

# Chaotic behavior of disordered Hamiltonian systems

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# Outline

- **Disordered 1D lattices:**
  - ✓ **The quartic disordered Klein-Gordon (DKG) model**
  - ✓ **The disordered discrete nonlinear Schrödinger equation (DDNLS)**
  - ✓ **Different dynamical behaviors**
- **Chaotic behavior of the DKG and DDNLS models**
  - ✓ **Lyapunov exponents**
  - ✓ **Deviation Vector Distributions**
- **Summary**

# Work in collaboration with

**Bob Senyange (PhD student): DKG model**



**Bertin Many Manda (PhD student): DDNLS model**

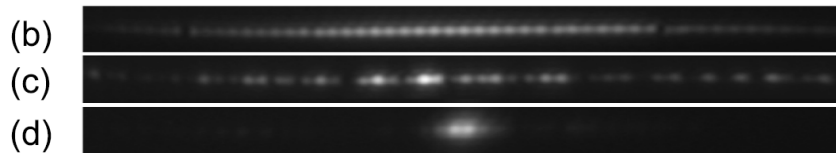
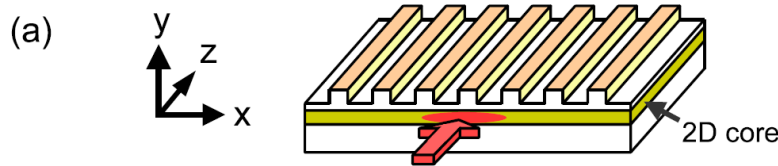
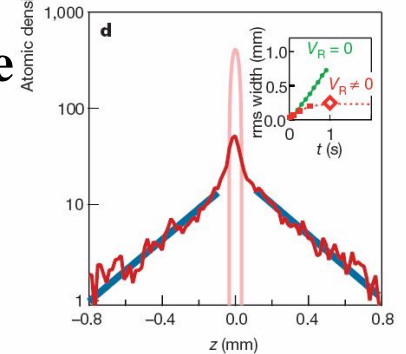
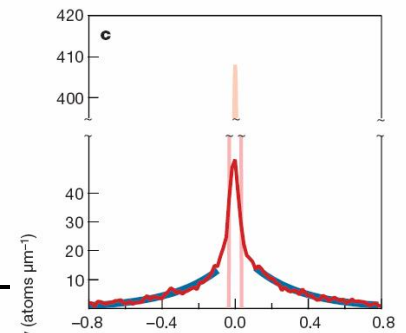
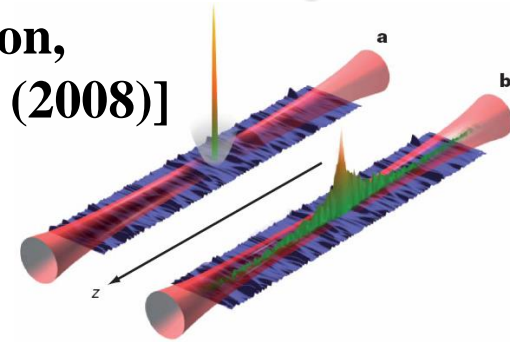
# Interplay of disorder and nonlinearity

**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) – Lapytyeva 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  $\varepsilon_l$  **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**  $z_v \equiv \frac{E_v}{\sum_m E_m}$

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  $P=N$ .

# Scales

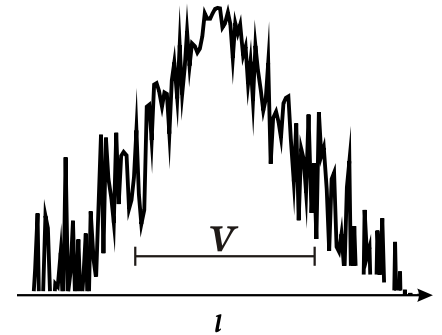
Linear case:  $\omega_v^2 \in \left[ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} + \frac{4}{W} \right]$ , width of the squared frequency spectrum:

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

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

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

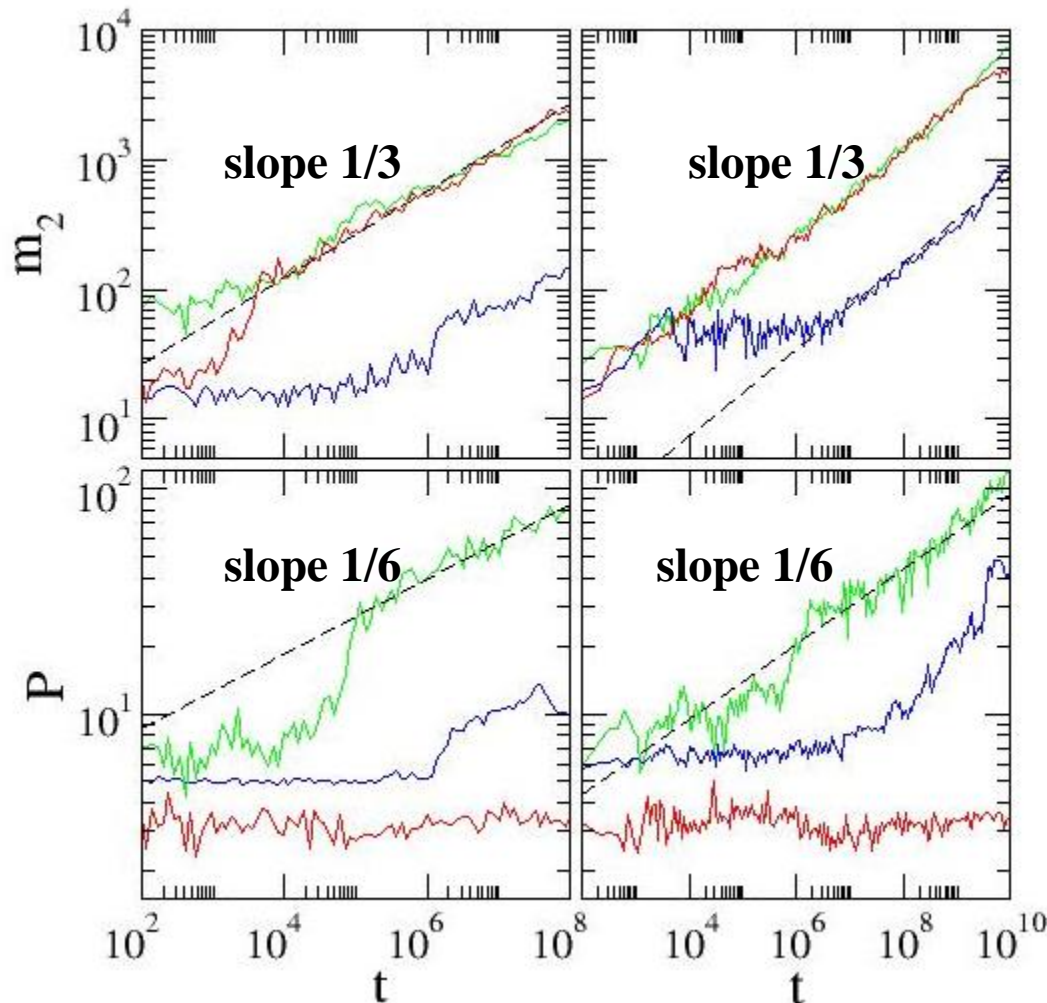
Almost all NMs in the packet are resonantly interacting. Wave packets initially spread faster and eventually enter the weak chaos regime.

**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

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

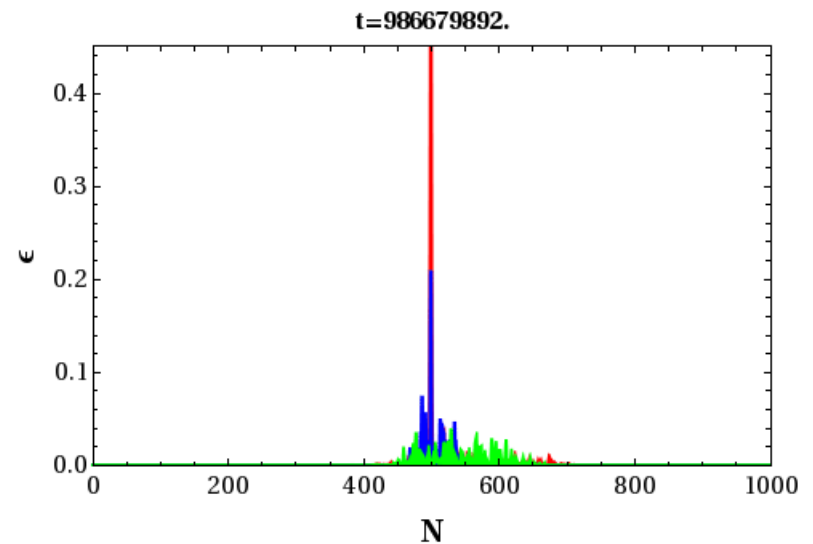
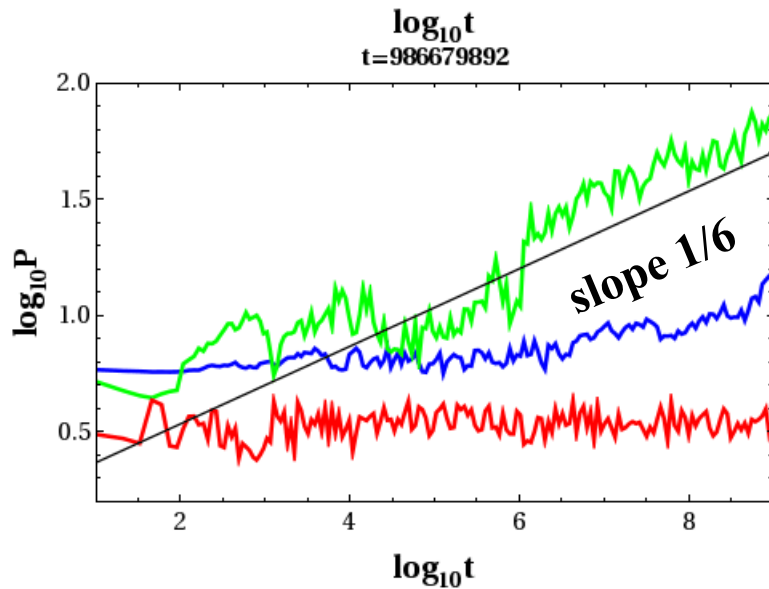
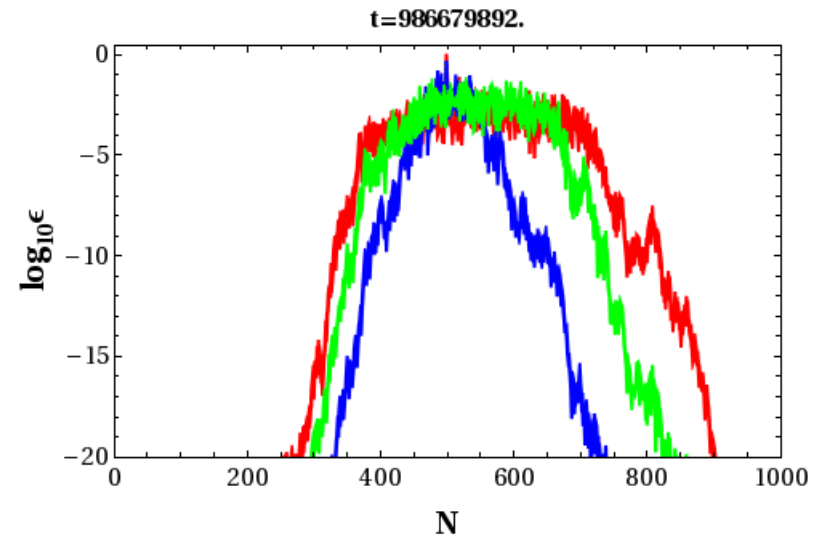
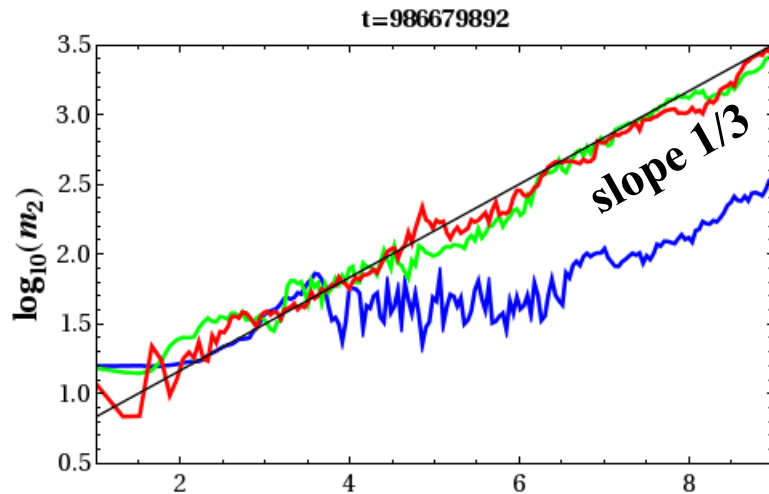
$$\alpha = 0.33 \pm 0.05 \text{ (DKG)}$$

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

Flach et al., PRL (2009)

S. et al., PRE (2009)

# DKG: Different spreading regimes

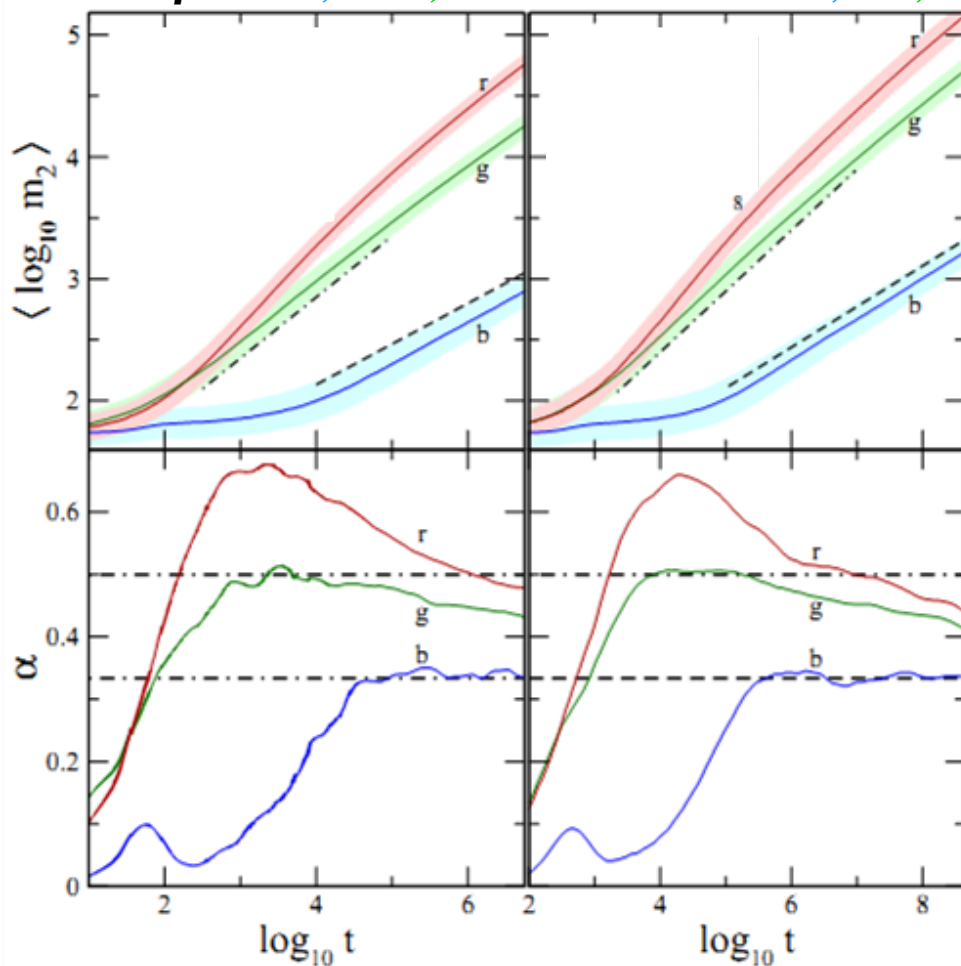


# Crossover from strong to weak chaos (block excitations)

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

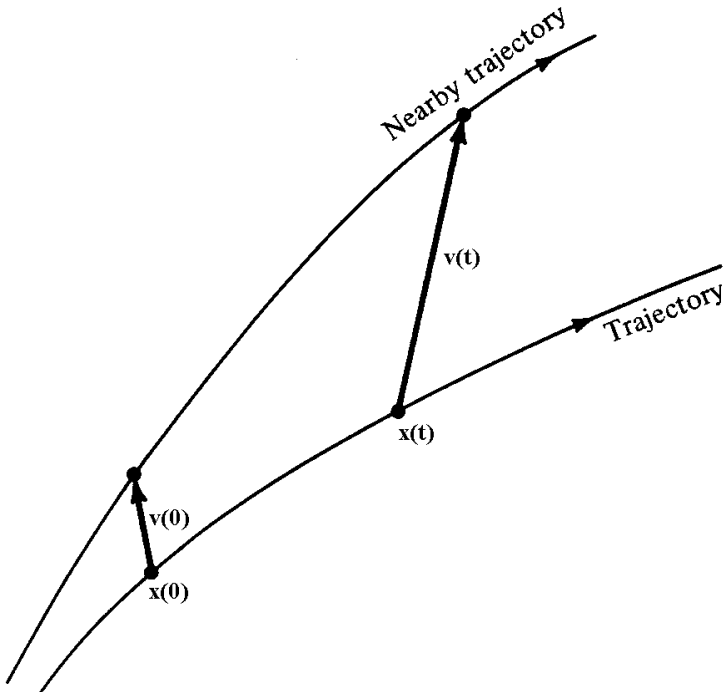
$$\mathbf{v} = (\delta x_1, \delta x_2, \dots, \delta x_n)^T, \text{ with } n=2N$$

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

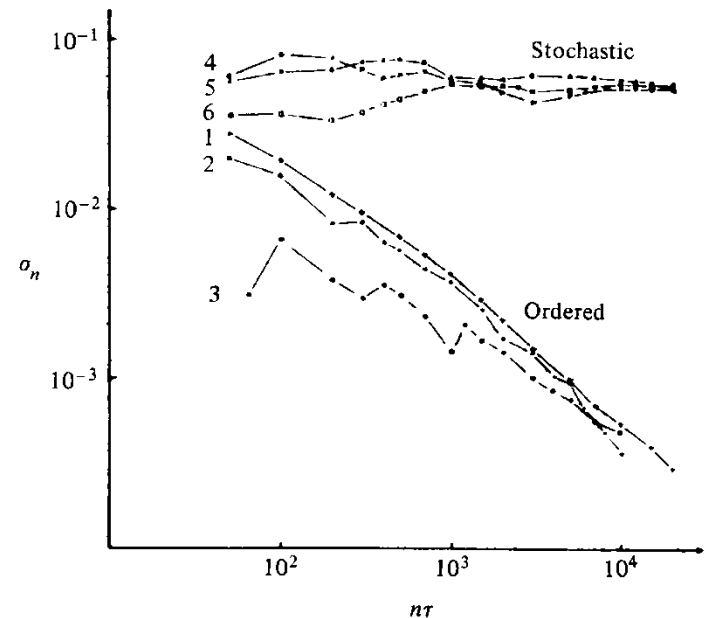


Figure 5.7. Behavior of  $\sigma_n$  at the intermediate energy  $E = 0.125$  for initial points taken in the ordered (curves 1–3) or stochastic (curves 4–6) regions (after Benettin *et al.*, 1976).

# 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 ABC<sup>6</sup><sub>[SS]</sub>** [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)].

# Symplectic integration

For more information on the various symplectic integrators we can use for integrating

- the equations of motion, and
- the variational equations

of multidimensional Hamiltonian systems see [Poster 14:](#)

## Efficient integration schemes for multidimensional disordered nonlinear Hamiltonian lattices

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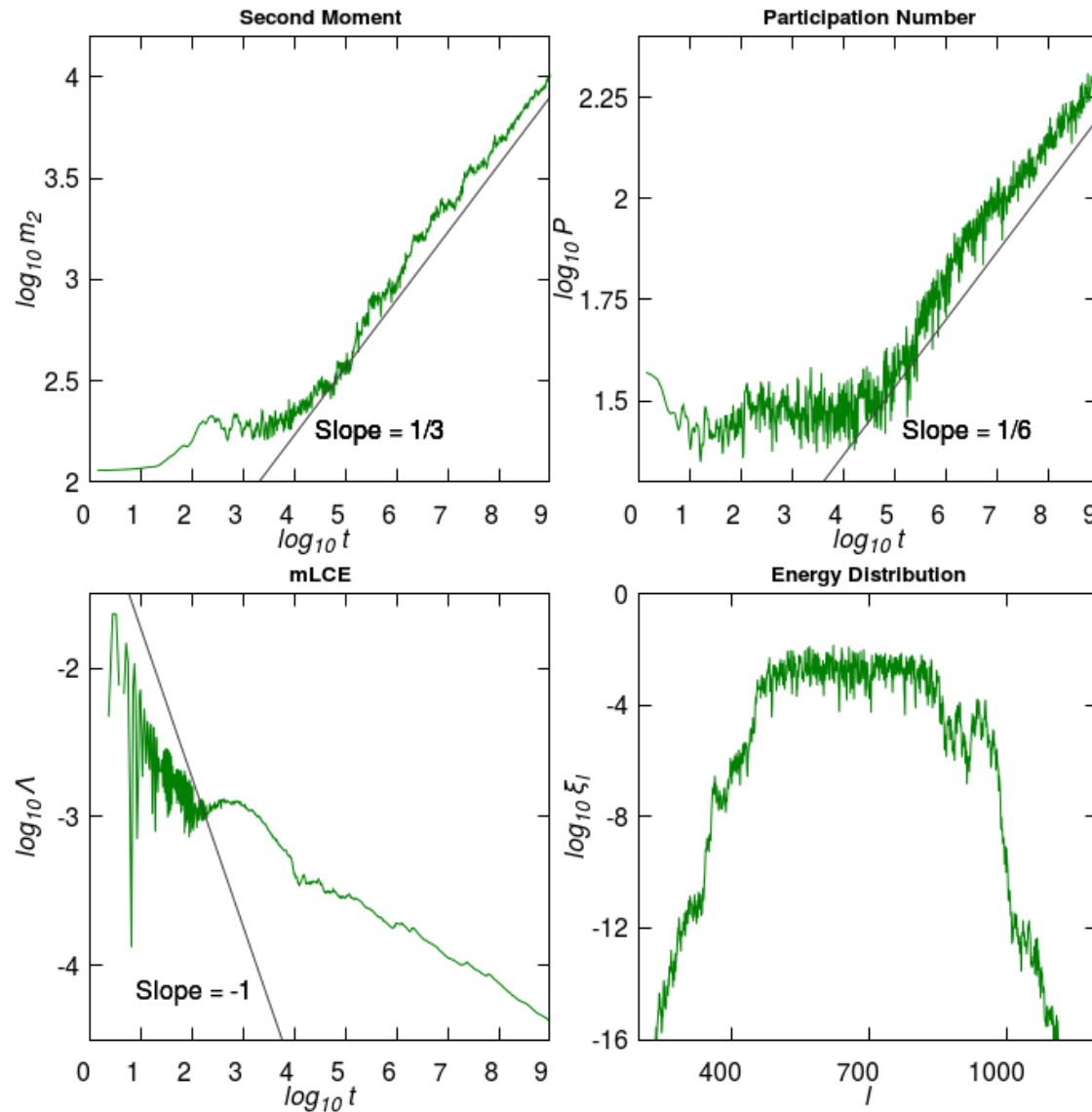
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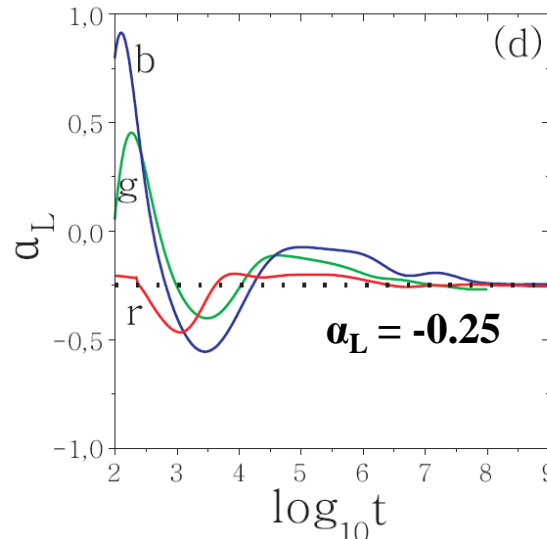
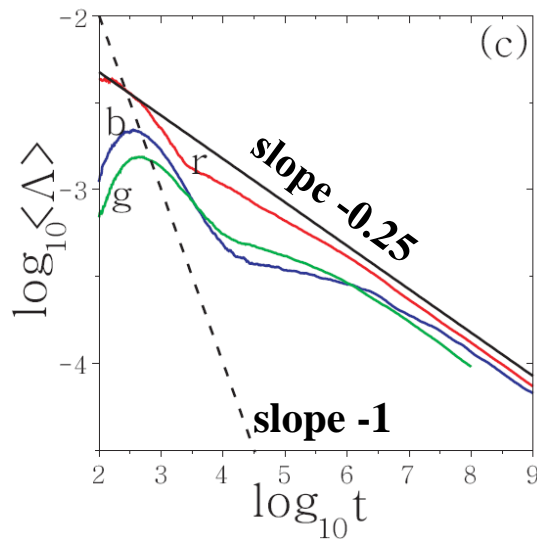
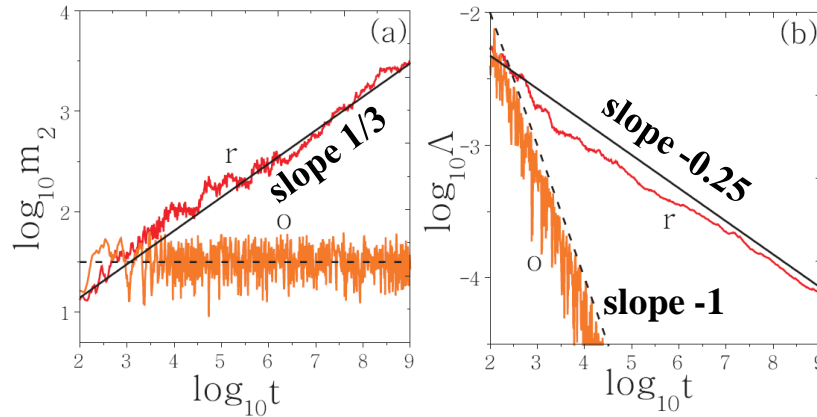
# DKG: Weak Chaos

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  $E=0.4, W=4$**

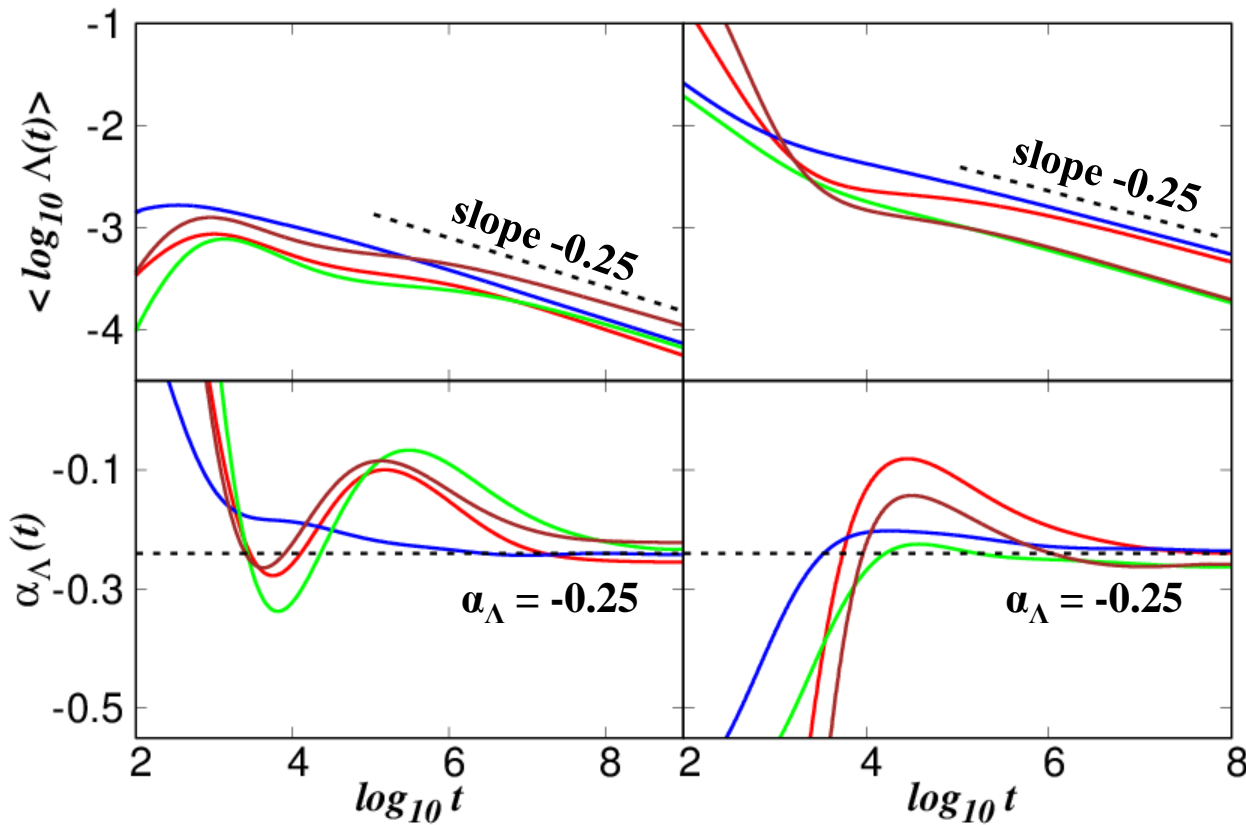
**Block excitation ( $L=21$  sites)  
 $E=0.21, W=4$**

**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**

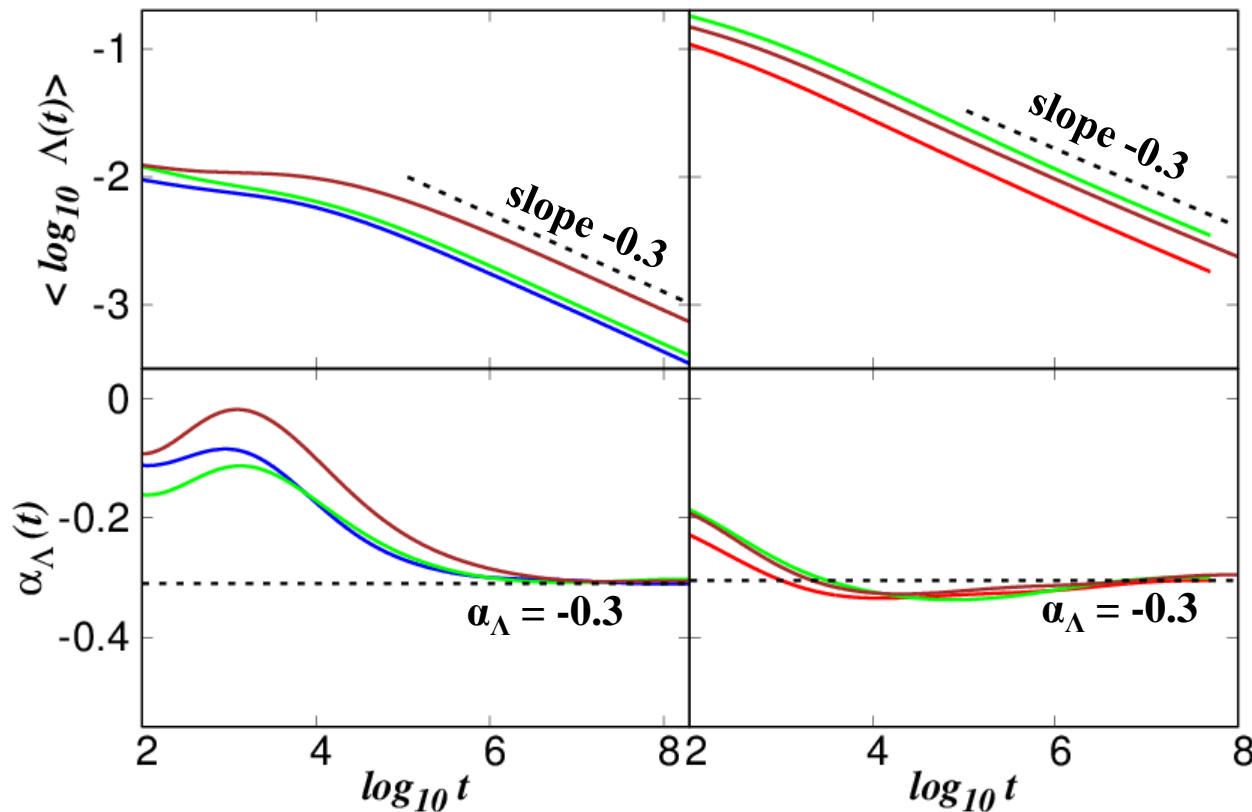
**Single site excitation  $\beta=1$ , W=4**

**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

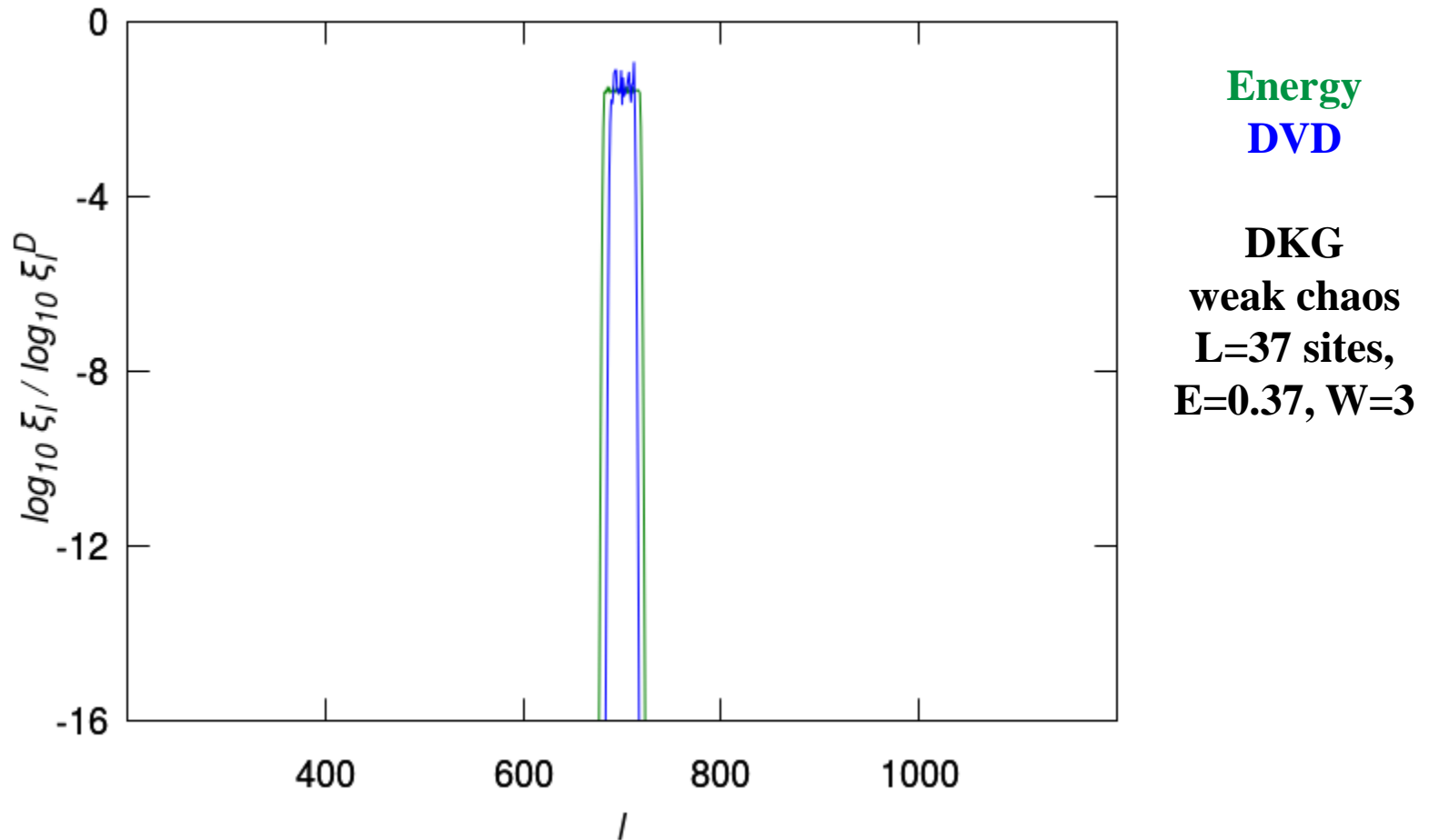
Block excitation (L=83 sites) E=0.83, W=3

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)

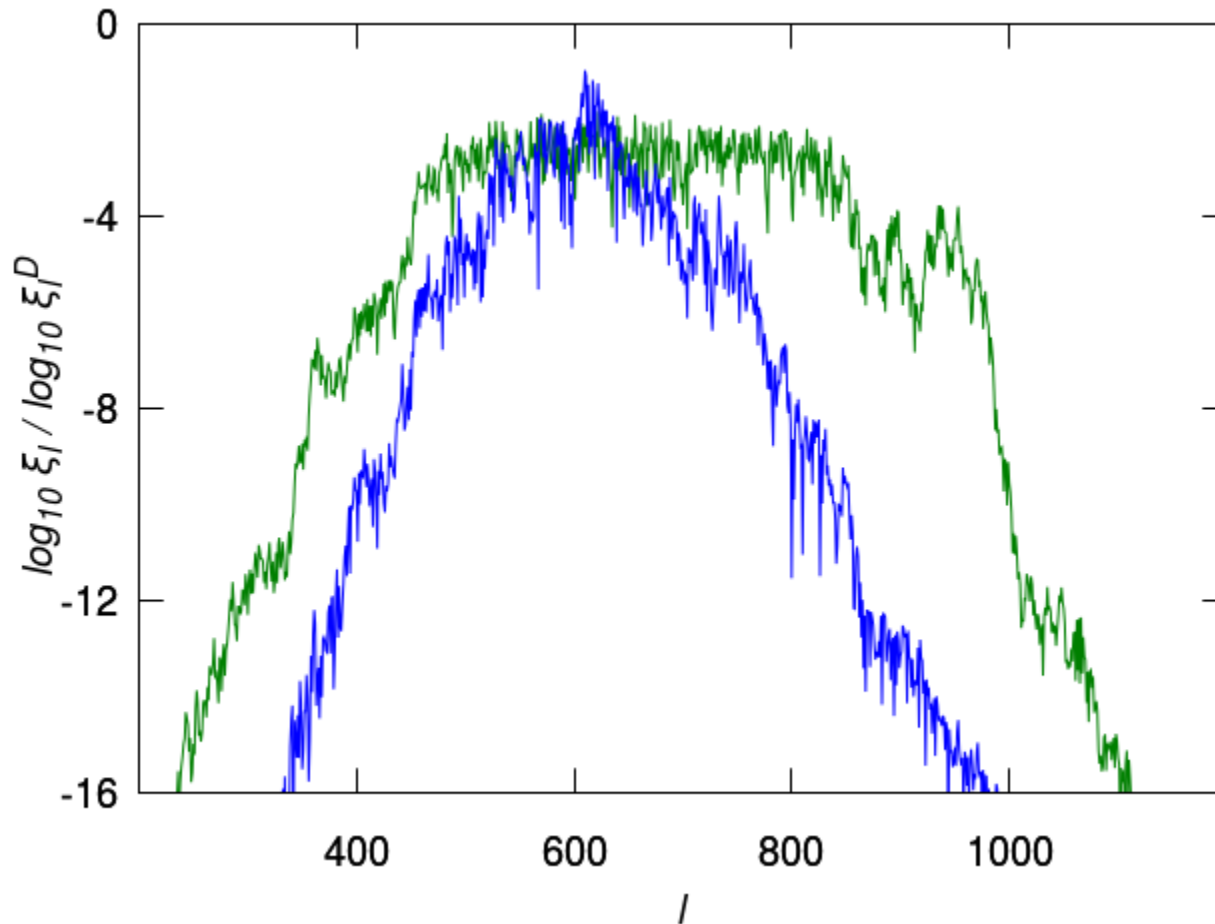


**Deviation vector:**

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

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

# Deviation Vector Distributions (DVDs)



Energy  
DVD

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

Deviation vector:

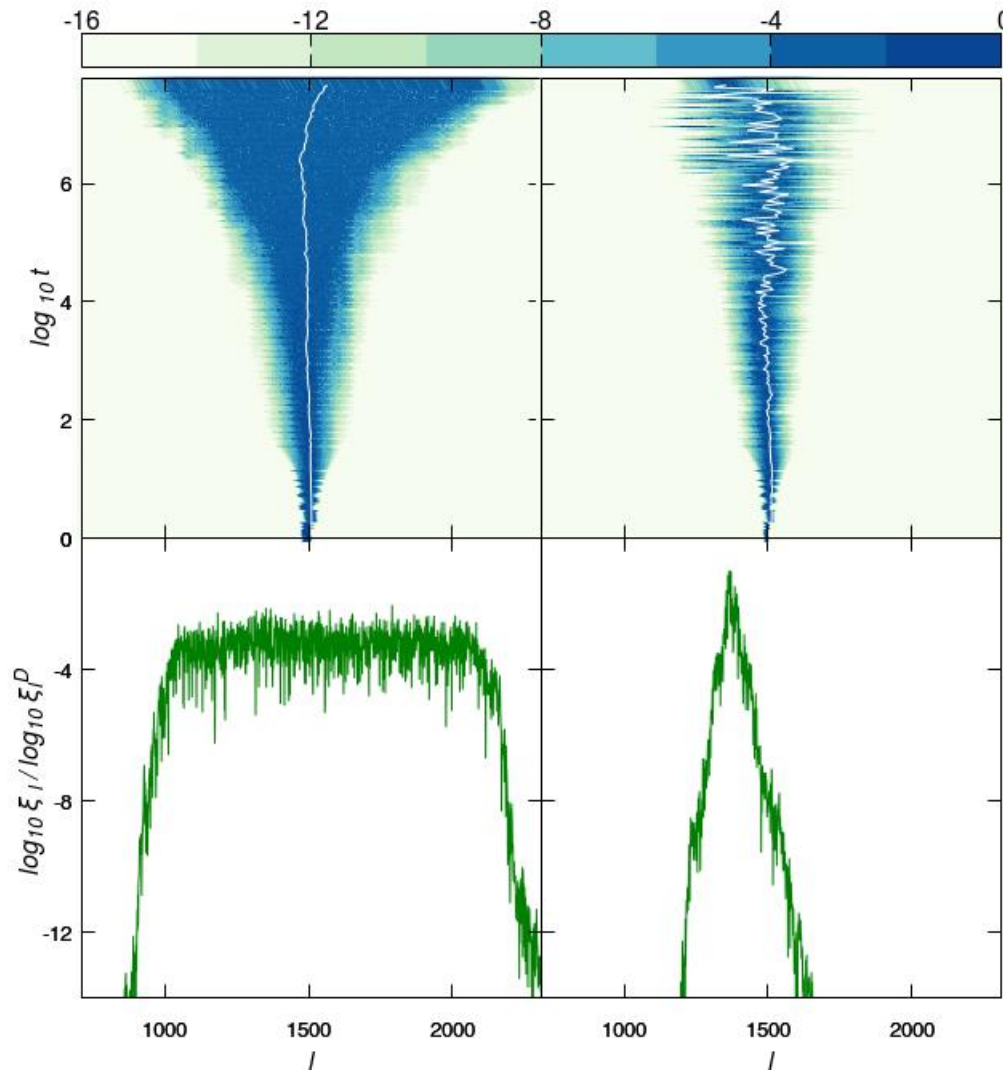
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# Deviation Vector Distributions (DVDs)

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

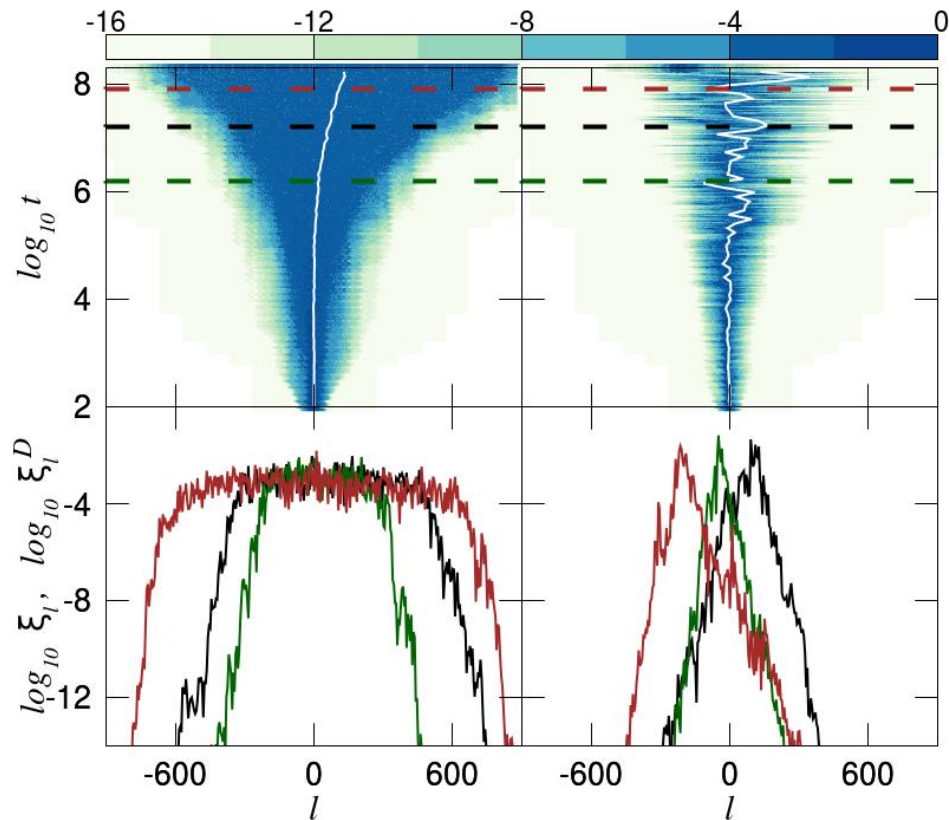
Norm



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

**Energy**

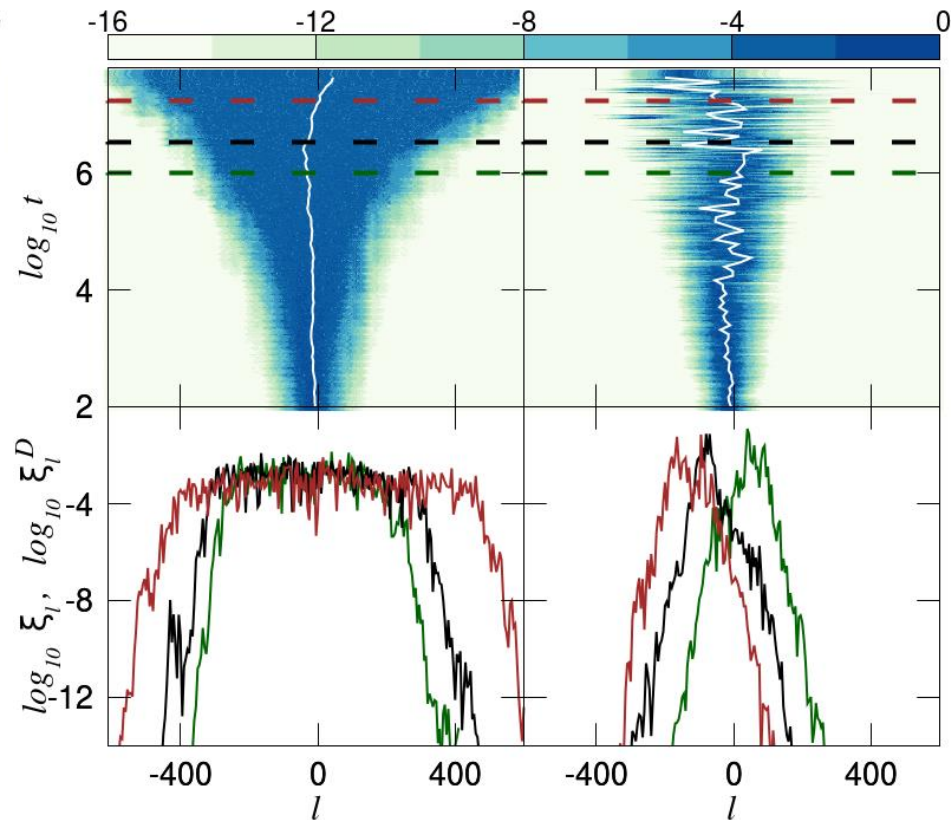
**DVD**



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

**Norm**

**DVD**

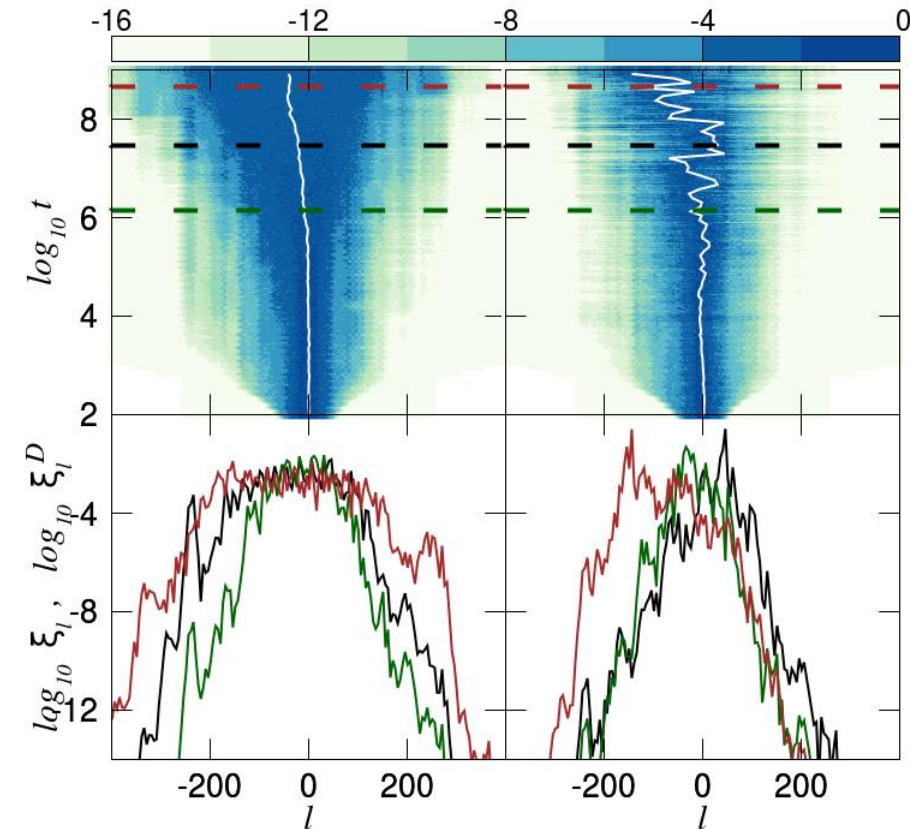


**DDNLS:  $W=3.5, L=21, \beta=0.72$**

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

**Energy**

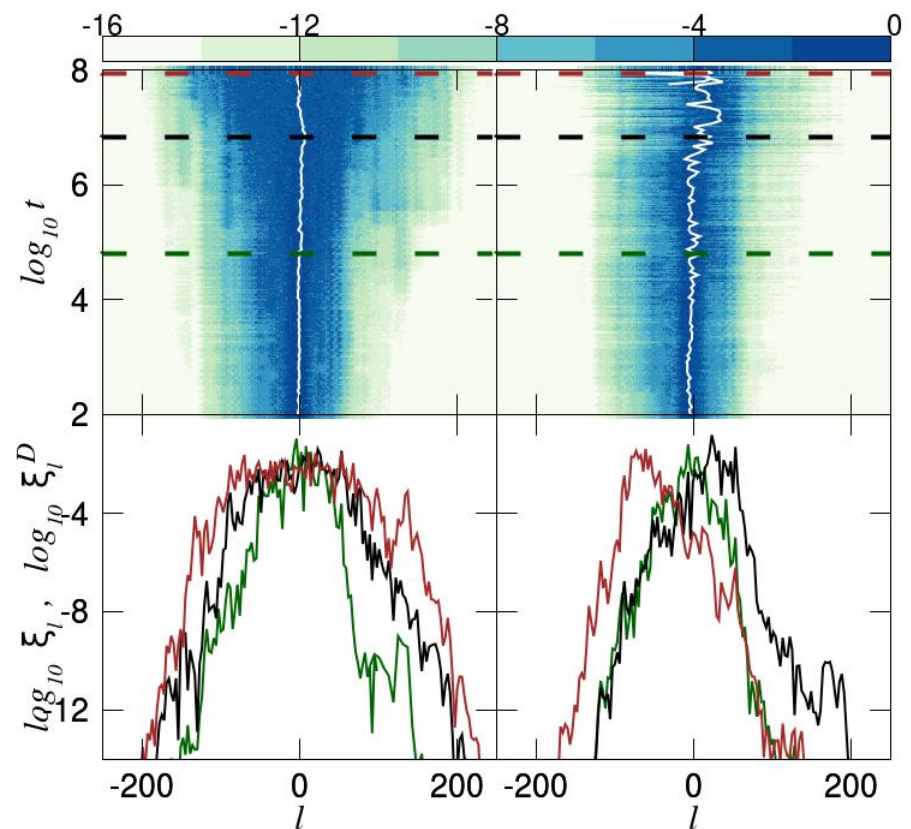
**DVD**



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

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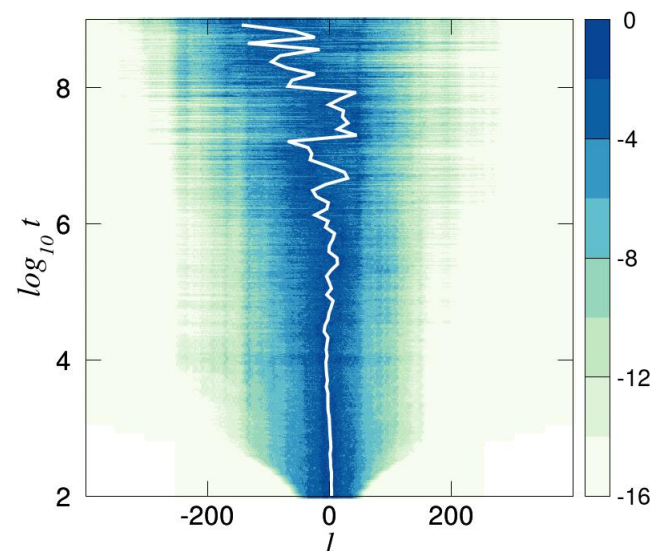
**DVD**



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

# Characteristics of DVDs

**KG weak chaos**  
**L=37, E=0.37, W=3**



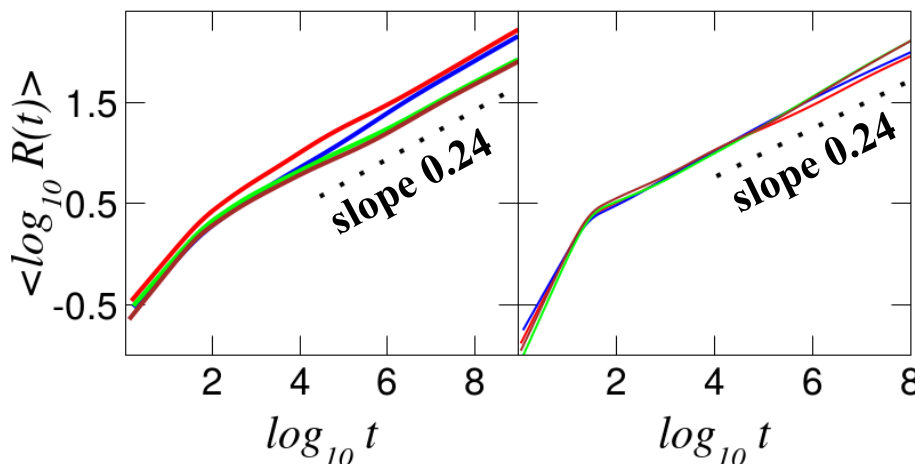
**Range of the lattice  
visited by the DVD**

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

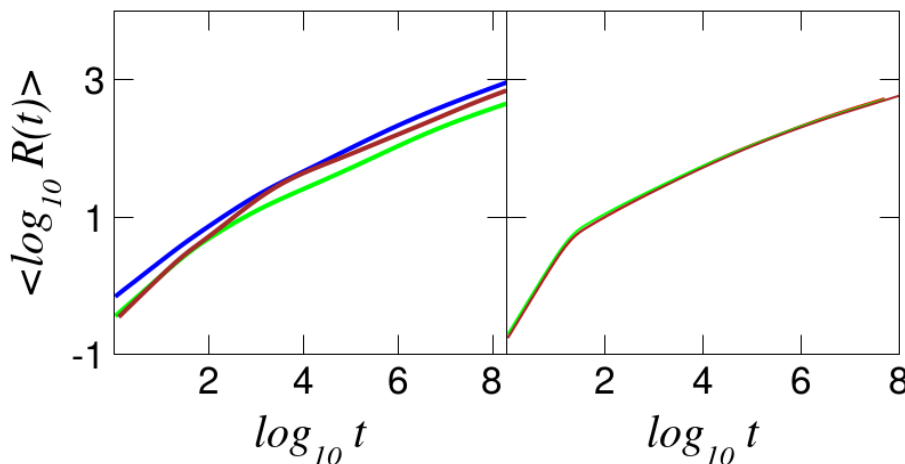
$$\bar{l}_w = \sum_{l=1}^N l \xi_l^D$$

**DKG**

**DDNLS**



**Weak  
chaos**

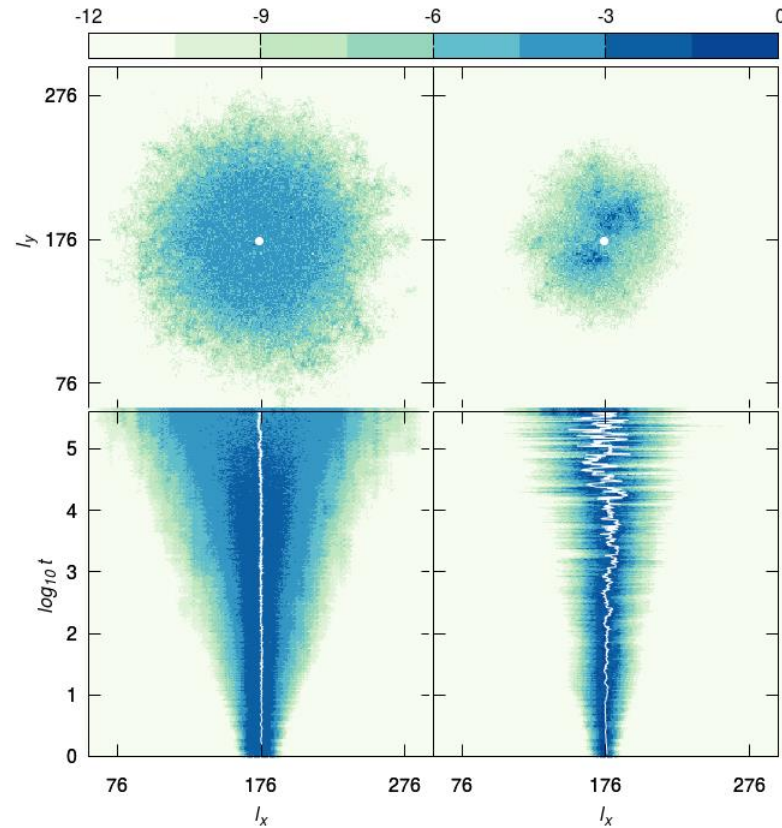


**Strong  
chaos**

# Two-dimensional systems

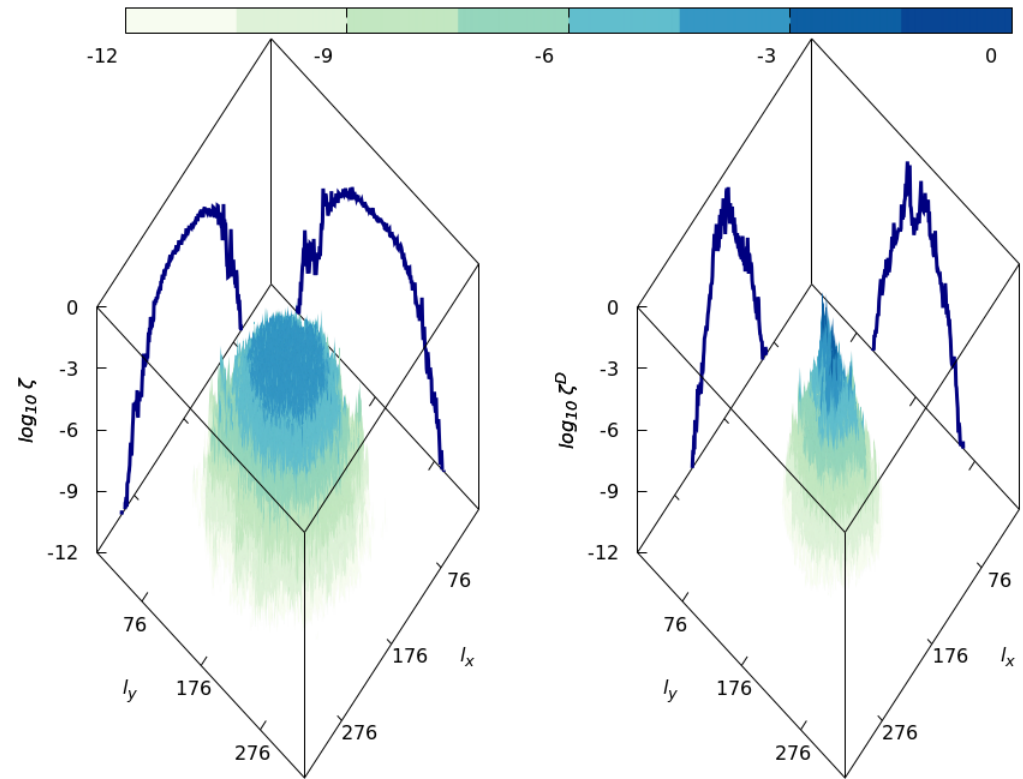
**DDNLS in 2 spatial dimensions (strong chaos)**

[Many Manda, Senyange, & S., PRE (2020)]



**Norm**

**DVD**



**Norm**

**DVD**

# Two-dimensional systems

For more information on the chaotic dynamics of 2D disordered lattices attend the oral presentation of **Bertin Many Manda**



**OC17 (Thursday 1 July at 16:00):**

**Nonequilibrium chaos of wave spreading in two-dimensional disordered lattices**

# 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: 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.: 'Characteristics of chaos evolution in one-dimensional disordered nonlinear lattices', Phys. Rev. E, 98, 052229 (2018)

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# Chaotic dynamics of nonlinear Hamiltonian systems



Oral presentation of **Malcolm Hillebrand**

**OC17 (Thursday 1 July at 16:30):**

**Chaotic Dynamics in a Planar Model of Graphene**



Poster presentation of **Henok Tenaw Moges**

**Poster 15:**

**On the behavior of the Generalized Alignment Index (GALI) method for regular motion in multidimensional Hamiltonian systems**

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