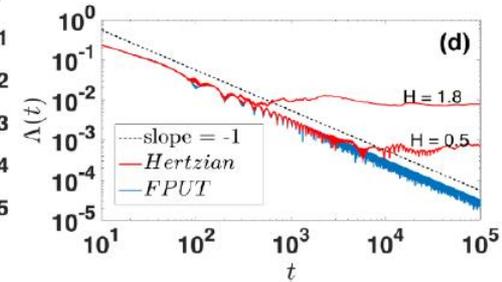
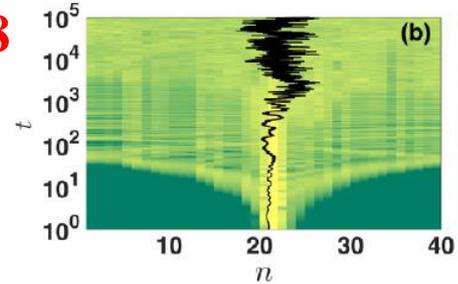
Hertzian model: Route to equipartition

Energy
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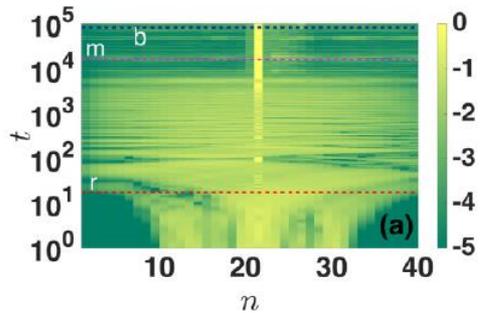


$H=1.8$

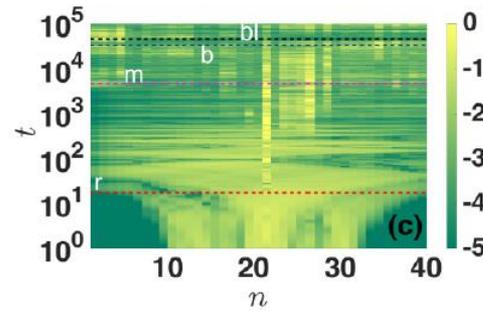


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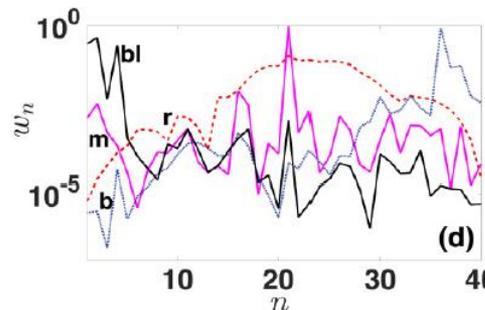
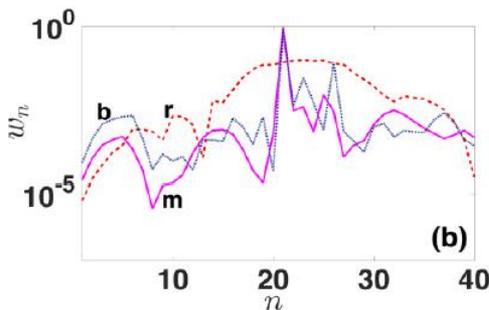
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As energy increases the Hertzian system exhibits:
localized chaos (e.g. $H=0.5$) and eventually **extended chaos** above a threshold value ($H \gtrsim 1.8$).

DVDs become localized.

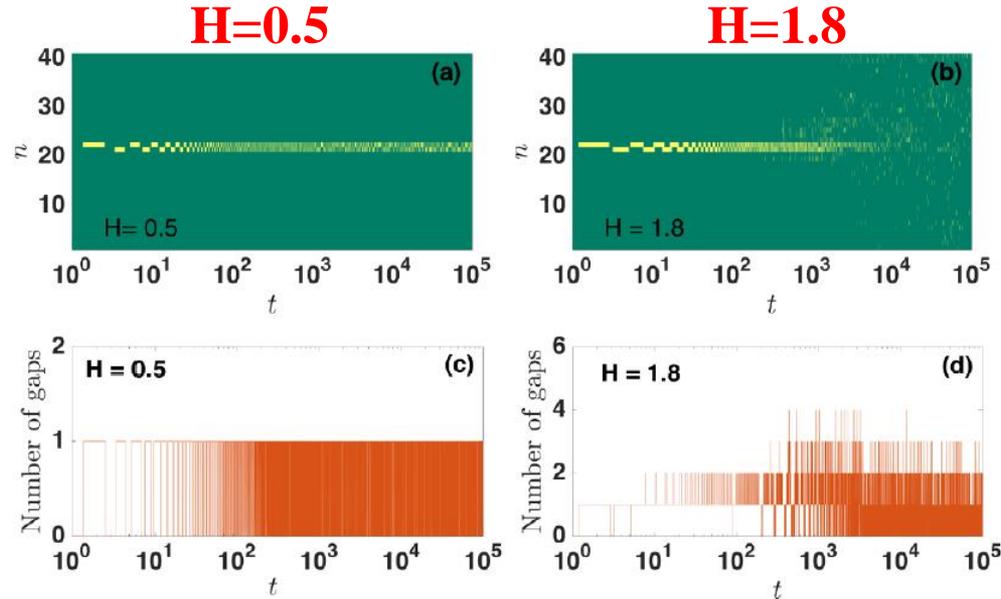
FPUT: localized and regular up to $H=1.8$.



Hertzian model: Route to equipartition

Gaps: the main ingredient which introduces (even localized) chaos

Spreading of gaps: related to the introduction of extended chaos



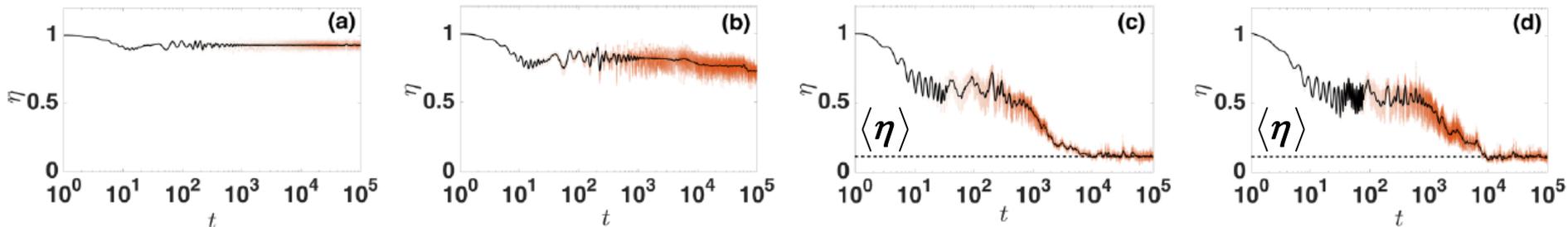
Normalized spectral entropy

H=0.25

H=0.5

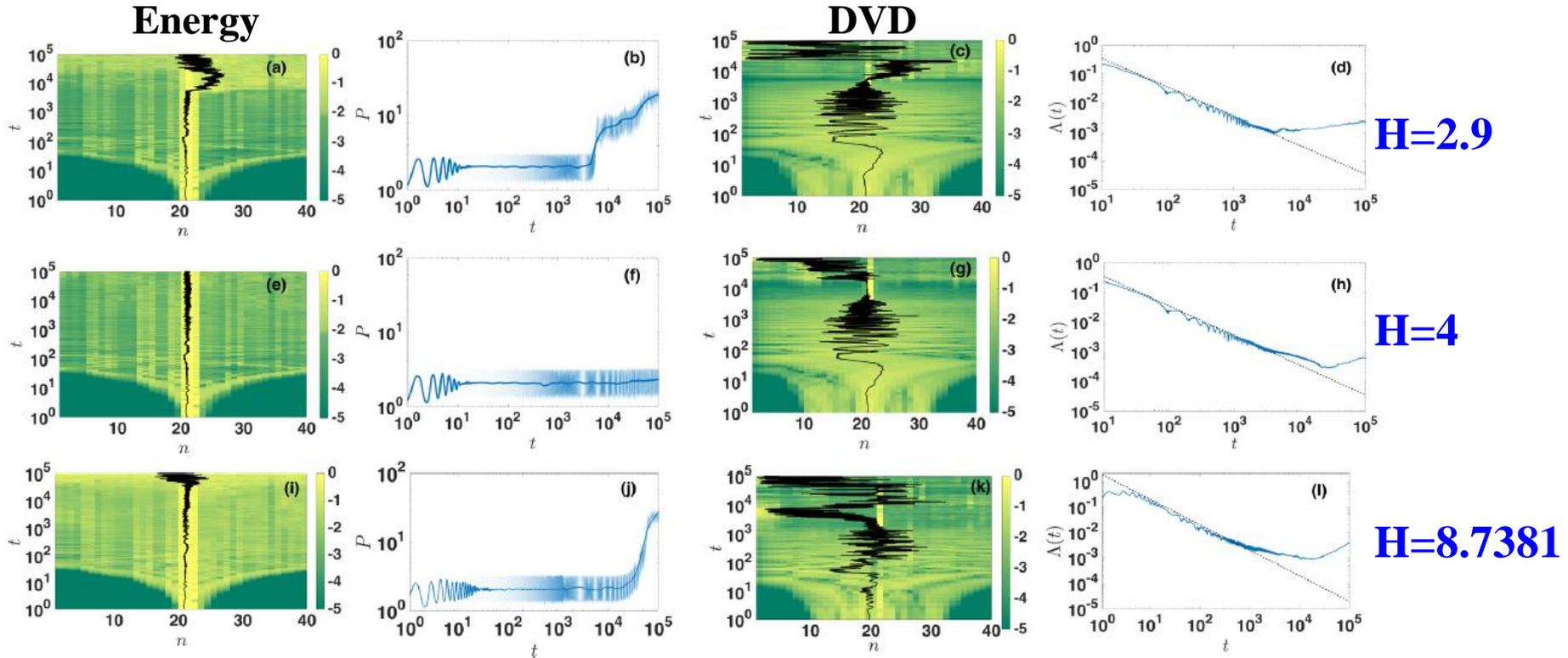
H=1.8

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FPUT model: Alternate behavior

Energy increase **does not necessarily lead to delocalization**, despite the fact that the system is chaotic.



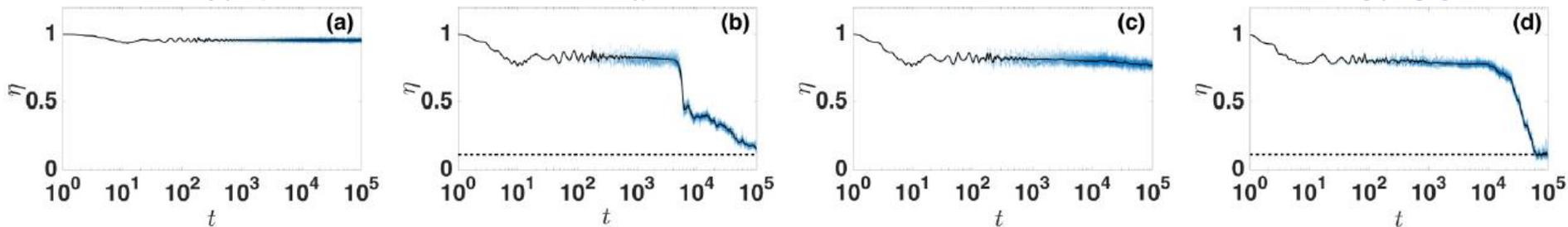
Normalized spectral entropy

$H=0.25$

$H=2.9$

$H=4$

$H=8.7381$



The
PBD model of DNA

Work in collaboration with

Malcolm Hillebrand (PhD student)

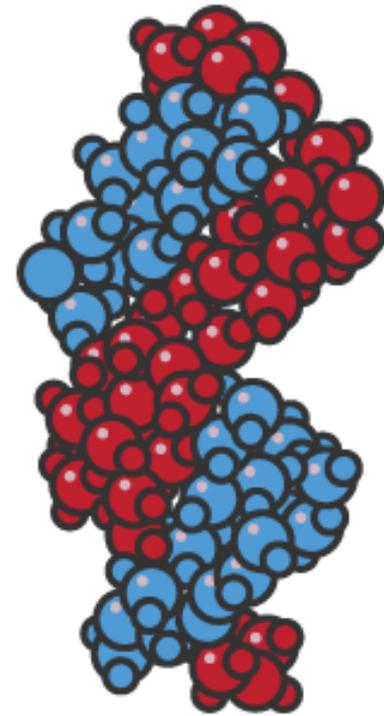
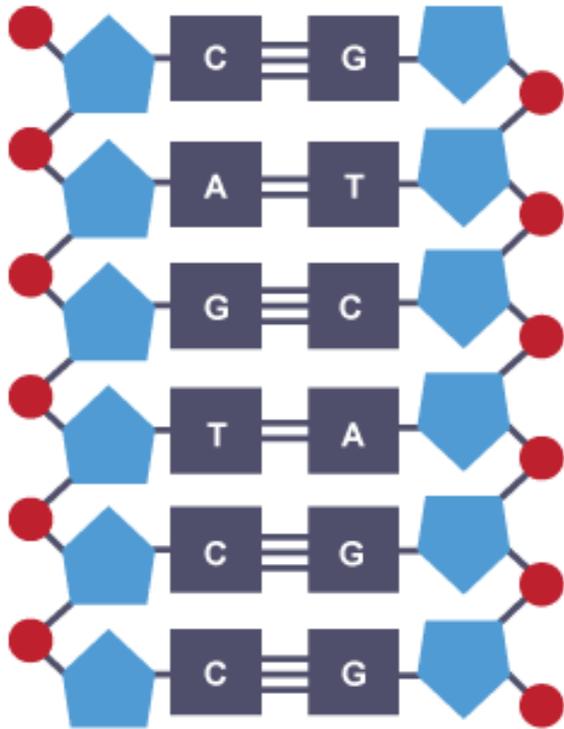


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DNA structure

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.

AT AT AT AT AT AT AT AT AT AT



$P_{\text{AT}}=100\%$ AT bonds

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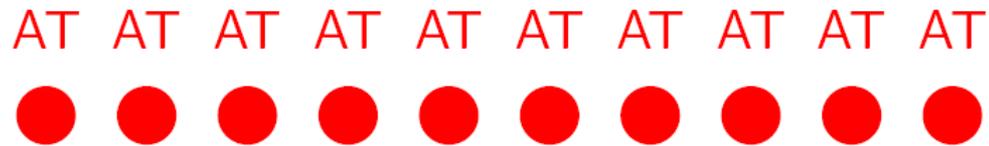
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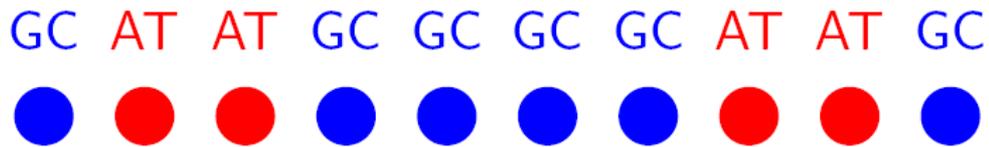


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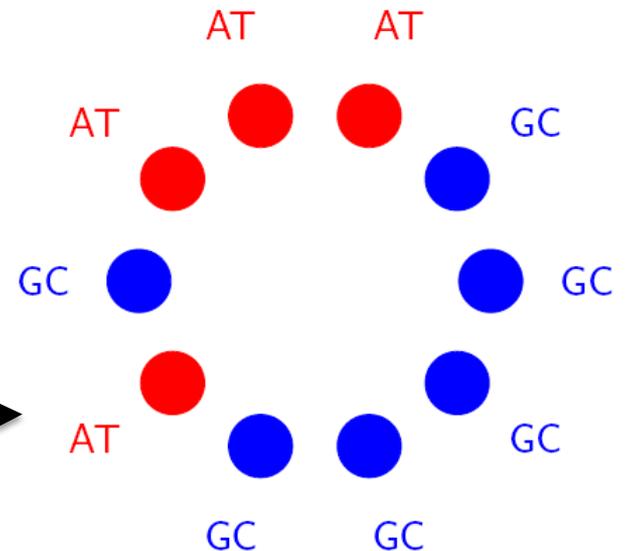
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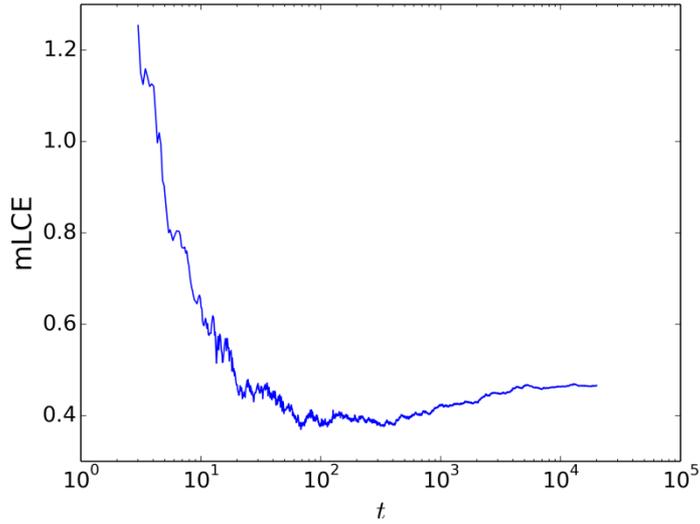
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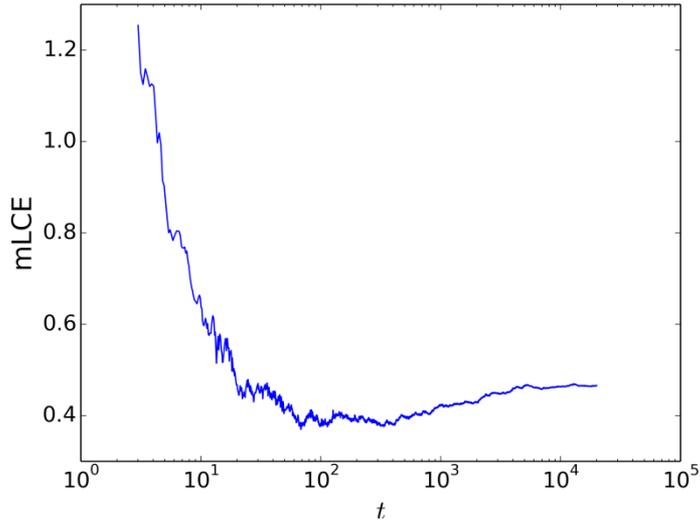


Lyapunov exponents ($E/n=0.04$, $P_{AT}=30\%$)



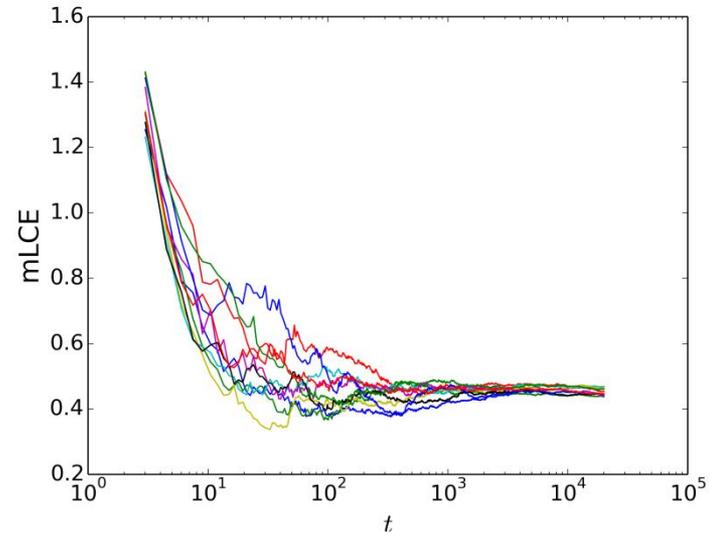
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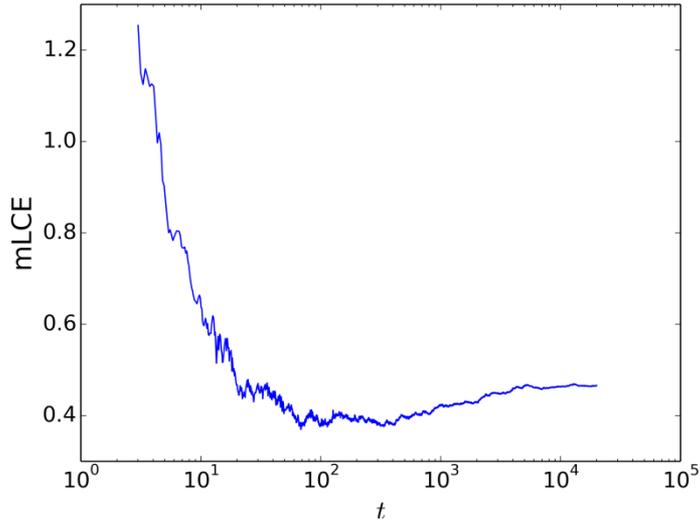


1 realization, 1 initial condition

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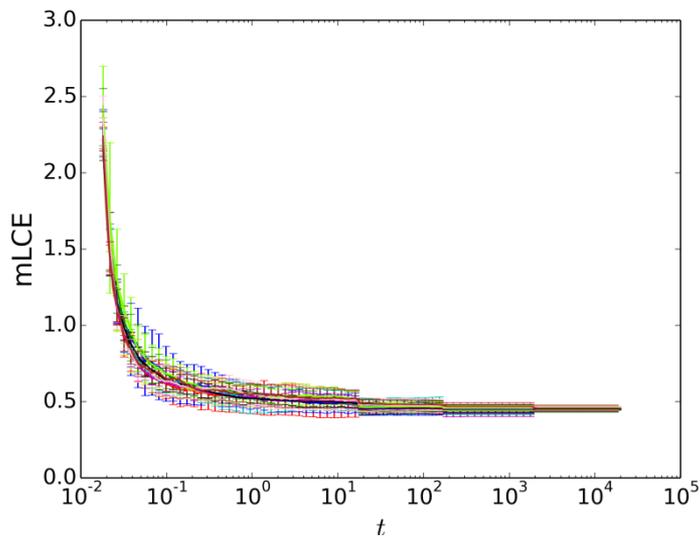
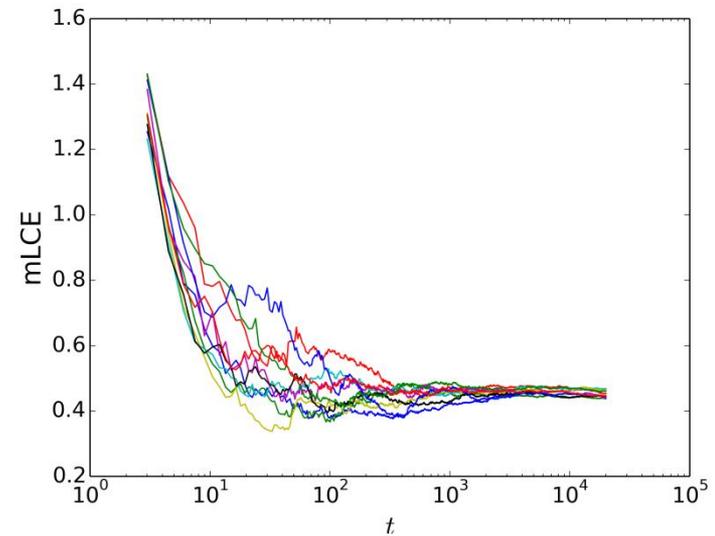


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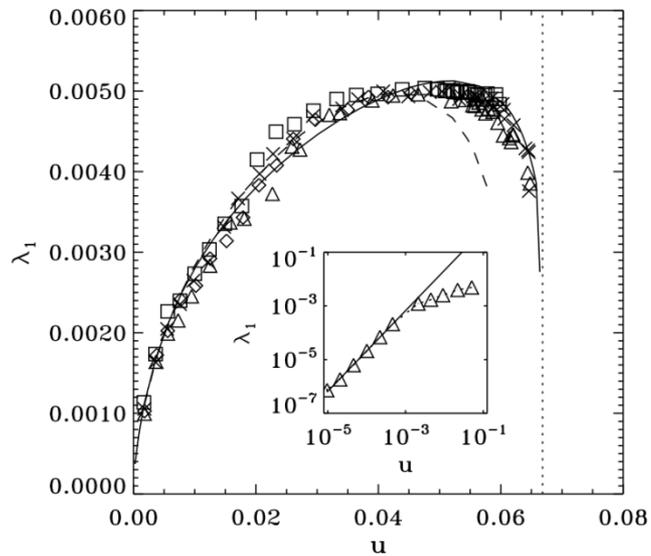
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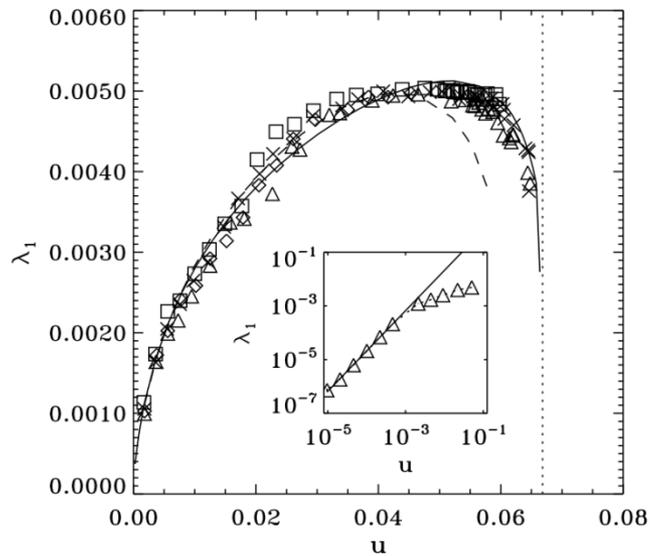
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Lyapunov exponent vs. energy per particle

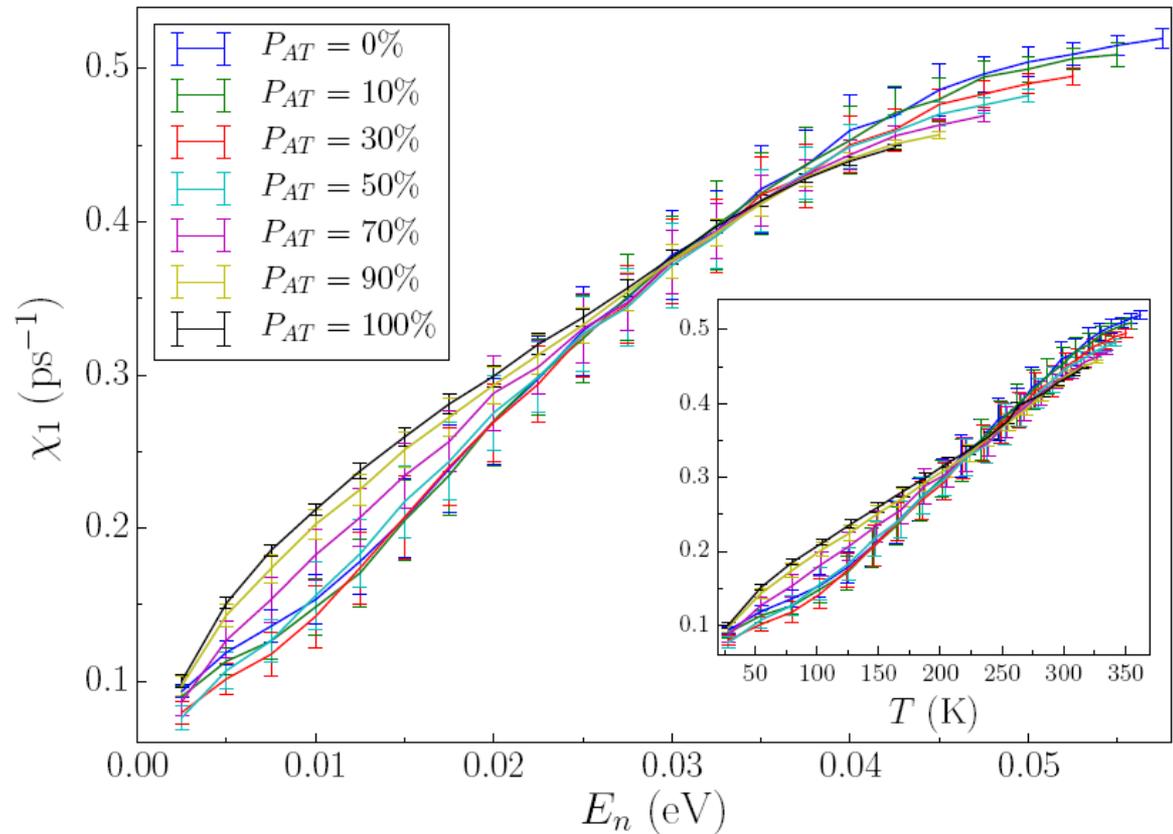


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[Barré & Dauxois,
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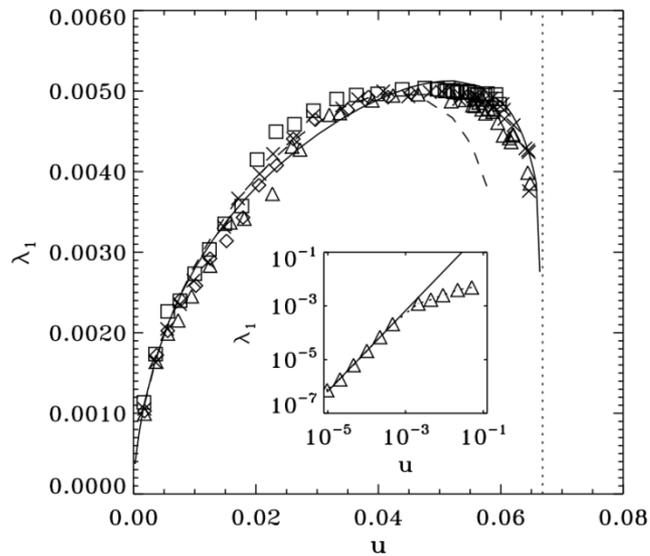
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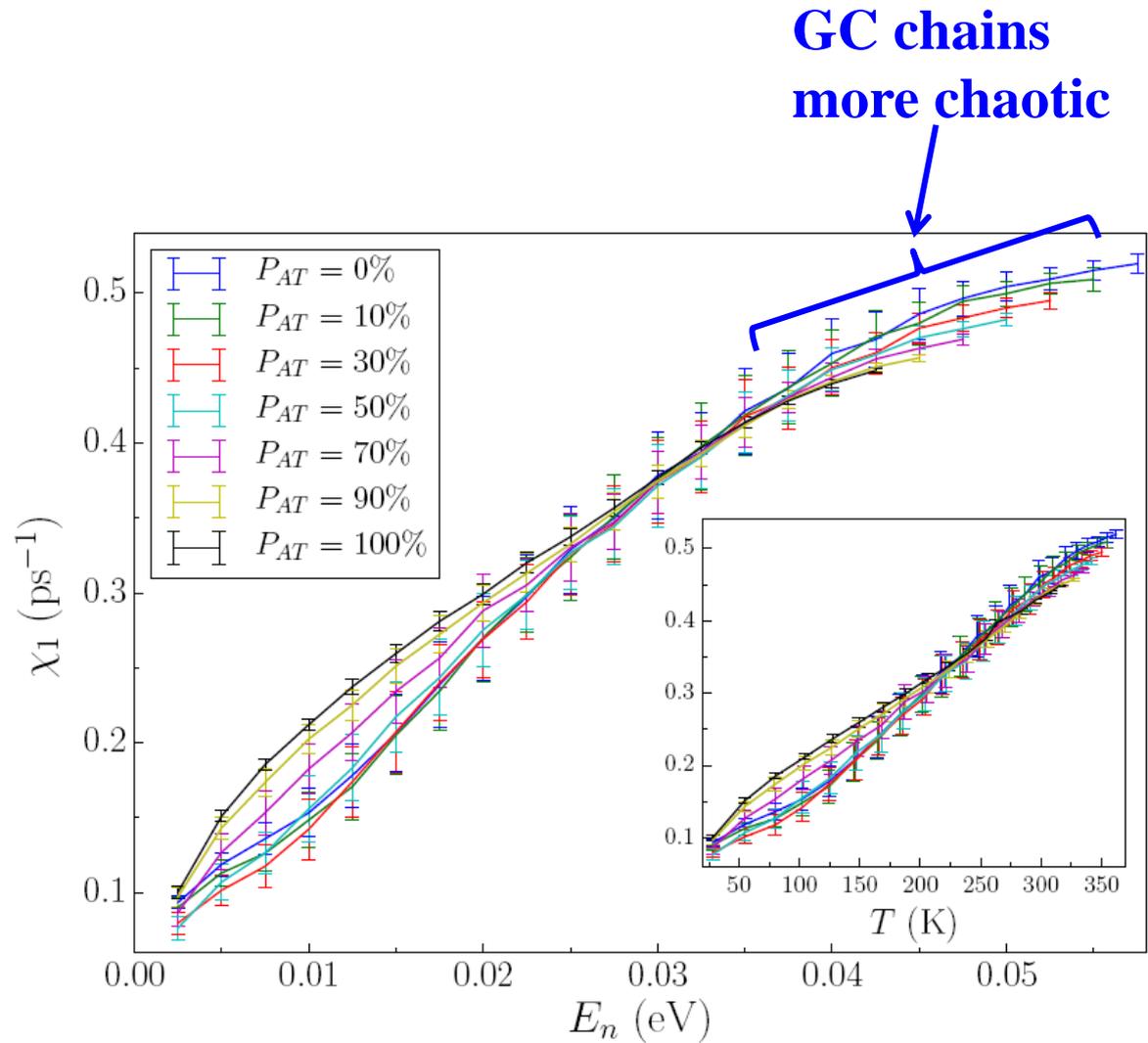
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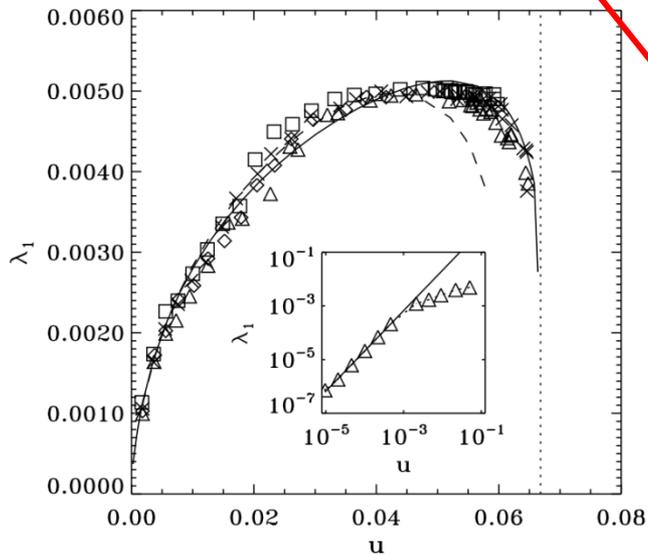
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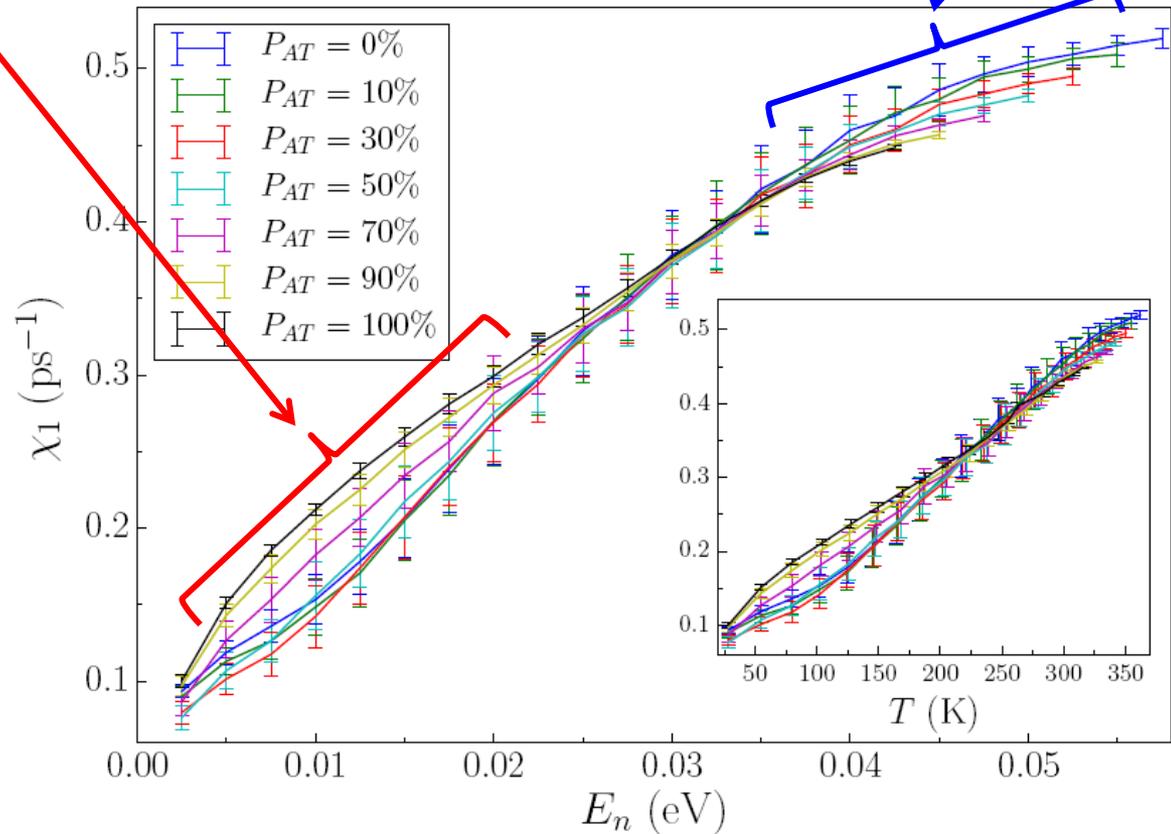
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**AT chains
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**GC chains
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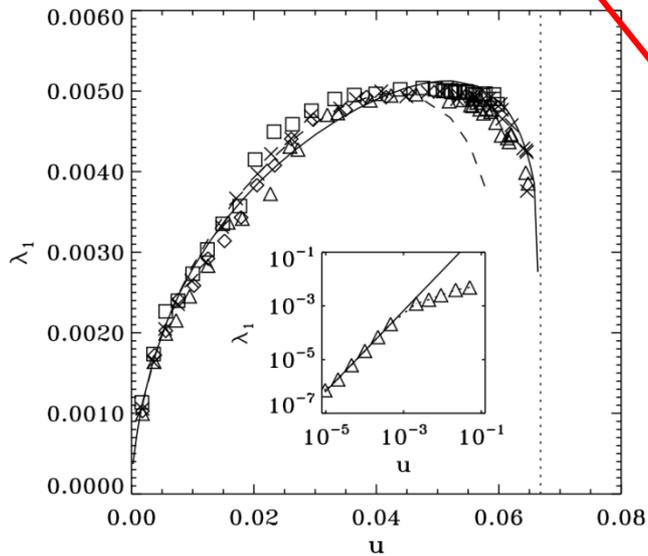


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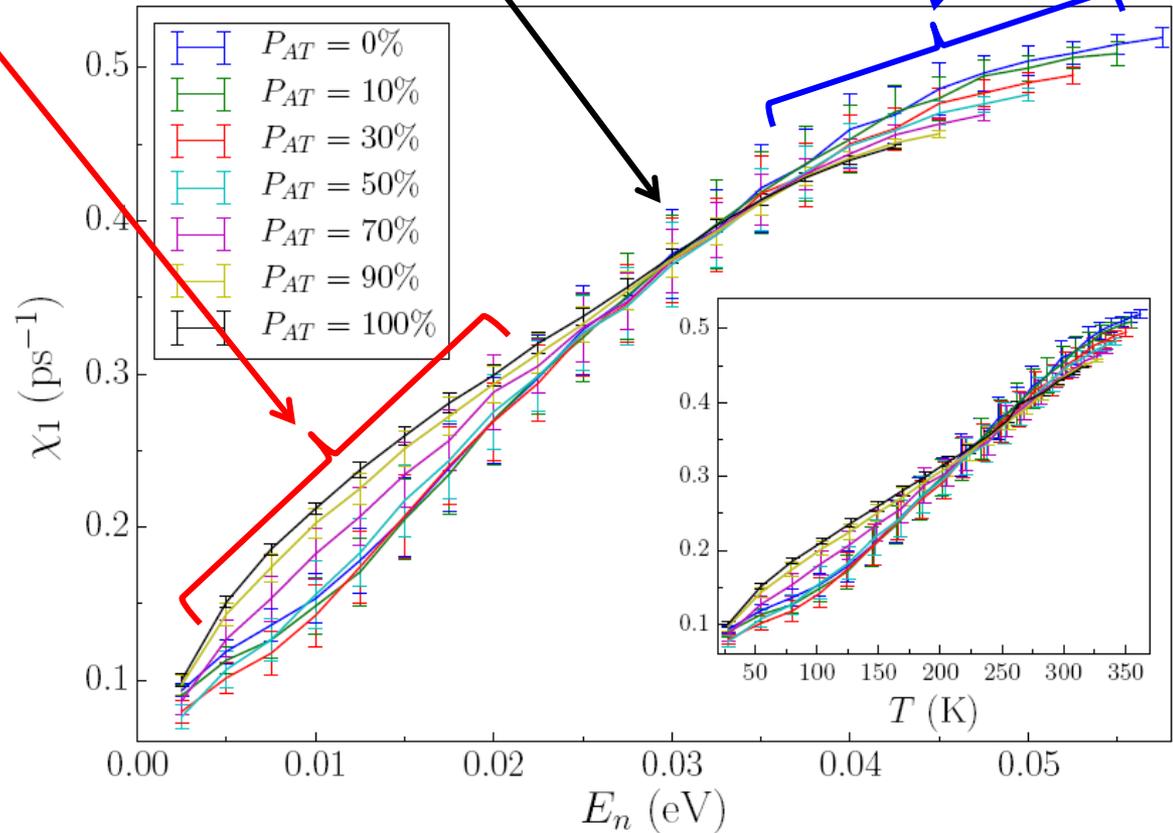
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**Type of chain
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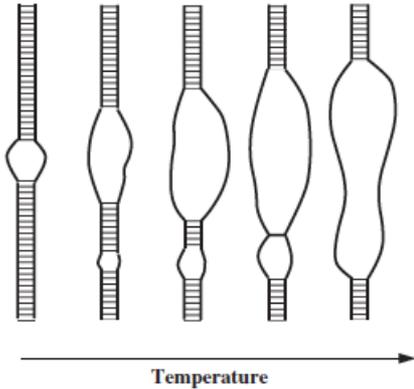


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DNA denaturation (melting)

Melting: large **bubbles forming** in the DNA chain as bonds break

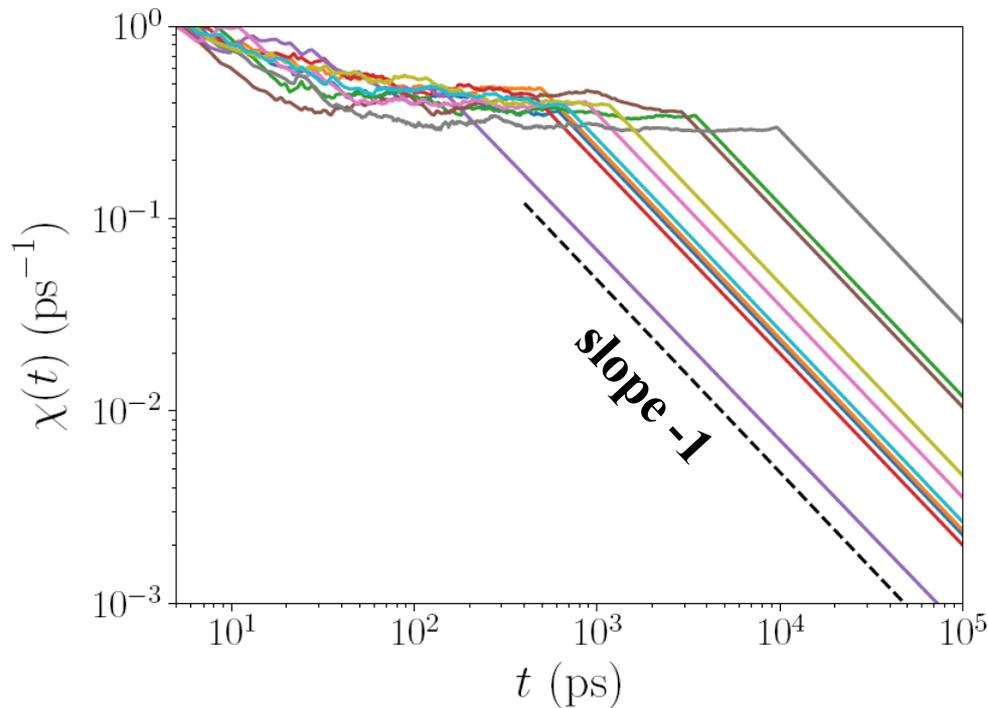


As y_n increases the exponentials in

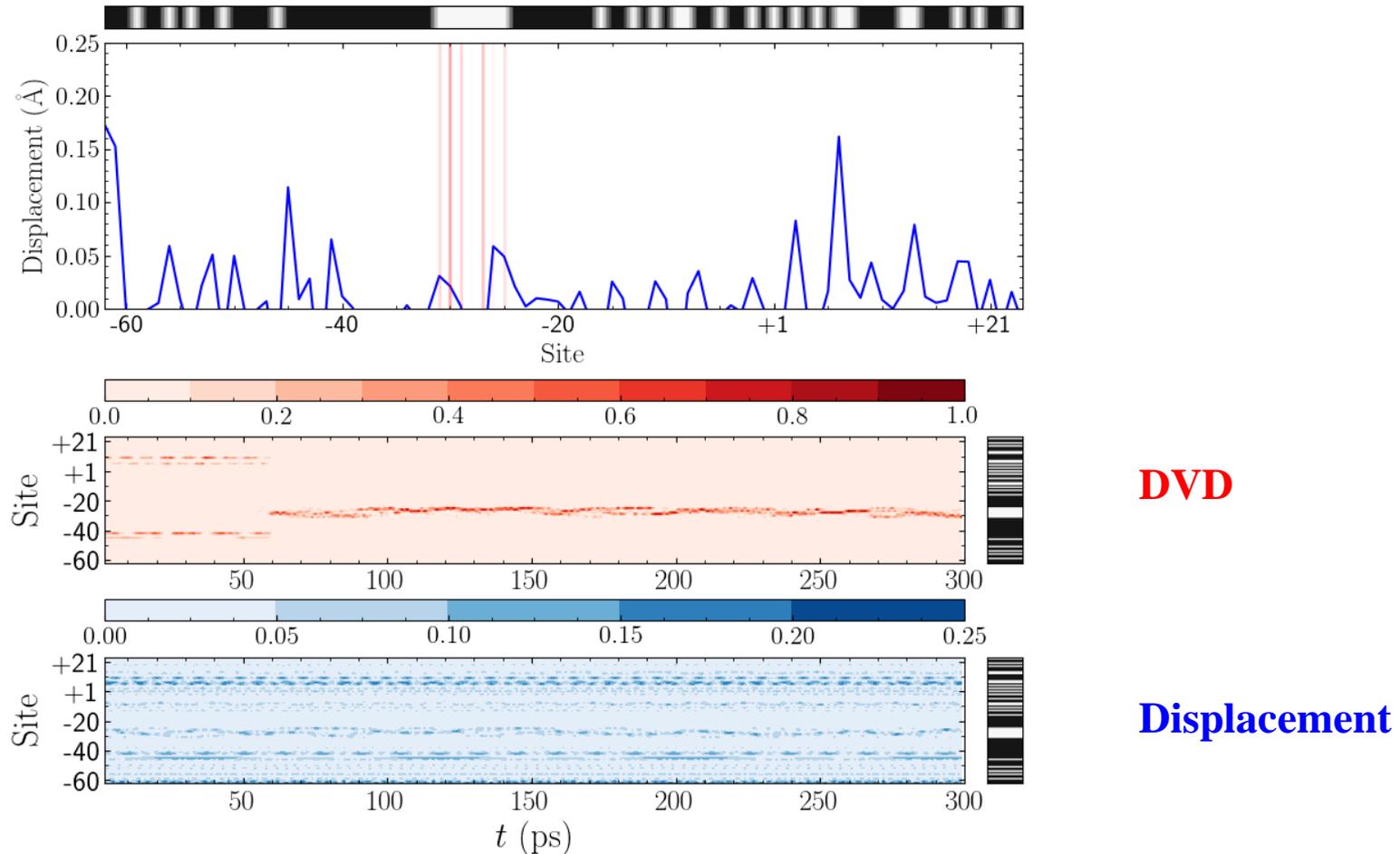
$$D_n(e^{-a_n y_n} - 1)^2 + \frac{K}{2}(1 + \rho e^{-b(y_n + y_{n-1})})(y_n - y_{n-1})^2$$

tend to 0, the system becomes effectively linear and the mLCE $\rightarrow 0$.

$P_{AT}=90\%$
 $E/n=0.085$

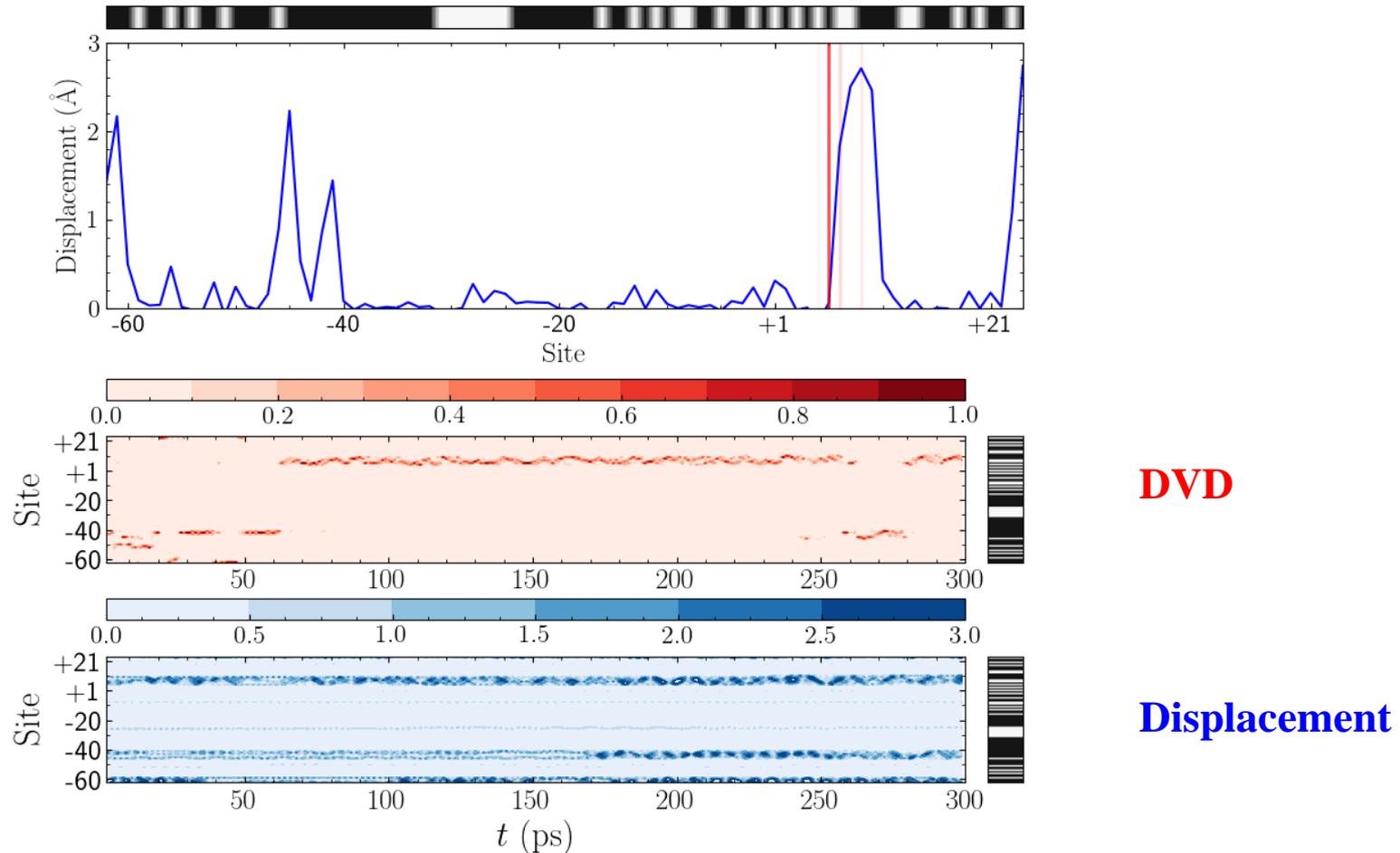


Evolution of DVDs – Low energies



**Adenovirus major late promoter (AdMLP): 86 base pairs, $P_{AT}=33.7\%$
 $E/n=0.005$ eV**

Evolution of DVDs – Higher energies



**Adenovirus major late promoter (AdMLP): 86 base pairs, $P_{AT}=33.7\%$
 $E/n=0.04$ eV**

Mixing of the DNA chain

Mixing parameter α = Number of alternations in the chain (AT and GC).

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$\alpha=4$

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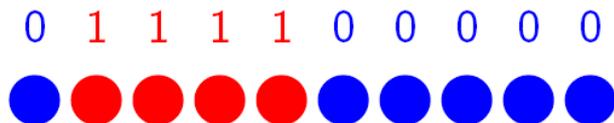
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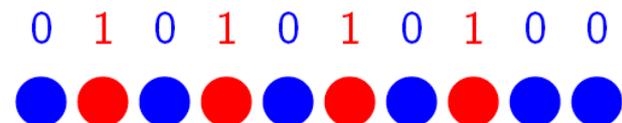
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Example case: $N=10$, $N_{AT}=4$, $N_{GC}=6$.

Extreme cases: $\alpha=2$ and $\alpha=8$



$\alpha = 2$



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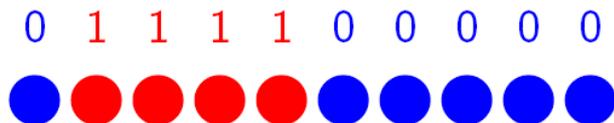
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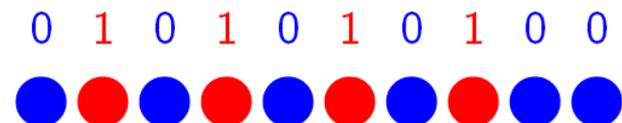
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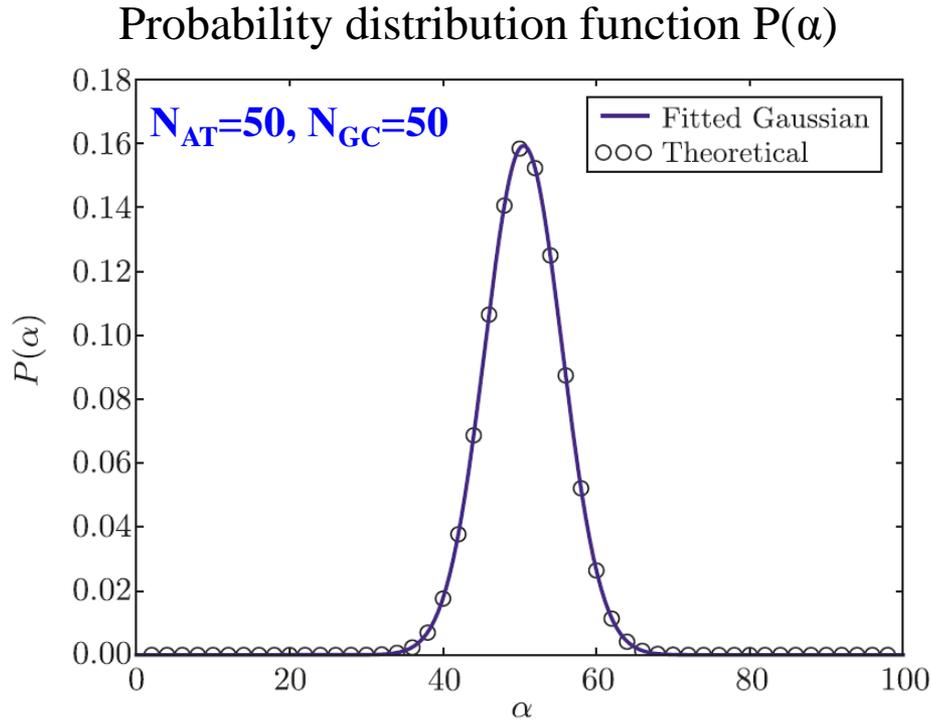
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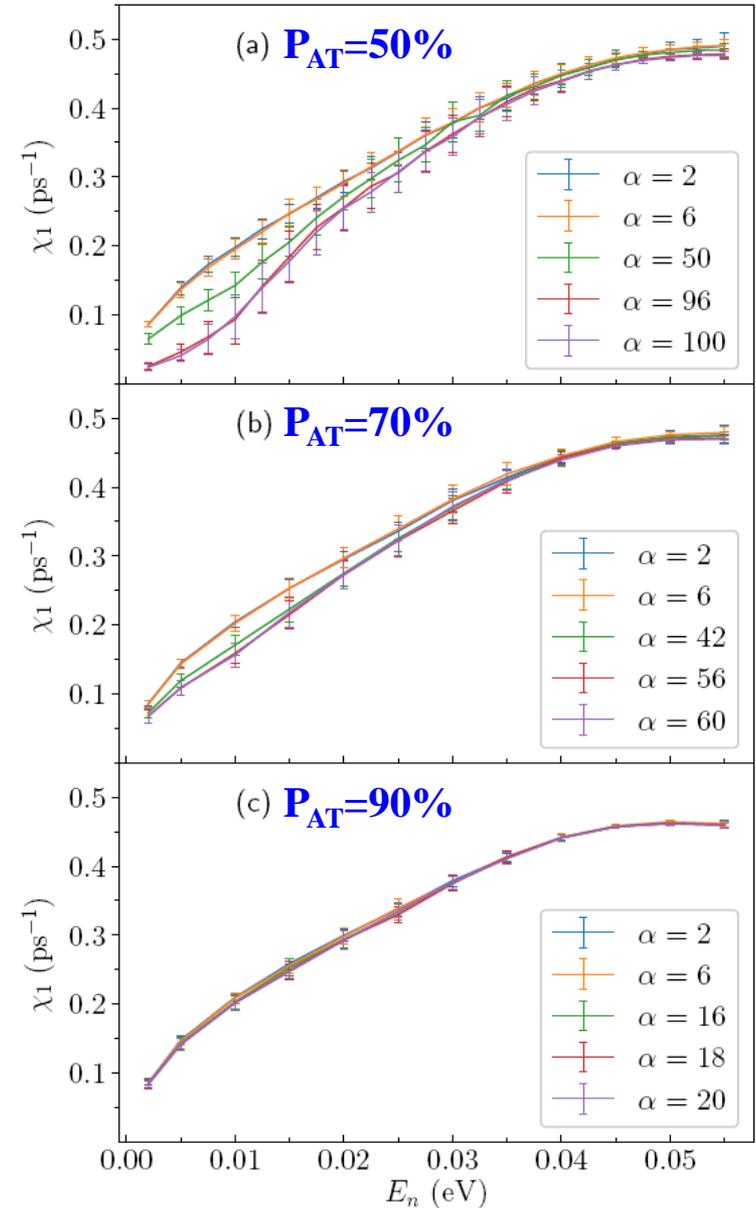
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$$2 \leq \alpha \leq \min\{2N_{AT}, 2N_{GC}\}, \quad \alpha \text{ even}$$

Effect of mixing

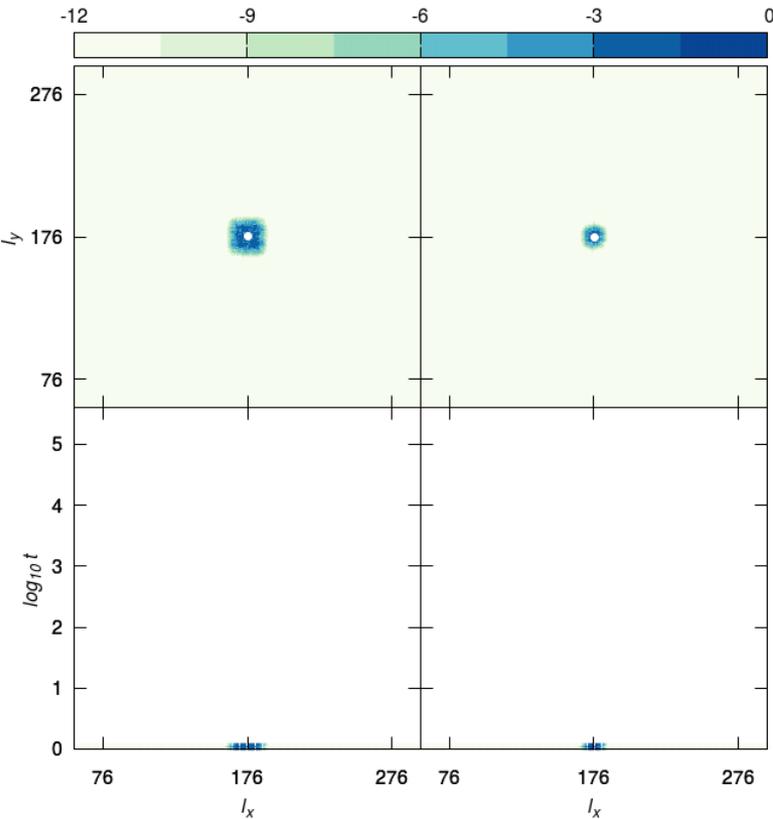


**In chains not dominated by a single
base-pair type:
More homogeneous chains (large
values of α) are less chaotic**



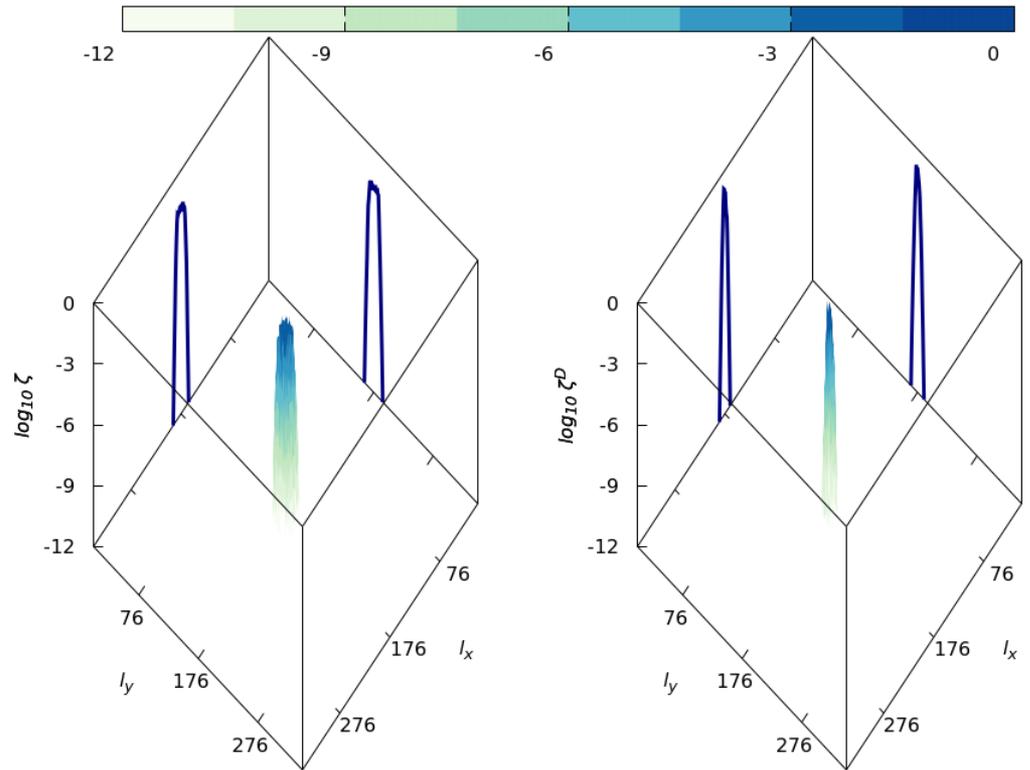
Future works

DDNLS in 2 spatial dimensions (strong chaos)



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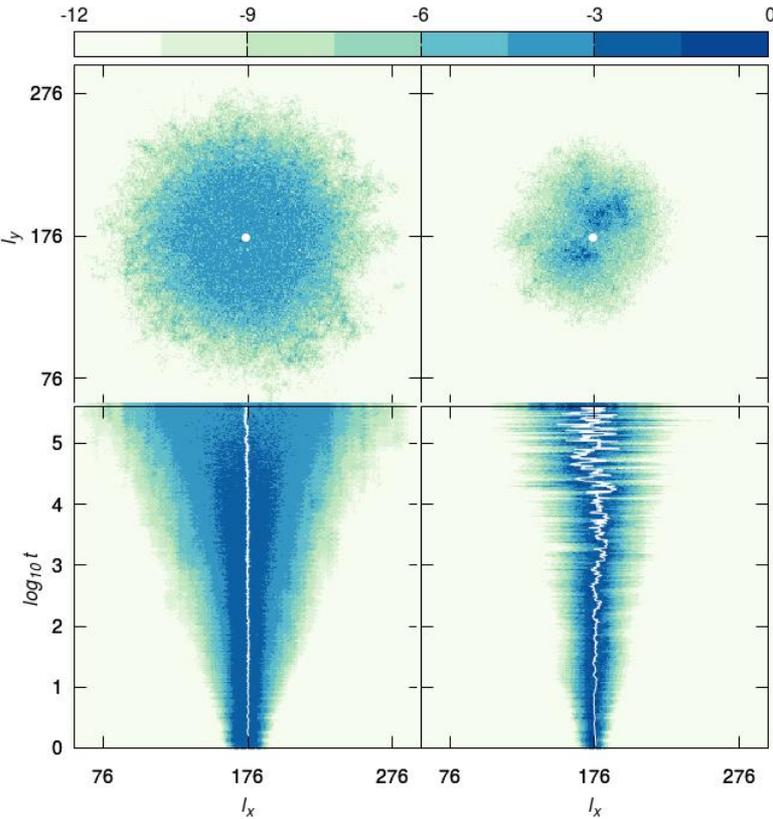


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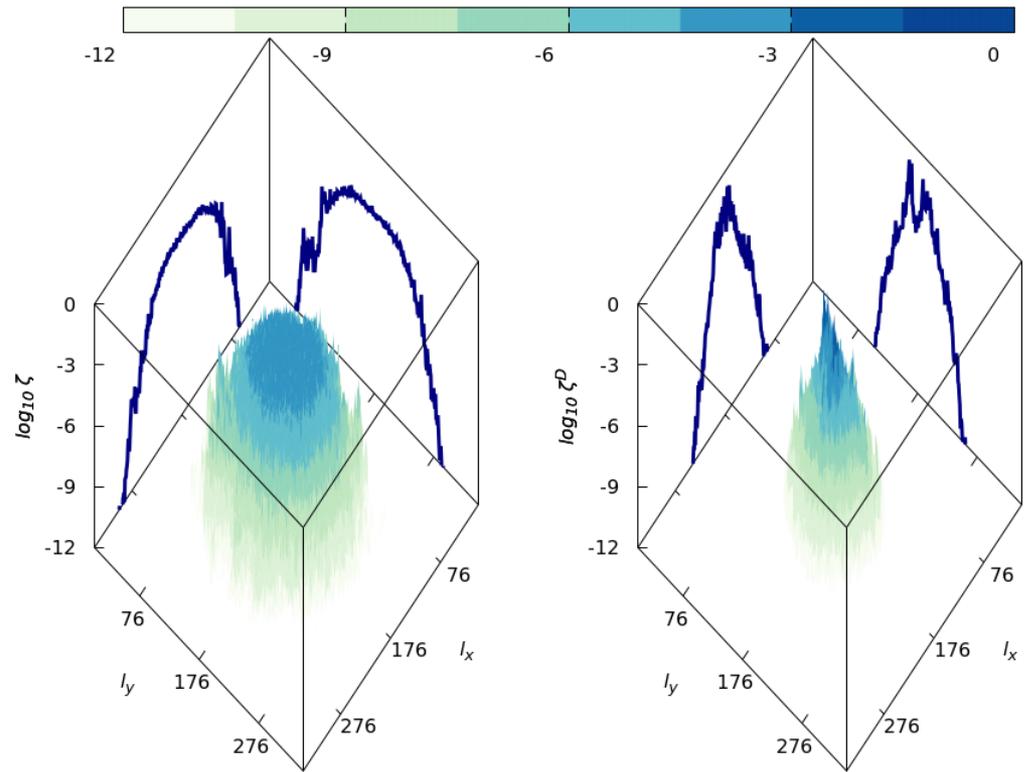
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DVD

Summary I

- 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: mLCE $\sim t^{-0.25}$ - Strong chaos: 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.

B. Senyange, B. Many Manda & Ch. S.: Phys. Rev. E, 98, 052229 (2018) 'Characteristics of chaos evolution in one-dimensional disordered nonlinear lattices'

Summary II

- **Chaotic dynamics of granular chains**
 - ✓ **Weakly nonlinear regime: although the overall system behaves chaotically, it can exhibit long-lived chaotic Anderson-like localization for particular single particle excitations.**
 - ✓ **Highly nonlinear regime: the granular chain reaches energy equipartition and an equilibrium chaotic state, independent of the initial position excitation.**
 - ✓ **The discontinuous nonlinearity (gaps) triggers chaos in the Hertzian model, while the propagation of gaps leads to equipartition.**
 - ✓ **The FPUT system exhibits an alternate behavior between localized and delocalized chaotic behavior which is strongly dependent on the initial energy excitation.**

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Summary III

- **Heterogeneity influences the chaotic behavior of the DNA** chaotic behavior.
- **Behavior of the DVD:**
 - ✓ It is always quite localized
 - ✓ For small energies tends to be concentrated in larger homogenous parts of the chain
 - ✓ For larger energies jumps, with no apparent pattern, between sites next to a relative large displacement.
- **Alternation index** affects the mLCE in chains not dominated by a single base-pair type: More homogeneous chains (large values of α) are less chaotic, for small energies.

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