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Nonlinear Lattice Waves: Classical and Quantum  
(second part)

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# Nonlinear Lattice Waves: Classical and Quantum

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## Three lectures and one tutorial:

- discrete breathers – localization in real space
- q-breathers – localization in mode space
- tutorial: quantizing discrete breathers
- the problem of weak passwords: chaos, criticality, and p-captchas

# **q-breathers: Localization in Normal Mode Space, and the Fermi-Pasta-Ulam Problem**



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## **Road map:**

- paradox and problems
- KAM, FPU and Toda
- periodic orbits (q-breathers)
- scaling

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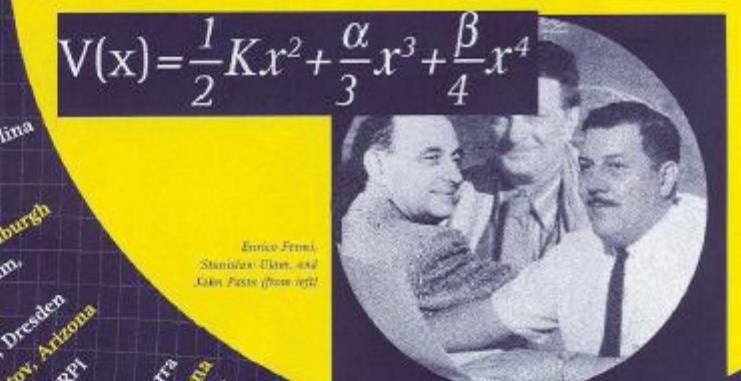
**PART ONE:**

**THE PARADOX AND  
THE PROBLEMS**

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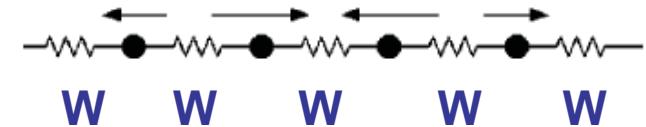
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- R. Austin, Princeton
- A. Bishop, LANL\*
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- D. Campbell, BU
- T. Dauxois, Lyon
- C. Elbeek, Edinburgh
- M. Feigenbaum, Rockefeller
- S. Flach, Dresden
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## 50 Years of the Fermi–Pastor–Ulam Problem: *Legacy, Impact, and Beyond*

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}Kx^2 + \frac{\alpha}{3}x^3 + \frac{\beta}{4}x^4$$


$$H = \sum_l \left[ \frac{1}{2} p_l^2 + W(x_l - x_{l-1}) \right]$$

$$\ddot{x}_l = -W'(x_l - x_{l-1}) + W'(x_{l+1} - x_l)$$

**The equations of motion are for a nonlinear finite atomic chain with fixed boundaries and nearest neighbour interaction**

**$N$  particles,  $x_0 = x_{N+1} = 0$ :**

$$x_n(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{N+1}} \sum_{q=1}^N Q_q(t) \sin\left(\frac{\pi q n}{N+1}\right), \quad \omega_q = 2 \sin(\pi q / 2(N+1))$$

**$\alpha$  model ( $\beta = 0, \alpha \neq 0$ ):**

$$\ddot{Q}_q + \omega_q^2 Q_q = -\frac{\alpha \sum_{i,j=1}^N A_{q,i,j} Q_i Q_j}{\sqrt{2(N+1)}}$$

**$\beta$  model ( $\beta \neq 0, \alpha = 0$ ):**

$$\ddot{Q}_q + \omega_q^2 Q_q = -\frac{\beta \sum_{i,j,m=1}^N C_{q,i,j,m} Q_i Q_j Q_m}{2(N+1)}$$

**The interaction between the modes is purely nonlinear, selective but long-ranged!**

## The structure of the nonlinear coupling for the $\alpha$ -FPU model

$$\ddot{Q}_q + \omega_q^2 Q_q = - \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2(N+1)}} \sum_{l,m=1}^N \omega_q \omega_l \omega_m B_{q,l,m} Q_l Q_m$$

$$B_{q,l,m} = \sum_{\pm} (\delta_{q \pm l \pm m, 0} - \delta_{q \pm l \pm m, 2(N+1)})$$

The harmonic energy of a normal mode with mode number q:

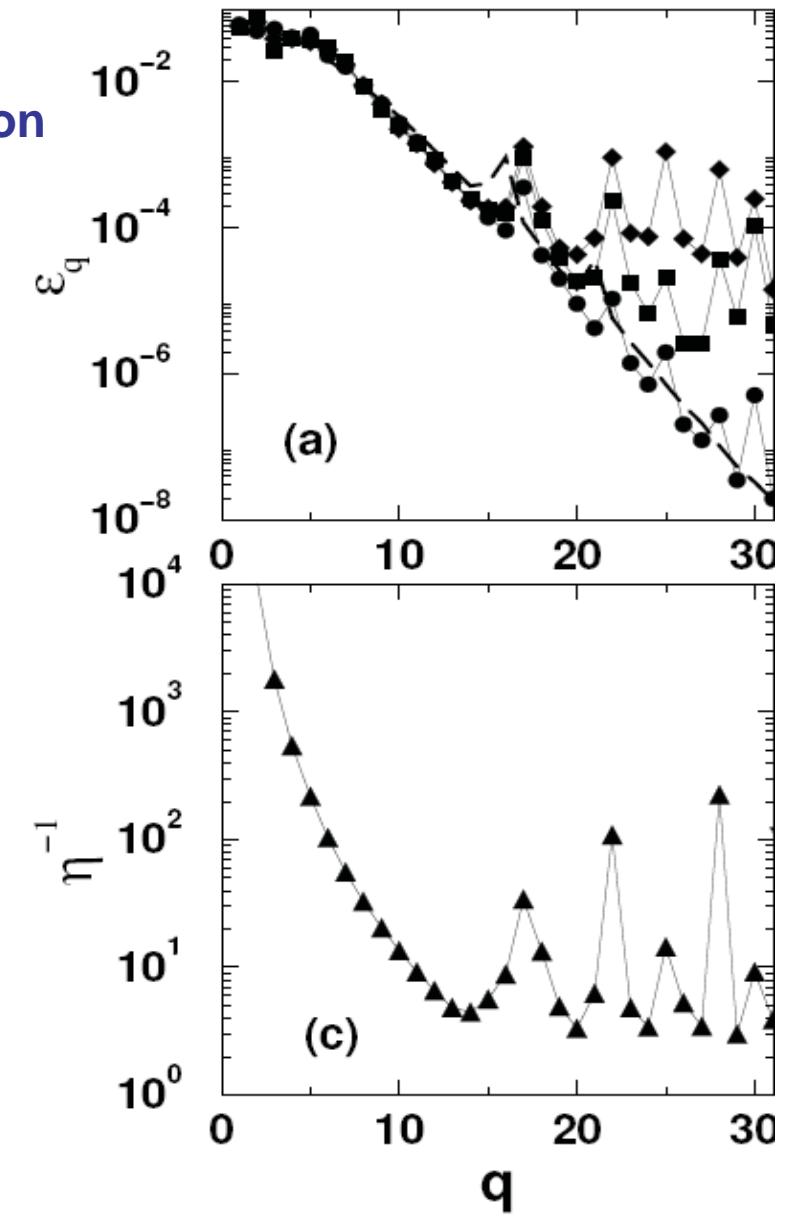
$$E_q = \frac{1}{2} (\dot{Q}_q^2 + \omega_q^2 Q_q^2)$$

## FPU-paradox Fermi, Pasta, Ulam, Tsingou(1955) :

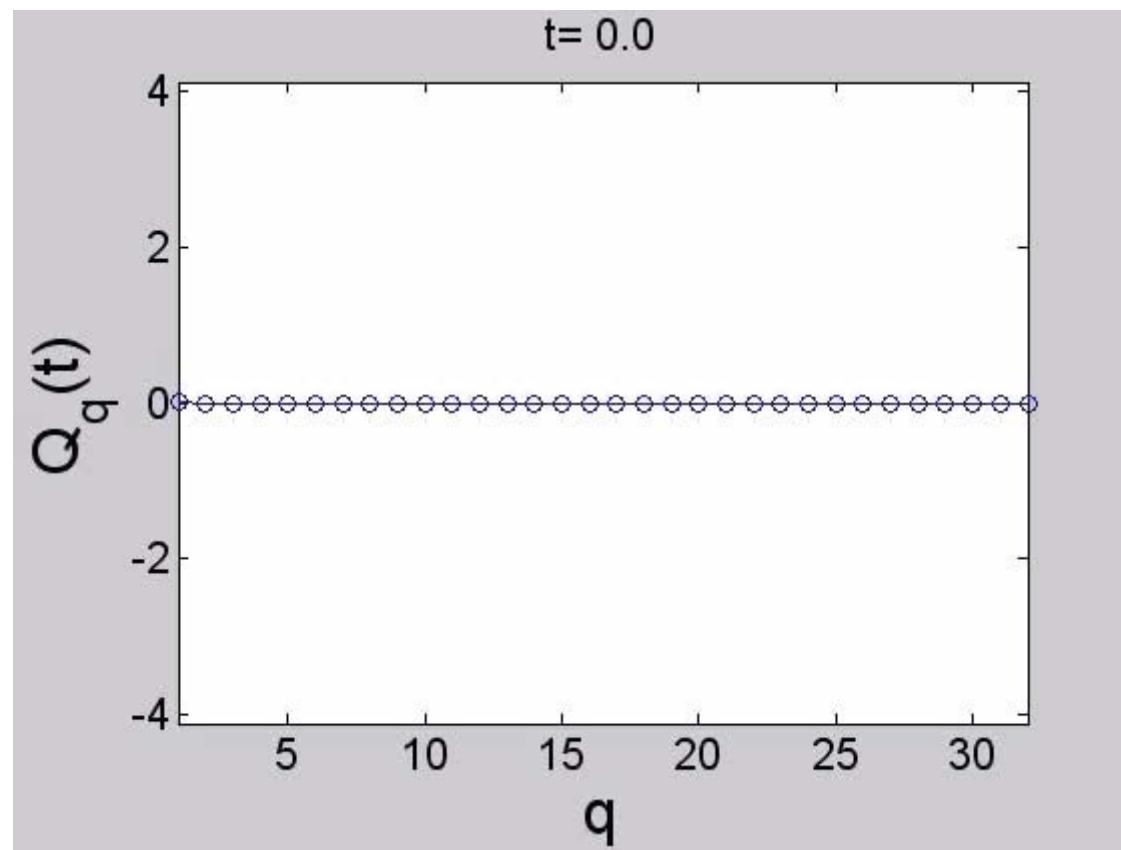
- excite  $q = 1$  mode
- observe nonequipartition of mode energies
- no transition to thermal equilibrium
- energy is localized in a few modes for long time **FPU 1**
- recurrence of energy into initially excited mode **FPU 2**
- two thresholds in energy and  $N$  **FPU 3**
- two pathways of understanding:
  - stochasticity thresholds, nonlinear resonances, similarity to Landau's quasiparticle approach Israilev, Chirikov (1965)
  - continuum limit, KdV, solitons Zabusky, Kruskal (1965)

Galgani and Scotti (1972): exponential localization

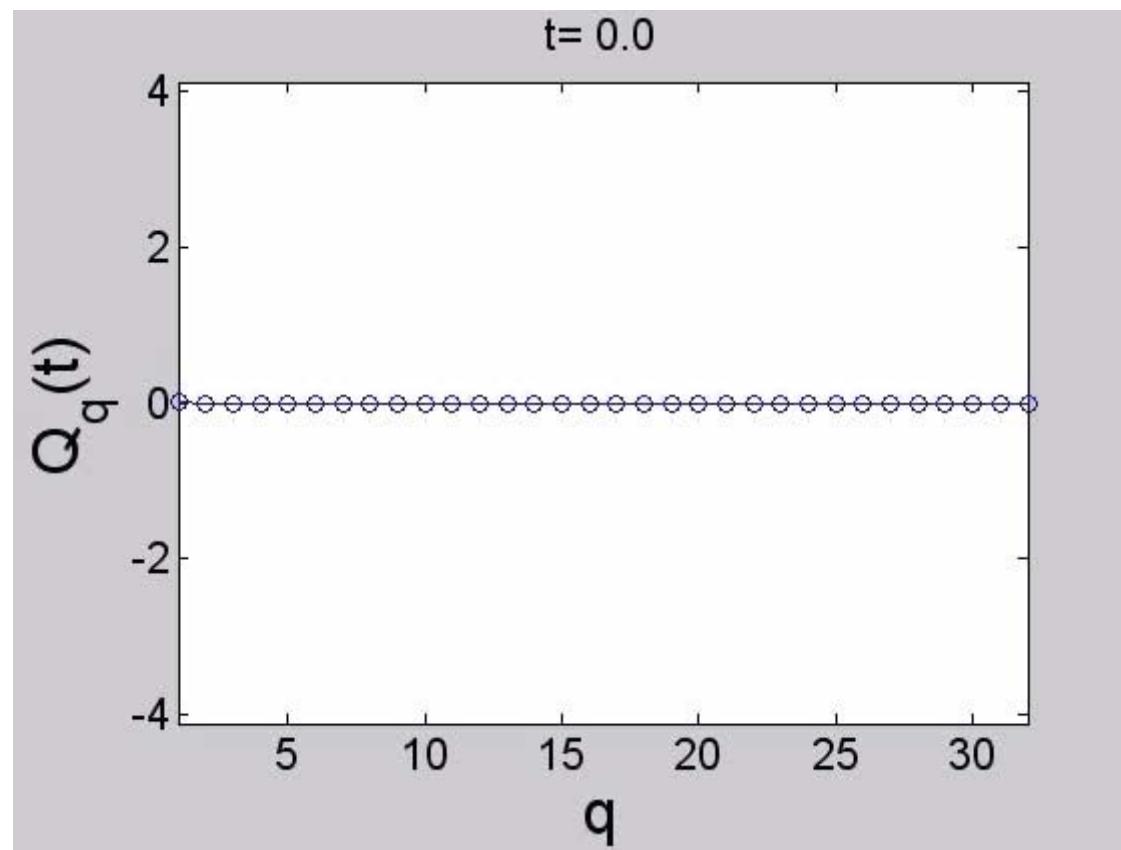
Movies: let us see what FPU observed



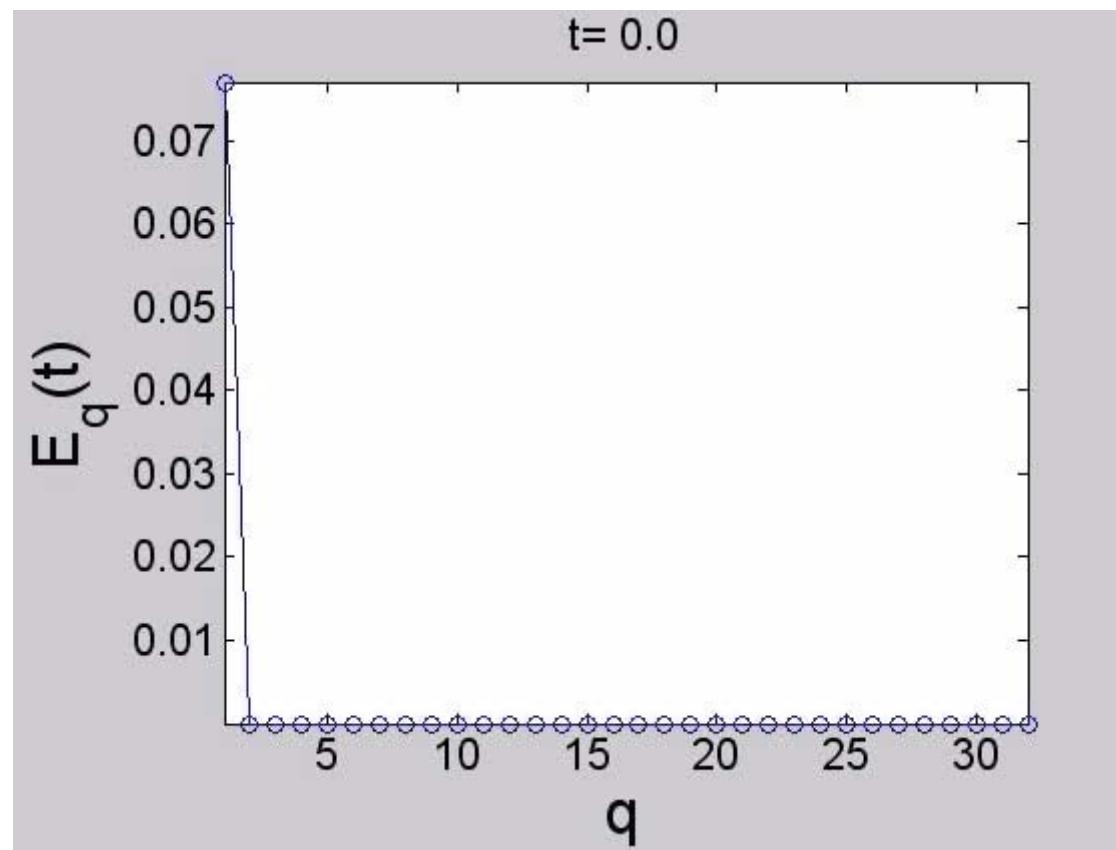
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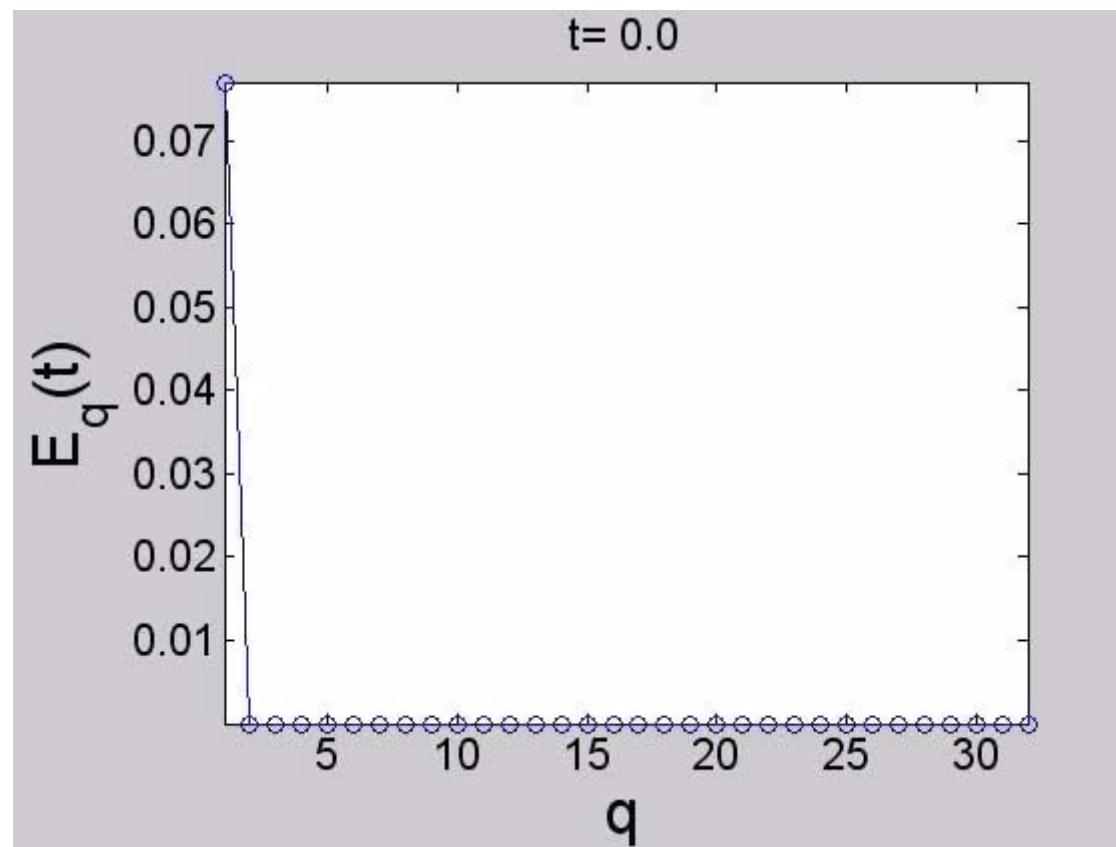
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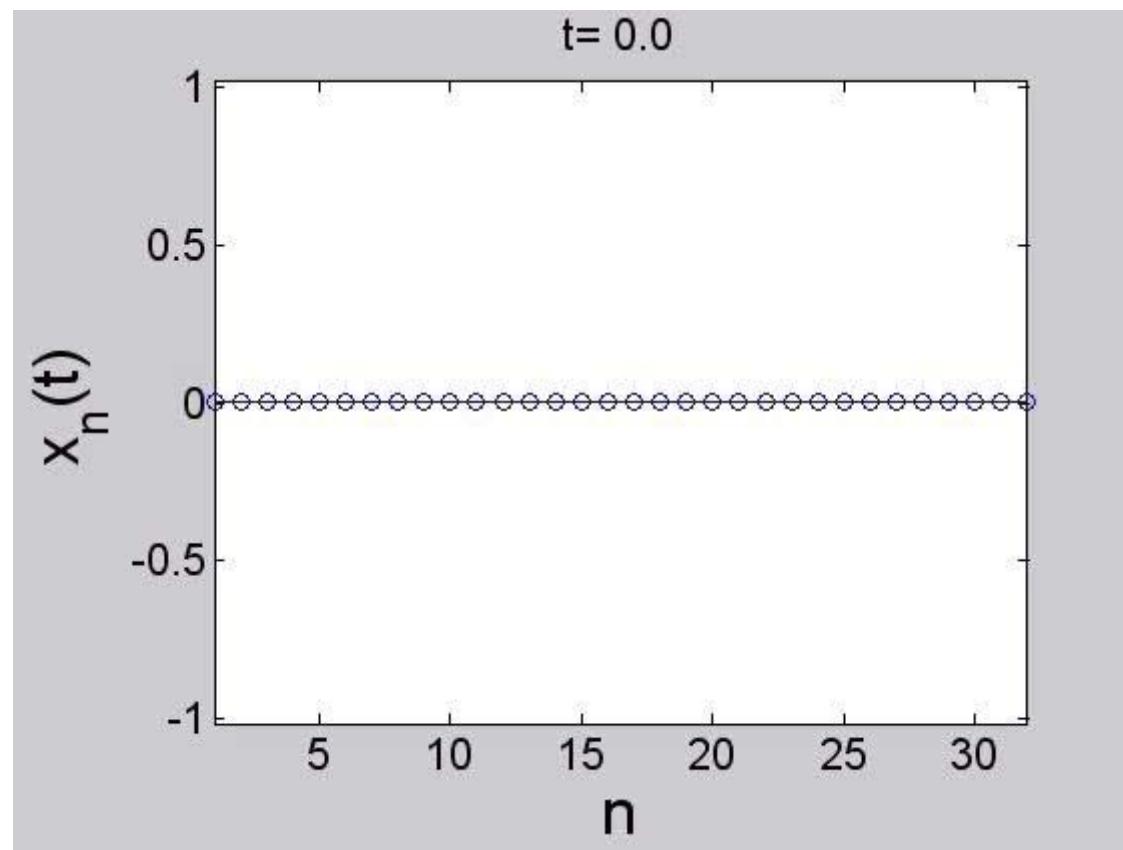
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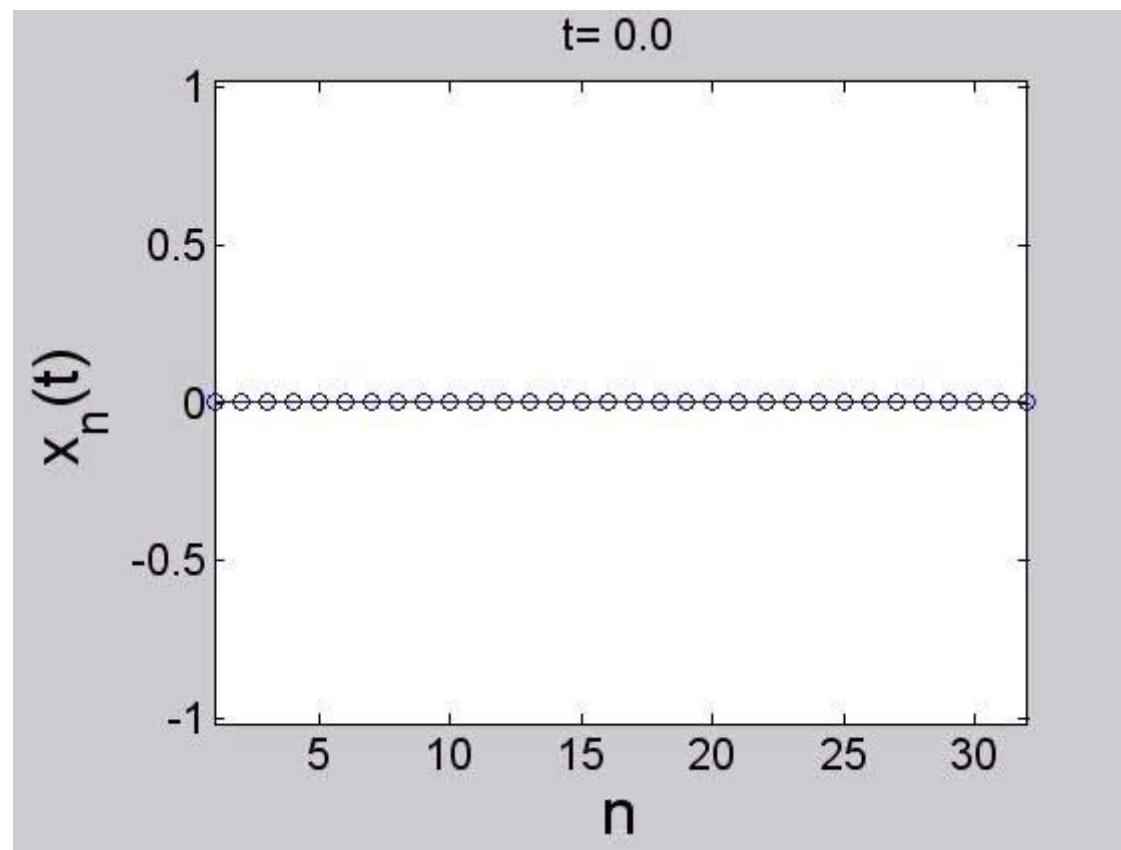
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## Evolution of real space displacements



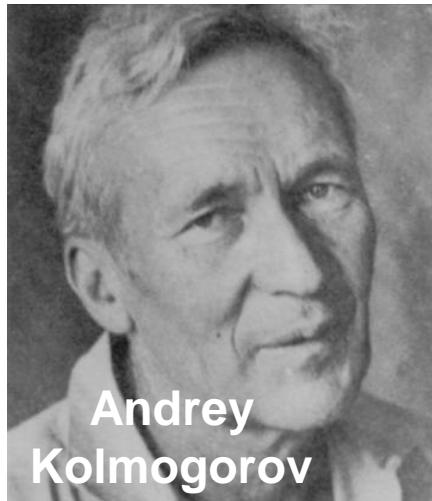
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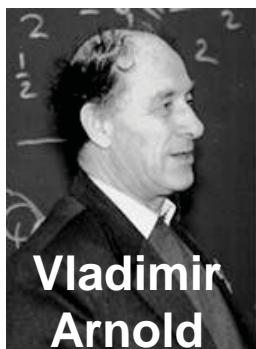
# Kolmogorov – Arnold – Moser (KAM) theory

A.N. Kolmogorov,

Dokl. Akad. Nauk SSSR, 1954.  
Proc. 1954 Int. Congress of  
Mathematics, North-Holland, 1957



Andrey  
Kolmogorov



Vladimir  
Arnold



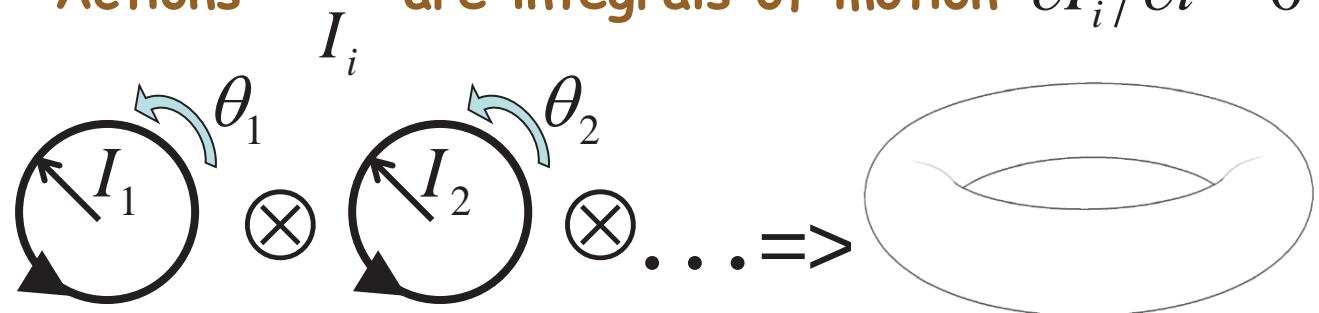
Jurgen  
Moser

Integrable classical Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_0$ ,  $d > 1$ :

Separation of variables:  $d$  sets of action-angle variables

$$I_1, \theta_1 = 2\pi\omega_1 t; \dots, I_d, \theta_d = 2\pi\omega_d t; \dots$$

Quasiperiodic motion: set of the frequencies,  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_d$  which are in general incommensurate  
Actions are integrals of motion  $\partial I_i / \partial t = 0$



Q:

Will an arbitrary weak perturbation  $V$  of the integrable Hamiltonian  $H_0$  destroy the tori and make the motion ergodic (when each point at the energy shell will be reached sooner or later)?

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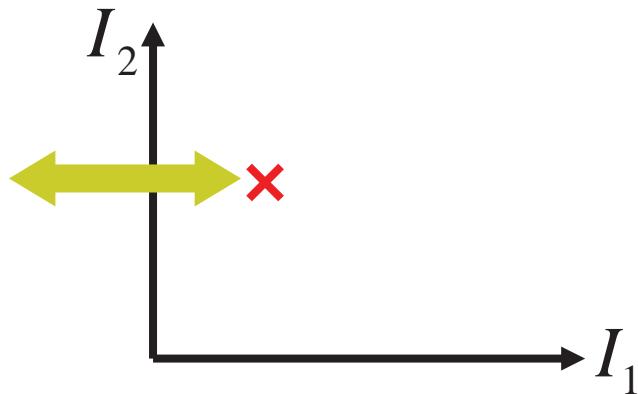
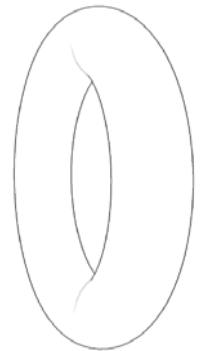
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Most of the tori survive weak and smooth enough perturbations

KAM theorem

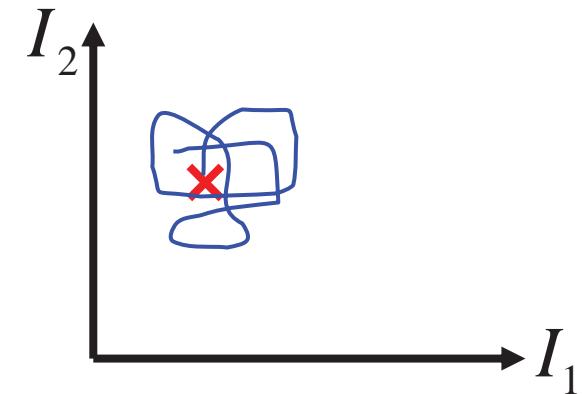
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Most of the tori survive weak and smooth enough perturbations



Each point in the space of the **integrals of motion** corresponds to a torus and vice versa

$$\hat{V} \neq 0$$



Finite motion.  
Localization in the space of the integrals of motion ?

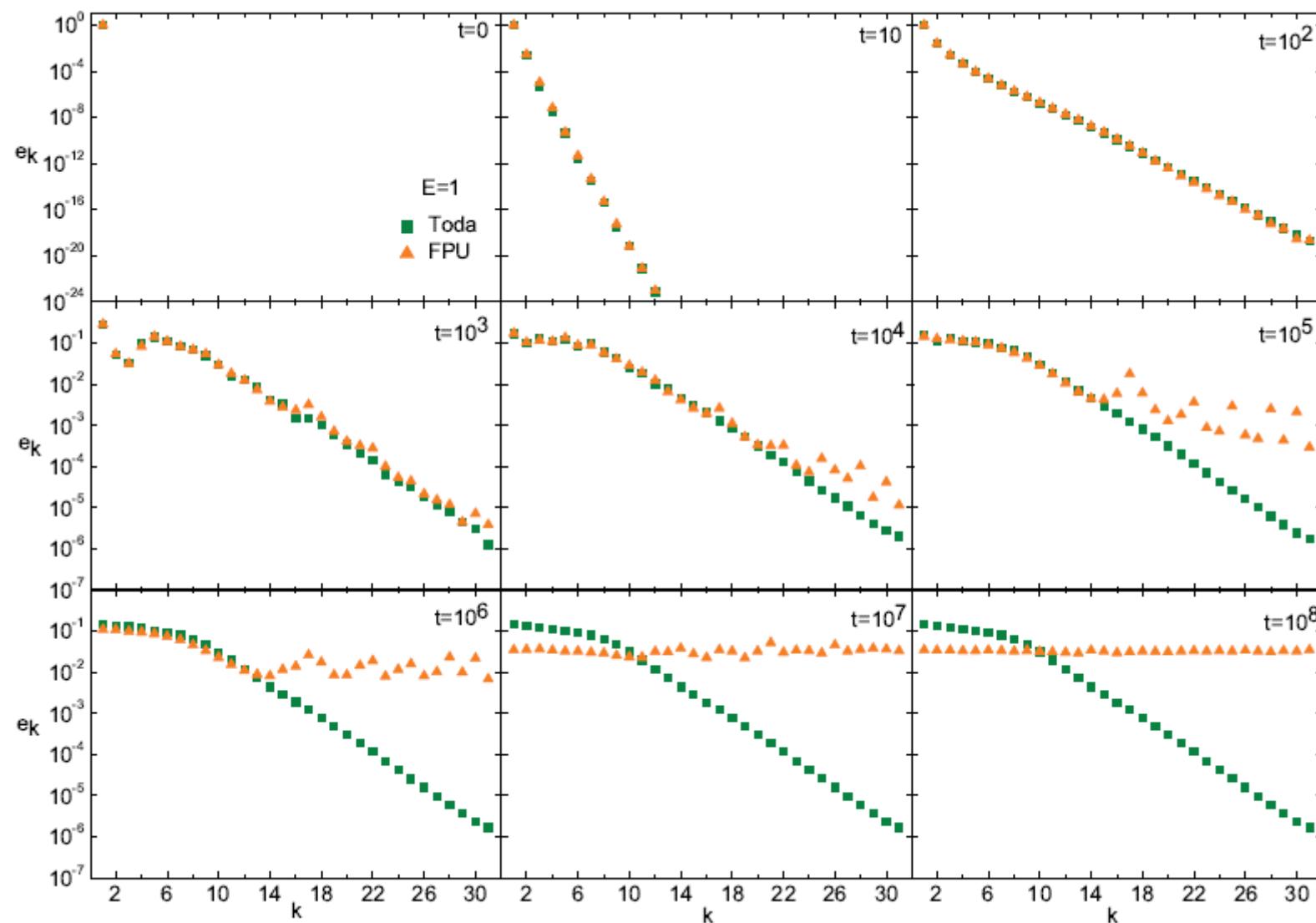
- KAM applies to finite systems
- Does it apply to waves in infinite systems?
- How are KAM thresholds scaling with number of degrees of freedom?
- Will nonlinear waves observe KAM regime?
- If they do – then localization remains
- If they do not – waves can delocalize

## Comparing the integrable Toda to the nonintegrable FPU

$$H_T(q, p) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left[ \frac{p_n^2}{2} + \frac{e^{2\alpha(q_{n+1} - q_n)} - 1}{4\alpha^2} \right]$$

$$H_\alpha(q, p) = H_T(q, p) - \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_{r \geq 4} (2\alpha)^{r-2} \frac{(q_{n+1} - q_n)^r}{r!}$$

E. Christodoulidi, A. Ponno, Ch. Skokos, SF, Chaos, in print; ; arxiv1107.2626

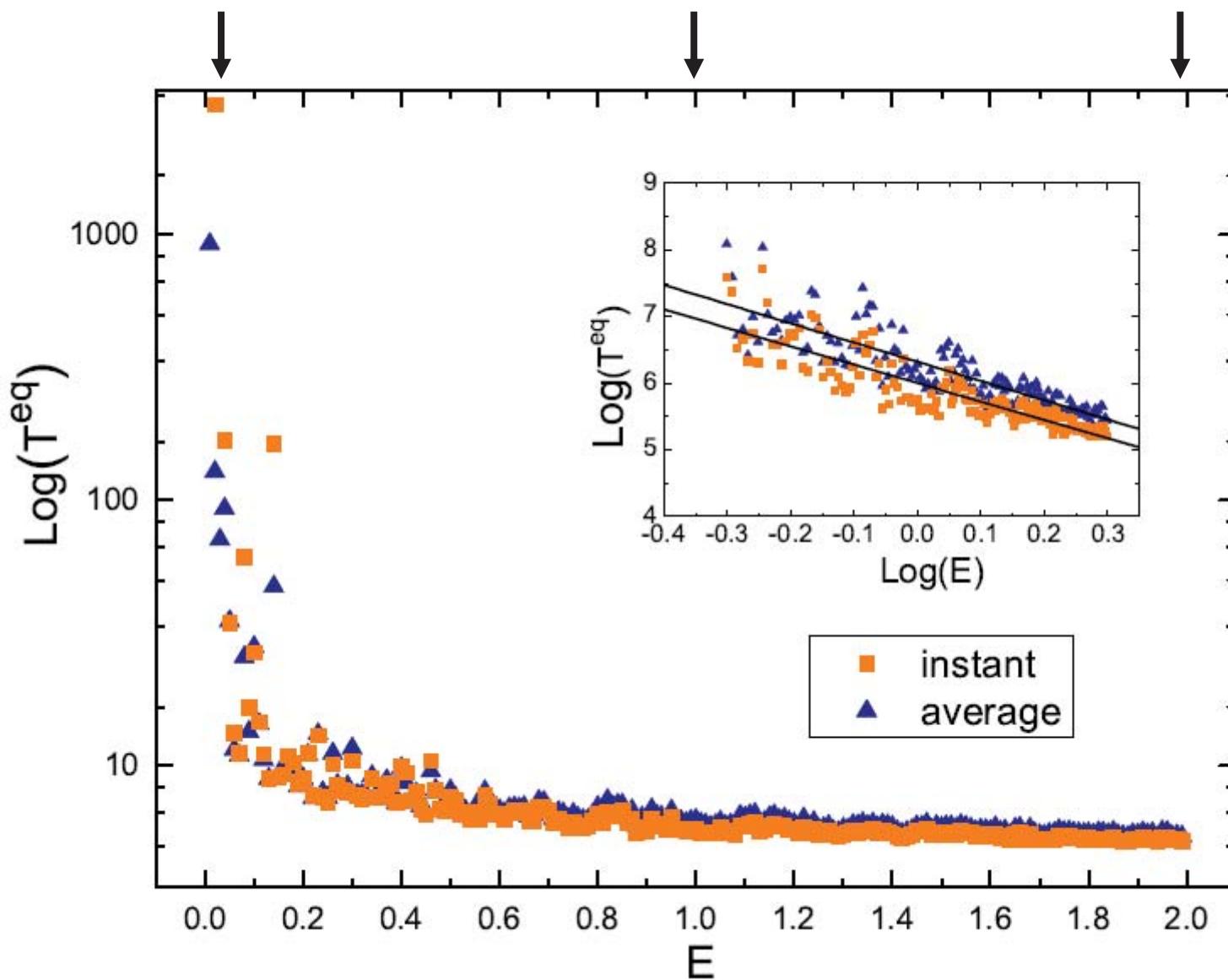


**T1=10<sup>2</sup> ; T2=10<sup>8</sup>**

T2 infinite? KAM?

T2 >> T1 : weak chaos

T2=T1 : strong chaos



**PART TWO:**

**q-BREATHERS**

## q-breathers - the recipe

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- start with  $\alpha = \beta = 0$  and some finite size  $N$
- consider periodic orbits  $Q_{q \neq q_0} = \dot{Q}_{q \neq q_0} = 0$
- choose one with energy  $E_{q_0}$
- gradually switch on nonlinearity (interaction)  $\alpha, \beta$  and continue periodic orbit at the same chosen energy

You will obtain a q-breather:  
a time-periodic solution localized in  $q$ -space

The observed FPU-paradox including the famous recurrence is a perturbed q-breather trajectory, recurrence is just beating

Existence proof by Flach et al (2006): use nonresonance for finite  $N$  and Lyapunov orbit continuation!

**Nonresonance condition (follows from Conway/Jones 1976):**

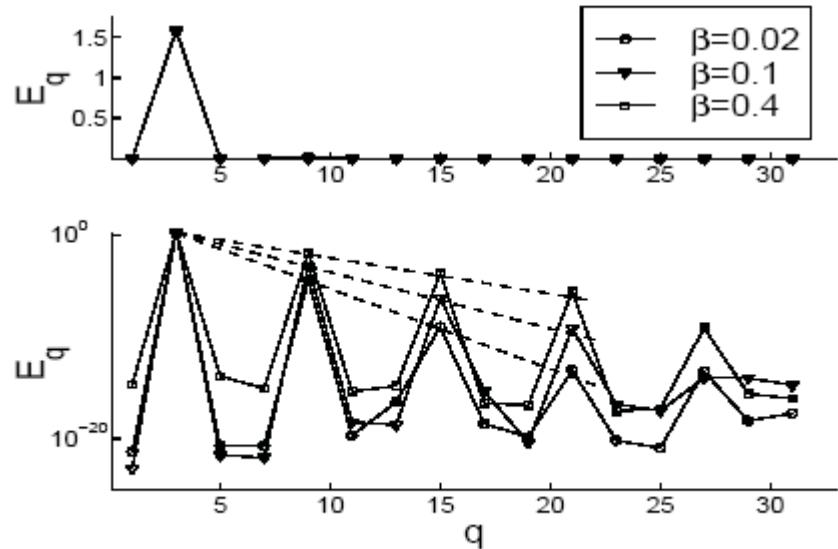
$$n\omega_{q_0} \neq \omega_{q \neq q_0}$$

**And Lyapunov's Theorem for Non-Degenerate Weakly Coupled Anharmonic Oscillators**

**SO WE NEED A FINITE SYSTEM IN REAL SPACE!**

## The $\beta$ model case

Numerical solutions for  $N = 32$ ,  $q_0 = 3$ , only odd modes are excited:



Asymptotic expansion of solution:

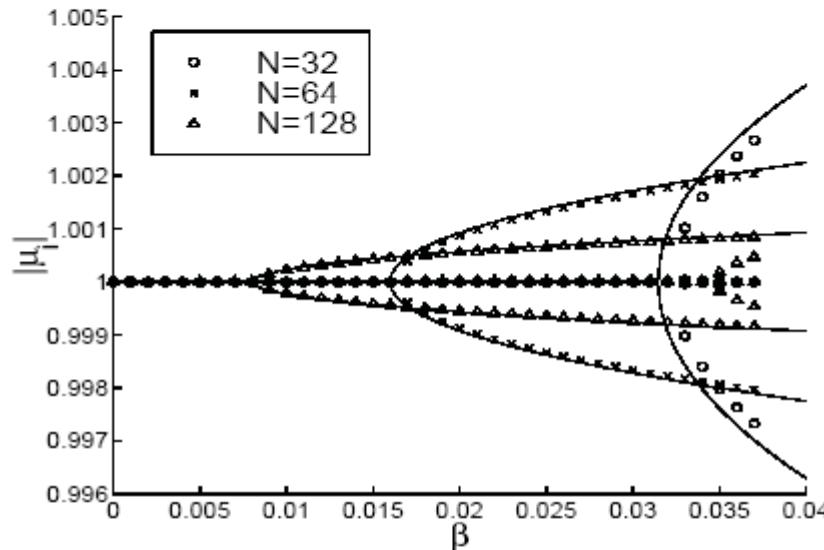
$$E_{(2n+1)q_0} = \lambda^{2n} E_{q_0}, \quad \lambda = \frac{3\beta E_{q_0}(N+1)}{8\pi^2 q_0^2}$$

coincides with boundary estimate of natural packet by Shepelyansky!

QB solution localizes exponentially with exponent  $\ln \lambda/q_0$

Cascade-like perturbation theory  $3, 3+3+3=9, 9+3+3=15, 15+3+3=21, \text{etc}$

## Numerical computation of Floquet eigenvalues



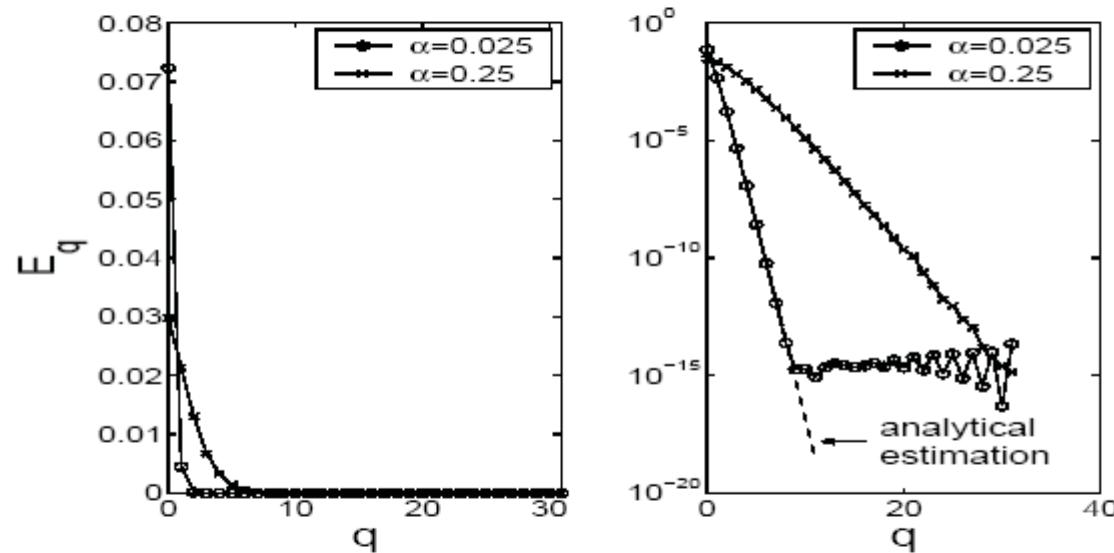
**Secular perturbation theory:**

$$|\mu_{j_1 j_2}| = 1 \pm \frac{\pi^3}{4(N+1)^2} \sqrt{R - 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{N^2}\right)}, \quad R = 6\beta E(N+1)/\pi^2$$

The QB solution turns unstable for  $R = 1$ .  
 This condition coincides with the transition to weak chaos according  
 to DeLuca, Lichtenberg, Liebermann!

## The $\alpha$ model case

Numerical solutions for  $N = 32$ ,  $q_0 = 1$ ,  
energy 0.077 of original FPU trajectory:

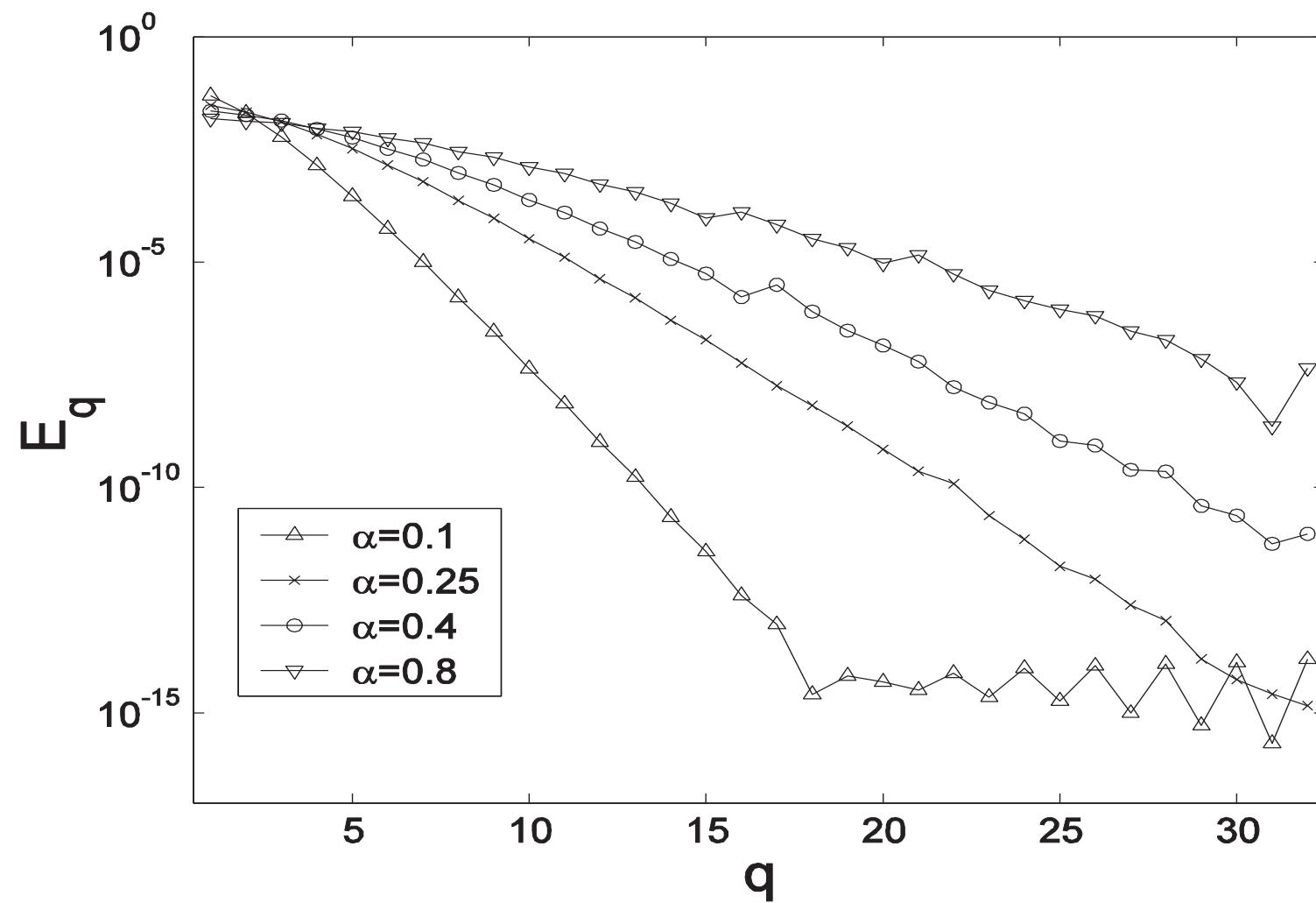


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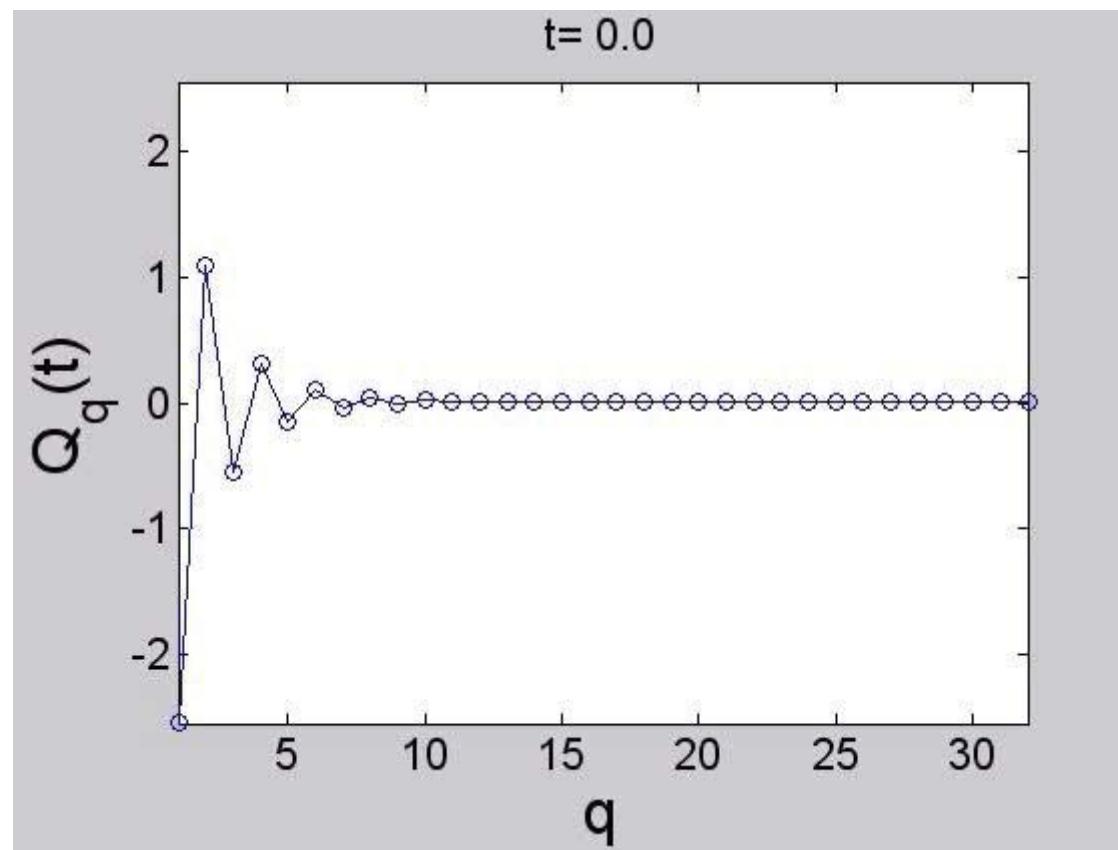
$$E_{nq_0} = \epsilon^{2n-2} n^2 E_{q_0}, \quad \epsilon = \frac{\alpha \sqrt{E_{q_0}^{(0)}} (N+1)^{3/2}}{\pi^2 q_0^2}$$

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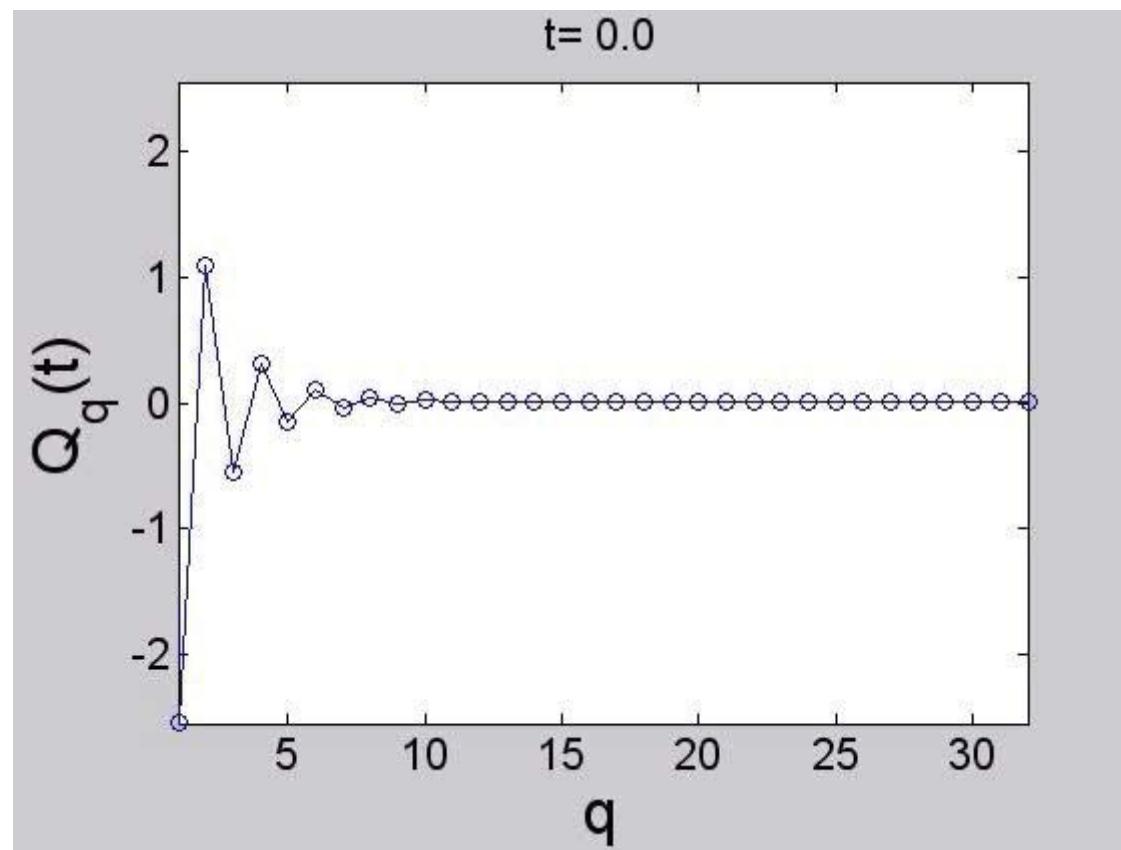
QB solution localizes exponentially with exponent  $2 \ln \epsilon / q_0$



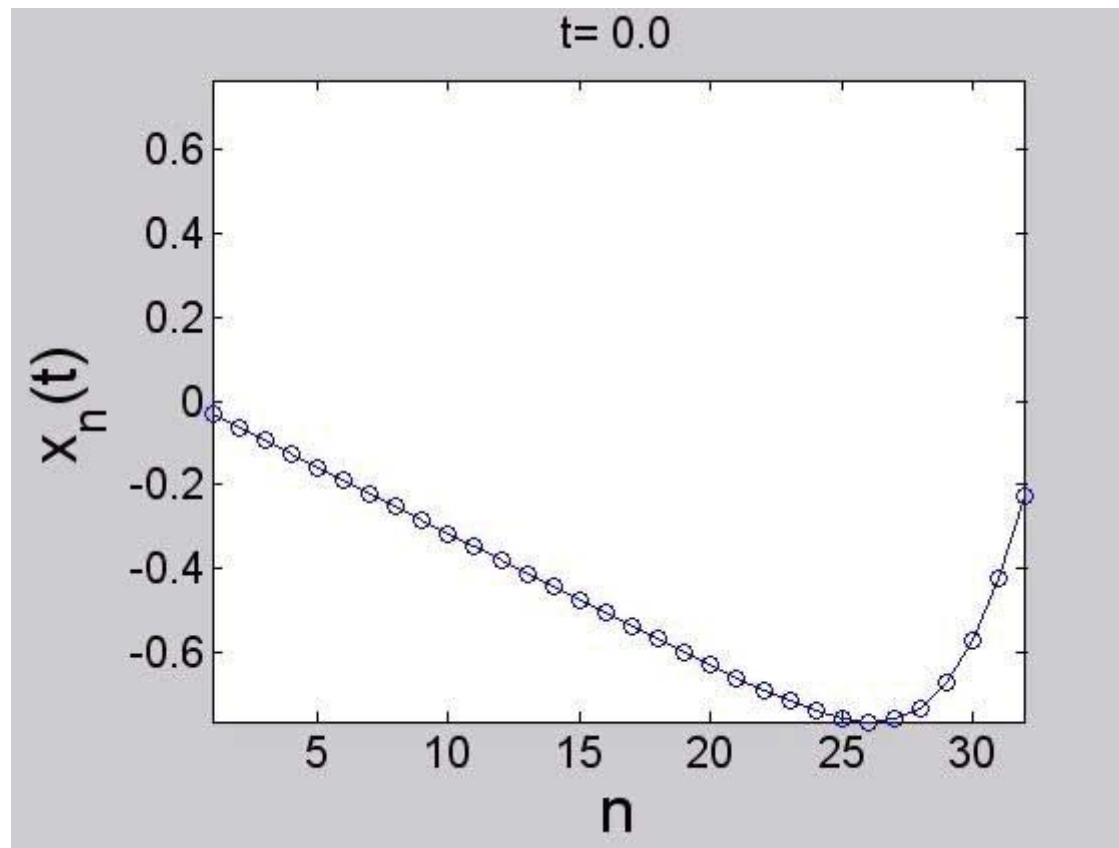
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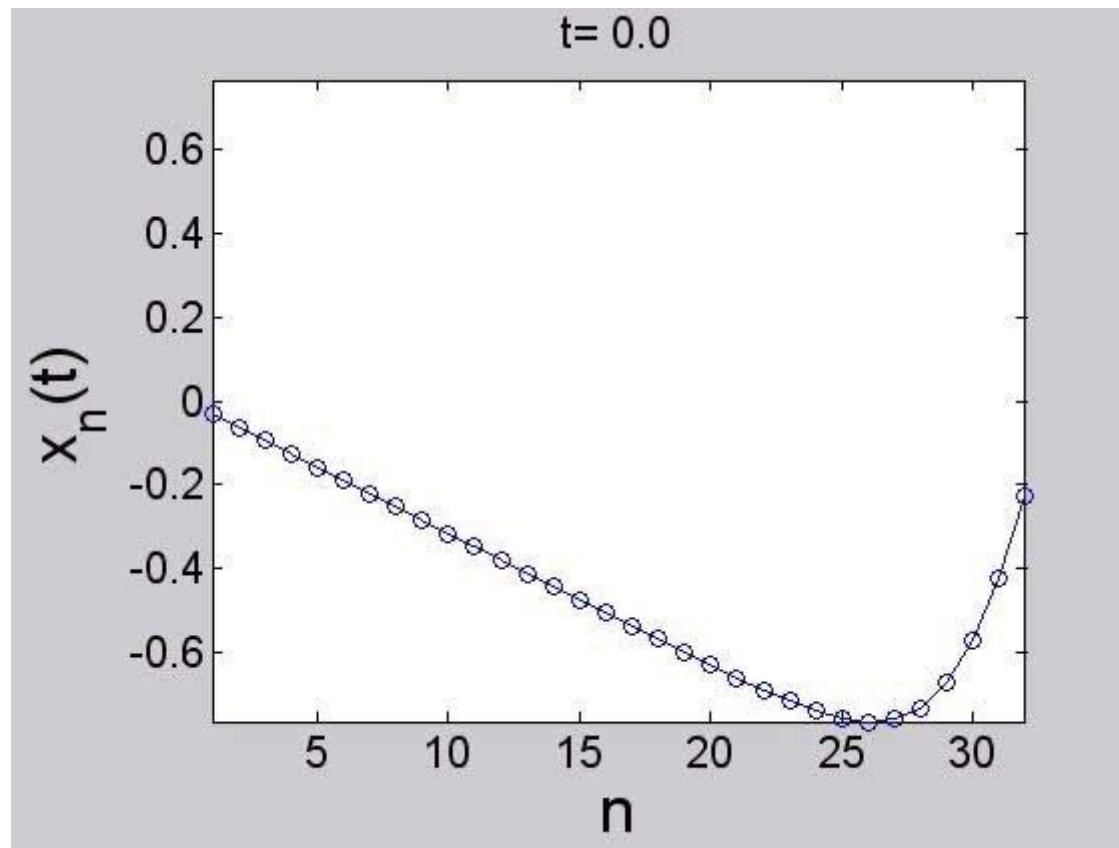
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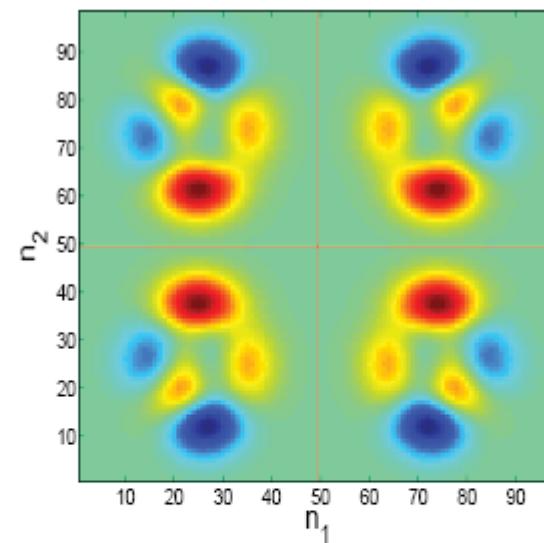
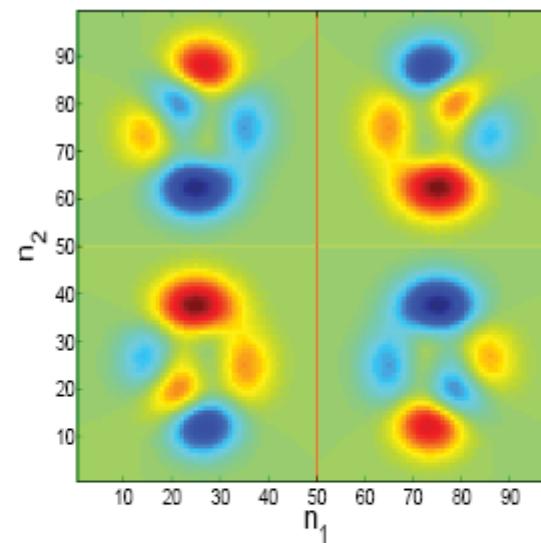
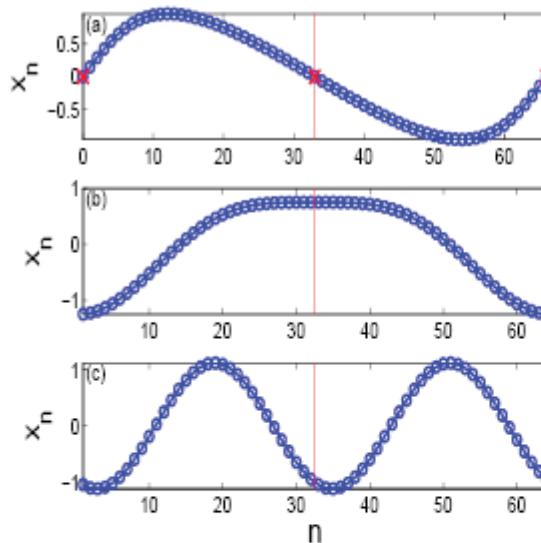
**GOING BEYOND**

## Scaling of q-breathers to large system size

Establish existence of q-breather for given size  $N$  and any boundary condition, consider new size  $rN$  and scale!

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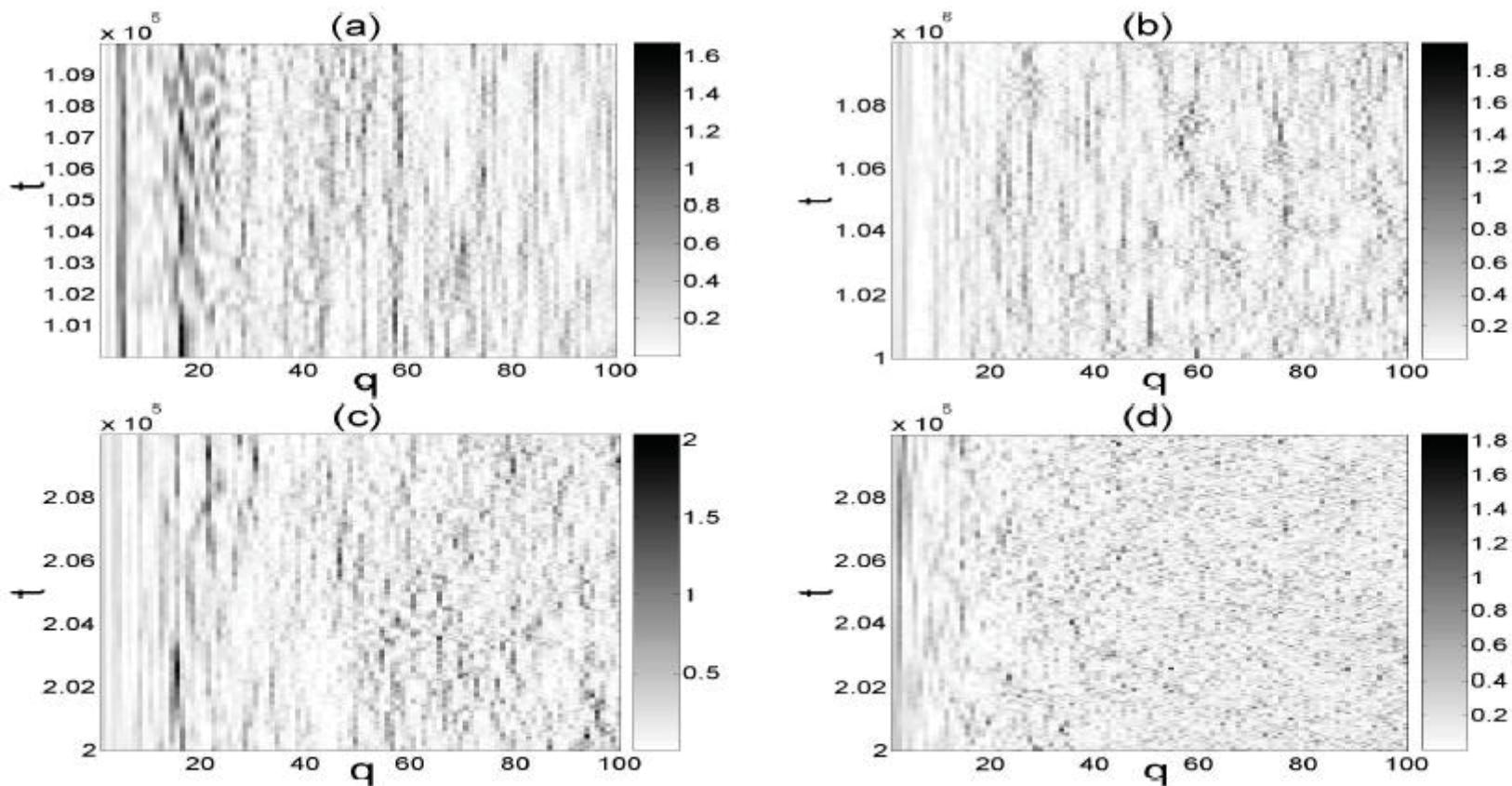
$$\tilde{Q}_{\tilde{q}}(t) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{r}Q_q(t) & \tilde{q} = rq, \\ 0 & \tilde{q} \neq rq, \end{cases} \quad q = 1, N$$



Thus scaled q-breathers exist for infinite size systems!

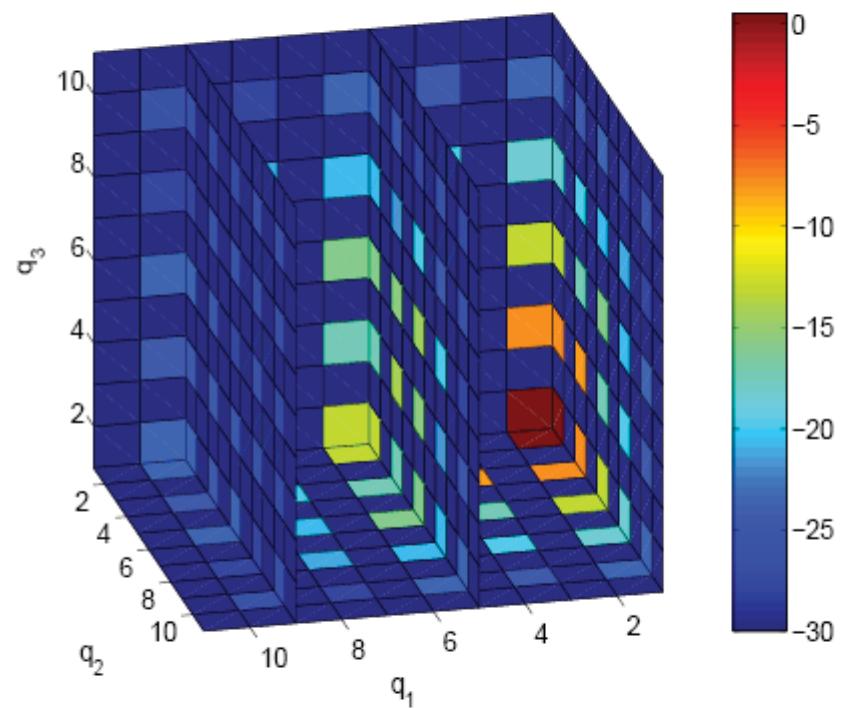
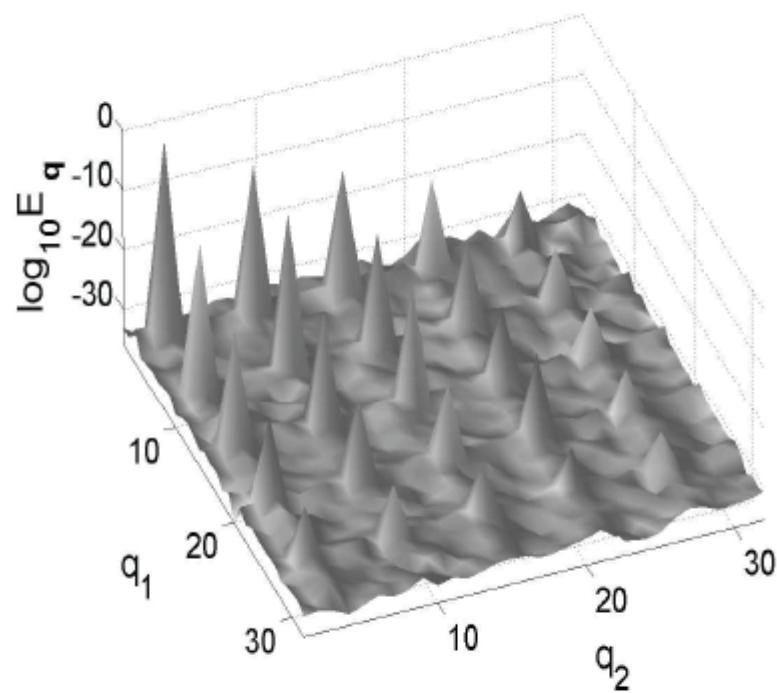
## Dynamics in 'thermal' equilibrium

Space-time plots of modes energies  $E_q$  evolving from the random initial conditions for  $N = 100, E/N = 0.2$  and (a)  $\beta = 0.05$ , (b)  $\beta = 0.05$ , (c)  $\beta = 0.1$ , (d)  $\beta = 0.4$ .



## Generalization to two- and three-dimensional lattices

PRL 97 (2006) 025505



## Summarizing the $q$ -breather results

- Further reading:
- PRL 95 (2005) 064102
  - PRE 73 (2006) 036618
  - PRL 97 (2006) 025505
  - PLA 365 (2007) 416
  - Chaos 17 (2007) 023102
  - Am J Phys 76 (2008) 453
  - New J Phys 10 (2008) 073034
  - Chaos in print; arxiv1107.2626

- Existence of  $q$ -breathers, their stability and localization in  $q$ -space explains nonequipartition (**FPU-1**)
- Localized perturbation of localized  $q$ -breathers - evolution on low-dimensional tori, rather short recurrence times (**FPU-2**)
- Stability thresholds of  $q$ -breathers - weak stochasticity thresholds; Localization thresholds of  $q$ -breathers - equipartition thresholds (**FPU-3**)
- $q$ -breather concept can be applied to other nonlinear chains, higher dimensional nonlinear lattices, any nonlinear spatially extended dynamical system on a finite spatial domain (including continua)
- Quantization of  $q$ -breathers straightforward - quantum dressed phonons in finite systems

## Take Home Messages

- **nonlinear dynamical systems – nonintegrability, chaos**
- **quasiperiodic motion destroyed, BUT:**
- **periodic orbits are generic low-d invariant manifolds**
- **spatial lattices: POs localize in real space – discrete breathers**
- **normal modes: POs localize in mode space – q-breathers**
- **breathers are essential periodic orbits which describe the evolution of relevant mode-mode interactions, correlations in and relaxations of complex systems**