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# Outline

- Experimental Motivation
- Theory for particles in 1D
- Universality Classes
- Chirikov resonances
- Fokker—Planck Equation
- Theory for particles for d>1
- Short scales and uniform acceleration
- Comparison between spreading of particles and waves

## **Experimental motivation**

## **Optics : Transverse Localization Scheme**

Suggested by De Raedt, Lagengijk & de Vries (PRL 1987)

Wave Equation

$$\nabla^{2}\vec{E} - \mu_{0}\varepsilon(\vec{r})\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial t^{2}}\vec{E} = 0 + \frac{-\text{Scalar and Time harmonic}}{-\text{slow variations of index of refraction}}$$

$$\lambda \frac{\partial^{2}A}{\partial z^{2}} < \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} \quad \vec{E}(x, y, z) = A(x, y, z)e^{i(kz - wt)}\hat{x}$$

$$\frac{Optics}{i\frac{\partial A}{\partial z}} = -\frac{1}{2k}\nabla_{\perp}^{2}A - \frac{k}{n_{0}}\Delta n(x, y, z)A \quad \vec{A} \leftrightarrow \Psi \quad i\frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2m}\nabla^{2}\Psi + V(\vec{r}, t)\Psi$$

$$\frac{k\Delta n/n_{0} \leftrightarrow -V}{k_{\perp}, \lambda_{\perp} \leftrightarrow p, \lambda_{de-broglie}}$$

### LETTERS

#### Transport and Anderson localization in disordered two-dimensional photonic lattices

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**Figure 1** | **Transverse localization scheme. a**, A probe beam entering a disordered lattice, which is periodic in the two transverse dimensions (*x* and *y*) but invariant in the propagation direction (*z*). In the experiment described here, we use a triangular (hexagonal) photonic lattice with a periodicity of 11.2  $\mu$ m and a refractive-index contrast of ~5.3 × 10<sup>-4</sup>. The lattice is induced optically, by transforming the interference pattern among three plane waves



#### Anderson Localization and Nonlinearity in One-Dimensional Disordered Photonic Lattices

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- (a) Periodic array expansion
- (b) Disordered array expansion
- (c) Disordered array localization

# Direct observation of Anderson localization of matter-waves in a controlled disorder

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### **Hyper Transport of Light (experimental results)**



 $Z_{corr} = 1mm$ 

 $Z_{corr} = 0.9mm$ 

 $Z_{corr} = 17mm$ 

 $Z_{corr} = 1.22mm$ 

# Theory

How are the details and structure of noise reflected in transport?

Interest in spreading to high momentum

Is spreading of waves similar to the one of particles?

# Theory for Particles in 1D

mass=1

Interest in spreading to high momentum

Wave nature is probably not important.

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$$H = \frac{v^2}{2} + V(x,t)$$

 $\overline{m}$ 

Natural to use Fourier expansion in optics and in atom optics

$$V(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{m=-N}^{N} A_m e^{\left[i(k_m x - \omega_m t)\right]} \qquad A_{-m} = A_m^*$$
$$\langle A_m \rangle = \langle A_m A_n \rangle = 0$$
$$\langle A_m A_n^* \rangle = \sigma^2 \delta_{n,m}$$

Chirikov Resonances  
$$V(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{m=-N}^{N} A_m e^{\left[i(k_m x - \omega_m t)\right]}$$

Dominant energy transfer at resonance, points where phase is statinary

$$v_m^{res} = \frac{\omega_m}{k_m}$$
  
Effective pendulum  
Width  $\sqrt{\frac{8|A_m|}{\sqrt{N}}} = \Delta_N$ 

# No overlap





A phase-space, x'=x-p, for two overlapping resonances. The double arrows indicate the region of the resonances. Resonances (1) and (2) overlap. Different colors (shades) describe different trajectories. The horizontal black solid and dashed lines, designate the edges of the resonance chains. The initial conditions were uniformly distributed on the p axis (x(t=0)=0). The system was integrated up-to t=10^4 (dimensionless variables).

## Random walk between resonances

Chaos, correlations decay

Diffusion in momentum modeled by a Fokker-Planck Equation

## Decay of Correlations and the Fokker-Planck Equation

$$\delta v = \int_{o}^{ot} dt F(x(t), t) \qquad \text{Force} \quad F = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}$$

Correlation Function  $K(x_1, t_1; x_2, t_2) = \langle F(x_1, t_1) F(x_2, t_2) \rangle$ 

Stationary and translation invariant

**Continuum limit** 

$$S(k,\omega)$$

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Fourier Transform of potential correlation function=Power spectral density

$$K(x_1 - x_2, t_1 - t_2) = \iint d\omega dk k^2 S(k, \omega) e^{i[k(x_1 - x_2) - \omega(t_1 - t_2)]}$$

Assume rapid decay of correlations.

In the regime where correlation important, acceleration negligible

Therefore in correlation functions

$$x_1 - x_2 = v(t_1 - t_2)$$

**Diffusion coefficient** 

$$D(v) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \iint dk d\omega k^{2} S(k, \omega) e^{i(kv-\omega)\tau}$$
$$D(v) = \pi \int kk^{2} S(k, kv)$$
Fokker Planck equation
$$\frac{\partial P(v, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial v} D(v) \frac{\partial}{\partial v} P(v, t)$$

# **Universality Classes**

First 
$$d=1$$
  
 $D(v) = \pi \int dk \, k^2 S(k, kv)$ 

What happens in the asymptotic limit of large velocity?

1. Main class: define k' = kv

for 
$$V \rightarrow \infty$$

$$D(v) = \frac{D_0}{v^3} \qquad \qquad D_0 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk' k'^2 S(0,k')$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial v} \frac{D_0}{v^3} \frac{\partial}{\partial v}\right) P$$
Scaling solution
$$P(v,t) = \frac{1}{t^{d/5}} g\left(\frac{v^5}{t}\right)$$

$$\left\langle v^2 \right\rangle \sim t^{2/5}$$
Typically  $t$ 

$$v \sim t^{1/5}$$

$$x \sim t^{6/5}$$
Hyper-transport

For white noise  $v \sim t^{1/2}$ 

2. Class 2 Sum for potential

$$V(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{m=-N}^{N} A_m e^{i \left[i \left(k_m x - \omega_m t\right)\right]}$$

truncated as is the case in many experiments in optics and atom optics



$$S(k,\omega) = 0$$
  $\omega / k > v_{\max}$ 

$$D(v) = \pi \int \mathrm{d}k \, k^2 S(k, kv)$$

D(v) = 0  $v > v_{max}$  ballistic

Note, the correlation function may be infinitely differentiable.

#### 3. Class 3 Singular correlations

$$D(v) = \pi \int \mathrm{d}k \, k^2 S(k, kv)$$

$$S(k,\omega) = h\left(k,\frac{k}{\omega}\right)$$

**Examples:** 

$$S(k,\omega) = h(k,x) \sim e^{-1/x} \qquad \qquad x = \frac{1}{v}$$

Also possible, Taylor expansion starts from

 $v^n$ 



 $\langle p^2 \rangle$  as a function of t. Dashed gray line are numerical solution of the equation of motion for *H* for 1000 initial conditions taken from a Gaussian distribution and averaged over 10 realizations of the potential, *V*. Different shades and styles of lines designate different *N* (see legend). The solid thick line is the numerical solution of the Fokker-Planck equation.

# **Dispersion relations**

In some cases there is a relation

 $\omega(k)$ 

 $\omega(k) = \frac{k^2}{2}$ Often

 $\frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{k}{2}$ 

**Optics potentials** 

$$E(\mathbf{x},t) = \int d\mathbf{k} \, \hat{E}(\mathbf{k}) \exp i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x} - \omega(k)t)$$
$$\left\langle \hat{E}(\mathbf{k}) \right\rangle = 0$$
$$\left\langle \hat{E}(\mathbf{k}_{1}) \hat{E}^{*}(\mathbf{k}_{2}) \right\rangle = I_{0}f(\mathbf{k}_{1})\delta(\mathbf{k}_{1} - \mathbf{k}_{2})$$
$$\left\langle \hat{E}(\mathbf{k}_{1}) \hat{E}(\mathbf{k}_{2}) \right\rangle = 0$$

 $V(\mathbf{x},t) = |E(\mathbf{x},t)|^{2} = \int d\mathbf{k}_{1} d\mathbf{k}_{2} \hat{E}(\mathbf{k}_{1}) \hat{E}^{*}(\mathbf{k}_{2}) e^{i[(\mathbf{k}_{1}-\mathbf{k}_{2})\cdot\mathbf{x}-(\omega(k_{1})-\omega(k_{2}))t]}$ 

# Higher dimensions d > 1

Chirikov resonance condition is satisfied even if bounds on  $\ \ \mathcal{O}$  And  $\ k$ 

Since  $v \cdot k = \omega$ 

**Diffusion tensor** 

$$D_{i,j}(v) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \iint d\mathbf{k} d\omega k_i k_j S(\mathbf{k}, \omega) e^{i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \omega)\tau}$$
$$D(v) = \pi \int d\mathbf{k} (\mathbf{k} \cdot \hat{v})^2 S(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \qquad \left\langle v^2 \right\rangle \sim t^{2/5} \text{ Spectral spread}$$
$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \left( v^{-(d-1)} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} v^{(d-1)} \frac{D_0}{v^3} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right) P \qquad \left\langle x^2 \right\rangle \sim t^2 \text{ ballistic}$$

Main universality class much more robust than for d=1



Same as previous figure, but for a two-dimensional system, for N=800 and parameters commonly used in the experiment.

# When does the onset of fluctuations of the potential take place?

On short distances  $l_x$ 

And short time scales

Fluctuations not important and motion is uniform acceleration



A log-log plot of average squared velocity as a function of time for one dimensional system with an optical potential and **a uniform distribution of wave-numbers over a segment**. The blue dots represent the result of the Monte-Carlo solution averaged over 20 realizations and the black solid line is the numerical solution of the Fokker-Planck equation for the velocity. The dashed black and red lines are guides for the eye with the corresponding slopes of 2, 1 and 0. The initial condition was a narrow distribution of velocities for the Fokker-Planck and x=v=0 for the Monte-Carlo calculation. The parameters used for this simulation are, V0=1e-4, kr=0.1.



A log-log plot of average squared velocity as a function of time for one dimensional system with an optical potential and a **Gaussian distribution** of wave-numbers over a disk. The blue dots represent the result of the Monte-Carlo solution averaged over 20 realizations and the black solid line is the numerical solution of the Fokker-Planck equation for the velocity. The dashed black ines are guides for the eye with the corresponding slopes of 2,1. The initial condition was a narrow distribution of velocities for the Fokker-Planck and x=v=0 for the Monte-Carlo calculation. The parameters used for this simulation are, V0=1e-2, kr=0.1.



A log-log plot of average squared velocity as a function of time for a two dimensional system with a cosine potential and a **uniform distribution** of wave-numbers over a disk. The blue dots represent the result of the Monte-Carlo solution averaged over 20 realizations and the black solid line is the numerical solution of the Fokker-Planck equation for the velocity. The dashed black lines are guides for the eye with the corresponding slopes of 2, 2/5. The initial condition was a narrow distribution of velocities for the Fokker-Planck and x=v=0 for the Monte-Carlo calculation. The parameters used for this simulation are, V0=1e-2, kr=0.1.



A log-log plot of average squared velocity as a function of time for a two dimensional system with **an optical potential** and a **uniform distribution** of wave-numbers over a disk. The blue dots represent the result of the Monte-Carlo solution averaged over 20 realizations and the black solid line is the numerical solution of the Fokker-Planck equation for the velocity. The dashed black ines are guides for the eye with the corresponding slopes of 2, 2/5. The initial condition was a narrow distribution of velocities for the Fokker-Planck and x=v=0 for the Monte-Carlo calculation. The parameters used for this simulation are, V0=1e-2, kr=0.1.

For particles for spectrally bounded potentials:

no hyper-transport for d=1

spectral hyper-transport d>1

no hyper-transport in space for d>1

**Comparison Between Particles and Waves** 

d = 1

 $|A_m| = A$ 



Log-log plots of the velocity and the position second moments vs. time in dimensionless units. Solid black line is the Fokker-Planck approximation, blue circles are Monte-Carlo of particles. Red solid line is a simulations for waves. Black dashed lines are guides for the eye. The parameters are the same as used in the experiment.

















 $A = 10^{-4}, 0.0228 \le v_i \le 0.07, \Delta_x = 0.1$ 

## summary

 A formula for the diffusion coefficient in momentum in terms of the distribution function of the Fourier components of the potential was developed. Natural

for potentials used in optics and atom optics

- 2. Classification into Universality classes and Identification of new classes.
- 3. Identification of the uniform acceleration regime for short time.
- Asymptotically particles agree with waves in present calculations (d=1)

# Spreading

For particles for spectrally bounded potentials:

no hyper-transport for d=1

spectral hyper-transport d>1

no hyper-transport in space for d>1

# Open problems

- Identification of regimes that are not uniform acceleration where Fokker— Planck fails
- 2. An analytic theory for spreading in coordinate space.
- 3. Is there a regime of high momentum where waves spread in a way fundamentally different from particles?