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## Glossary

**Particles:** zero/full transmission below/above barrier, no interference, phase does not matter

**Waves:** partial transmission below/above barrier, interference, phase matters

**Quantum / classical waves:**  
Identical description for single qm particle / linear case

**Quantum many body waves:** linear equations in VERY high-dimensional Hilbert (vector) space

**Classical nonlinear waves:** nonlinear equations, e.g. from mean field approximation for MANY quantum particles

**Nonlinearity:** wave-wave (mode-mode) interactions

**Localization:** waves start to travel, but never get away

# Anderson localization



**Philip W. Anderson**  
The Nobel Prize in Physics 1977

## Nobel Lecture

Nobel Lecture, December 8, 1977

### Local Moments and Localized States

I was cited for work both in the field of magnetism and in that of disordered systems, and I would like to describe here one development in each held which was specifically mentioned in that citation. The two theories I will discuss differed sharply in some ways. The theory of local moments in metals was, in a sense, easy: it was the condensation into a simple mathematical model of ideas which were very much in the air at the time, and it had rapid and permanent acceptance because of its timeliness and its relative simplicity. What mathematical difficulty it contained has been almost fully cleared up within the past few years.

Localization was a different matter: very few believed it at the time, and even fewer saw its importance; among those who failed to fully understand it at first was certainly its author. It has yet to receive adequate mathematical treatment, and one has to resort to the indignity of numerical simulations to settle even the simplest questions about it .

# Experimental Evidence for Anderson Localization

waves in disordered media – Anderson localization for:  
electrons, phonons, photons, BEC, ...

**Electrons:** in: Akkermans et al 2006

**Ultrasound:** Weaver 1990

**Microwaves:** Dalichaoush et al 1991, Chabanov/Pradhan/ et al 2000

**Light:** Wiersma et al 1997, Scheffold et al 1999, Stoerzer et al 2006, Schwartz et al 2007, Lahini et al 2008

**BEC:** Billy et al 2008, Roati et al 2008

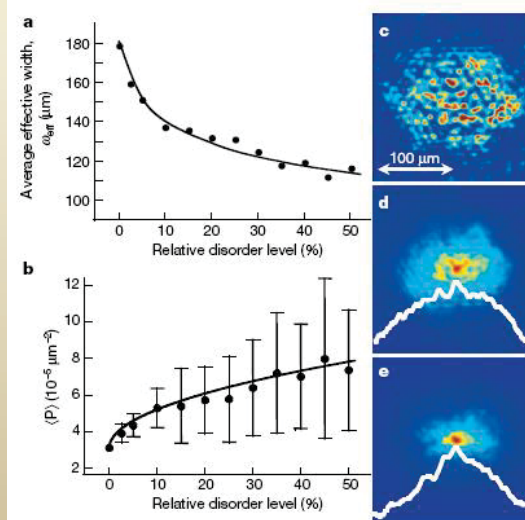
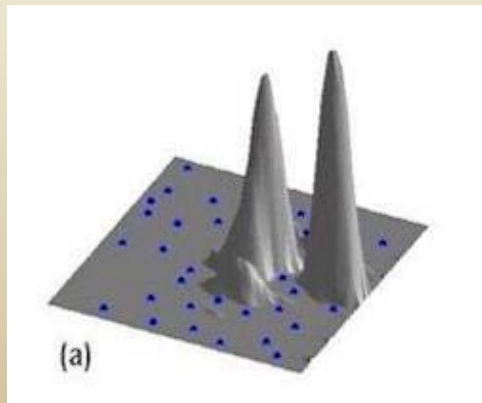


Figure 2 | Experimental results for propagation in disordered lattices.

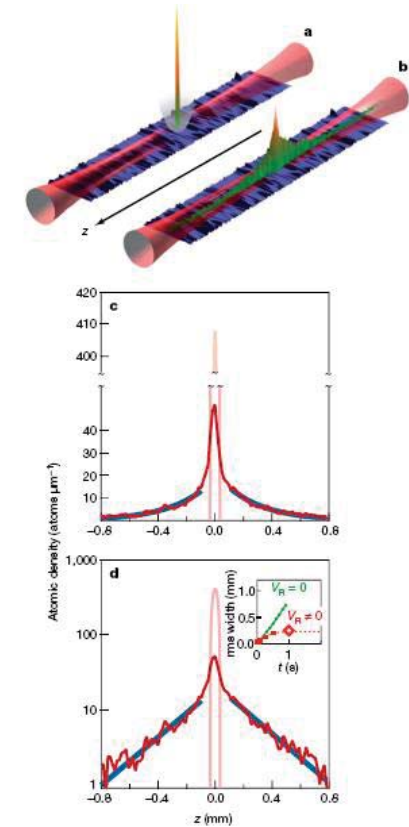


Figure 1 | Observation of exponential localization. a, A small BEC

**Anderson Localization of Expanding Bose-Einstein Condensates in Random Potentials**L. Sanchez-Palencia,<sup>1</sup> D. Clément,<sup>1</sup> P. Lugan,<sup>1</sup> P. Bouyer,<sup>1</sup> G. V. Shlyapnikov,<sup>2,3</sup> and A. Aspect<sup>1</sup><sup>1</sup>Laboratoire Charles Fabry de l'Institut d'Optique, CNRS and Univ. Paris-Sud, Campus Polytechnique,  
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LETTERS

**Direct observation of Anderson localization of matter waves in a controlled disorder**Juliette Billy<sup>1</sup>, Vincent Josse<sup>1</sup>, Zhiandun Zou<sup>1</sup>, Alain Bernard<sup>1</sup>, Ben Hambrecht<sup>1</sup>, Pierre Lugan<sup>1</sup>, David Clément<sup>1</sup>, Laurent Sanchez-Palencia<sup>1</sup>, Philippe Bouyer<sup>1</sup> & Alain Aspect<sup>1</sup>**Observing single-particle Anderson localization with Bose-Einstein condensates**

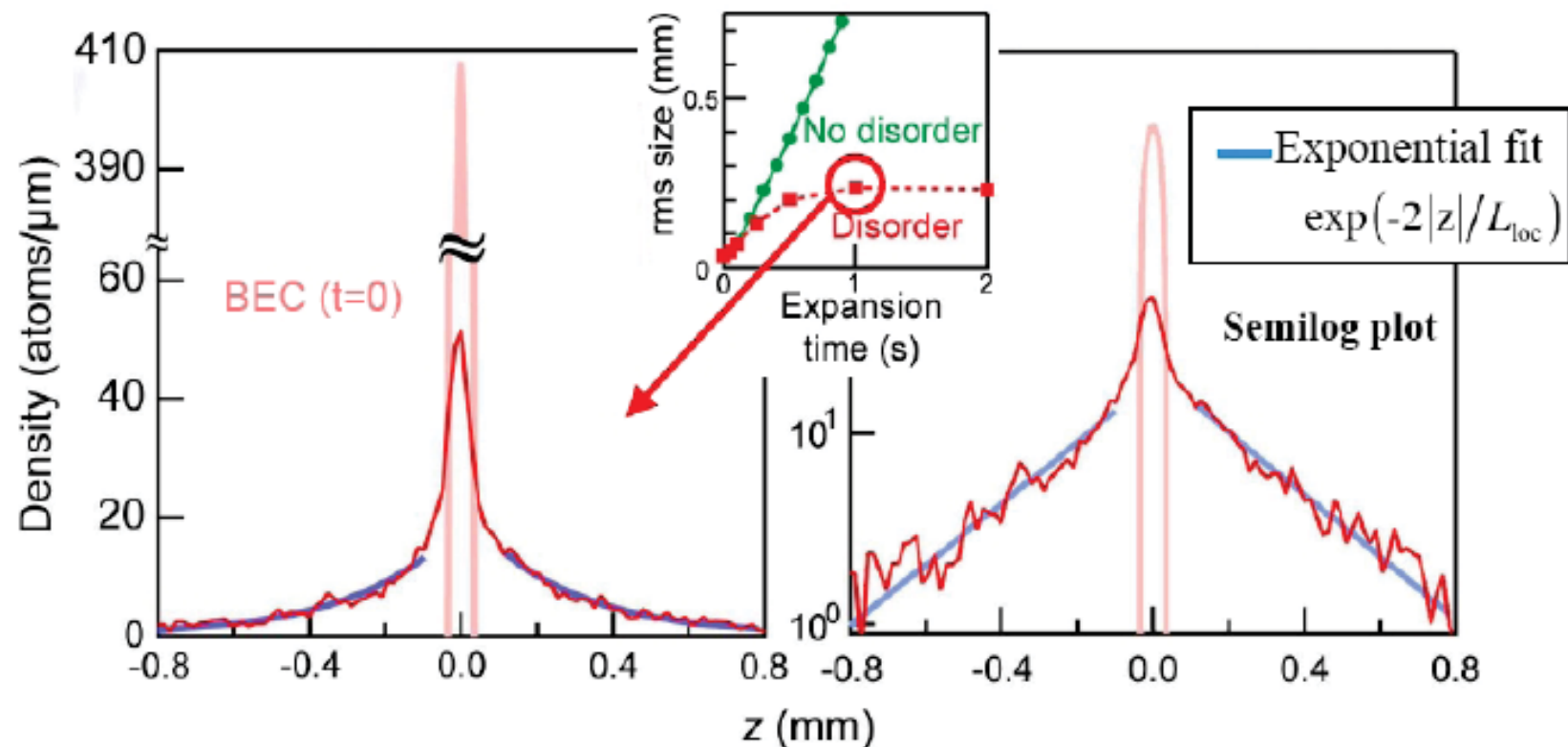


# Observation of the signature of AL

BEC parameters :  $N=1.7 \cdot 10^4$  atoms, ( $\mu_{in}=220\text{Hz}$ )

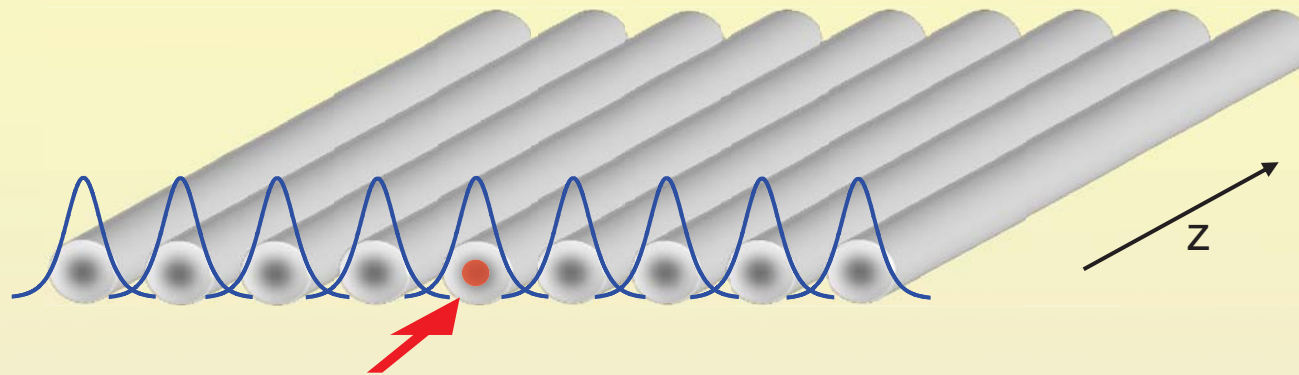
Weak disorder :  $V_R/\mu_{in}=0.12 \ll 1$

$$k_{\max} / k_c = 0.63 \pm 0.09$$



$\Rightarrow$  Exponential decay of the density in the wings :  $L_{loc}=530 \pm 80 \mu\text{m}$

## An optical one-dimensional waveguide lattice (Silberberg et al '08)

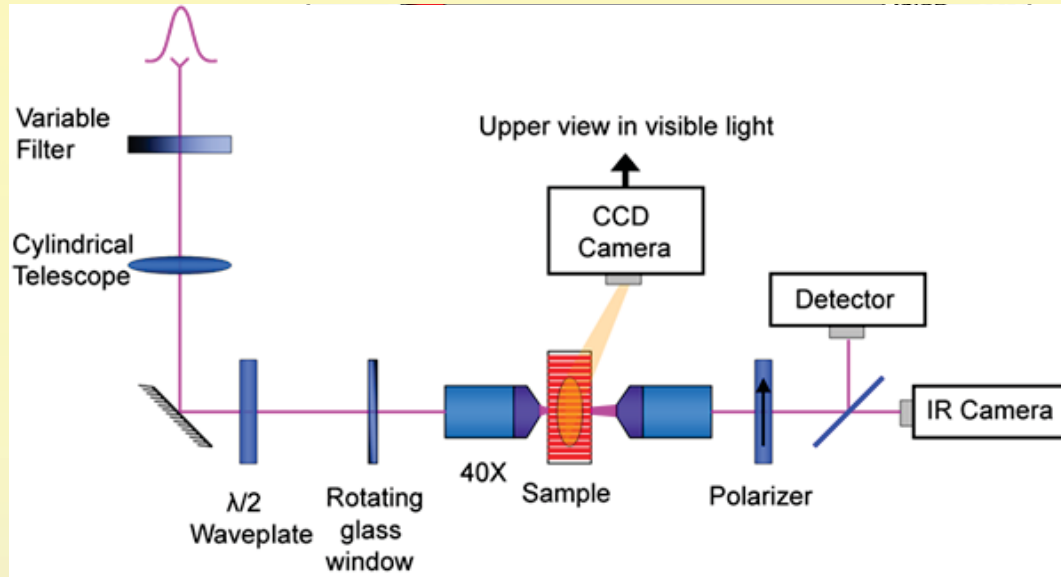


- Evanescent coupling between waveguides
- Light coherently tunnels between neighboring waveguides
- Dynamics is described by the Tight-Binding model

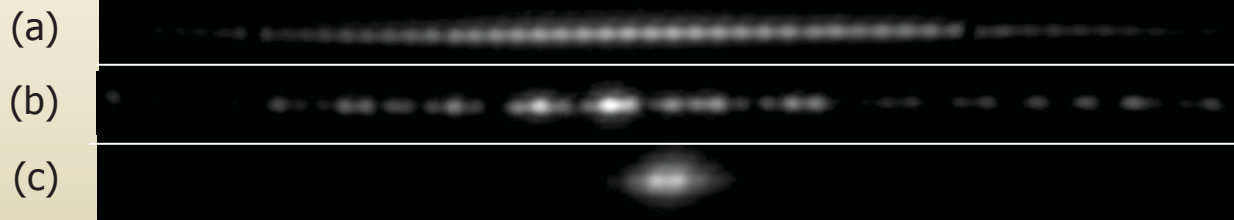
$$i \frac{\partial U_n}{\partial z} = \beta_n U_n + C_{n,n\pm 1} [U_{n+1} + U_{n-1}]$$

$\beta_n$  – waveguide's refractive index /width

$C_{n,n\pm 1}$  – separation between waveguides

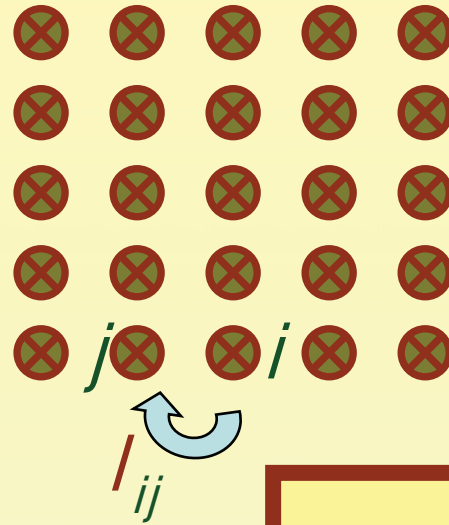


- Injecting a narrow beam ( $\sim 3$  sites) at different locations across the lattice



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

# Anderson Model



- Lattice - tight binding model
- Onsite energies  $\epsilon_j$  - *random*
- Hopping matrix elements  $t_{ij}$

$$-W/2 < \epsilon_j < W/2$$

*uniformly distributed*

$$t_{ij} = \begin{cases} t & i \text{ and } j \text{ are nearest neighbors} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Anderson Transition

$$t < t_c$$

**Insulator**

All eigenstates are **localized**

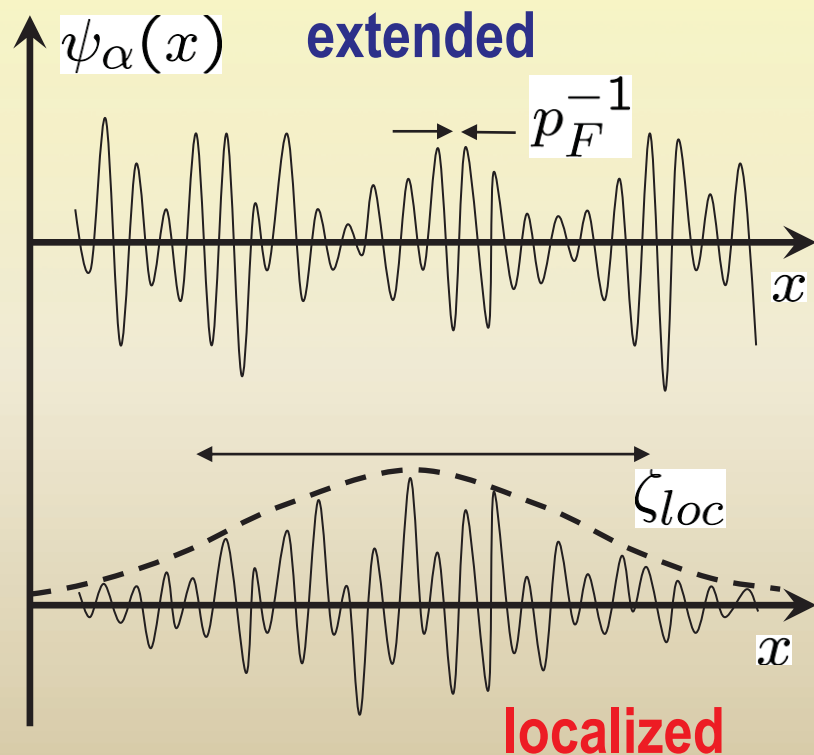
$$t > t_c$$

**Metal**

There appear states **extended** all over the whole system

# Localization of single-particle wave-functions. Continuous limit:

$$\left[ -\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + U(\mathbf{r}) - \epsilon_F \right] \psi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) = \xi_\alpha \psi_\alpha(\mathbf{r})$$



$d=1$ : All states are **localized**

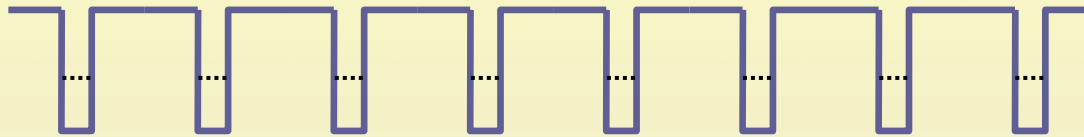
$d=2$ : All states are **localized**

$d > 2$ : Anderson **transition**

## The one-dimensional tight-binding model

- The periodic Lattice (Bloch, 1928)

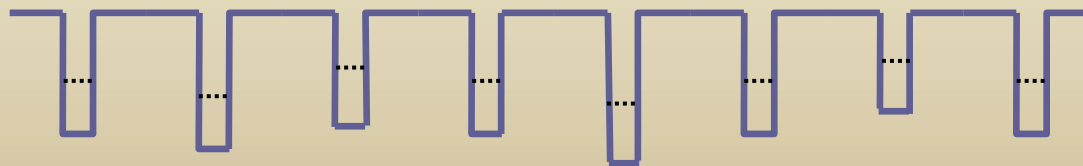
$$-i\frac{\partial\psi_n}{\partial t} = E\psi_n + T[\psi_{n+1} + \psi_{n-1}]$$



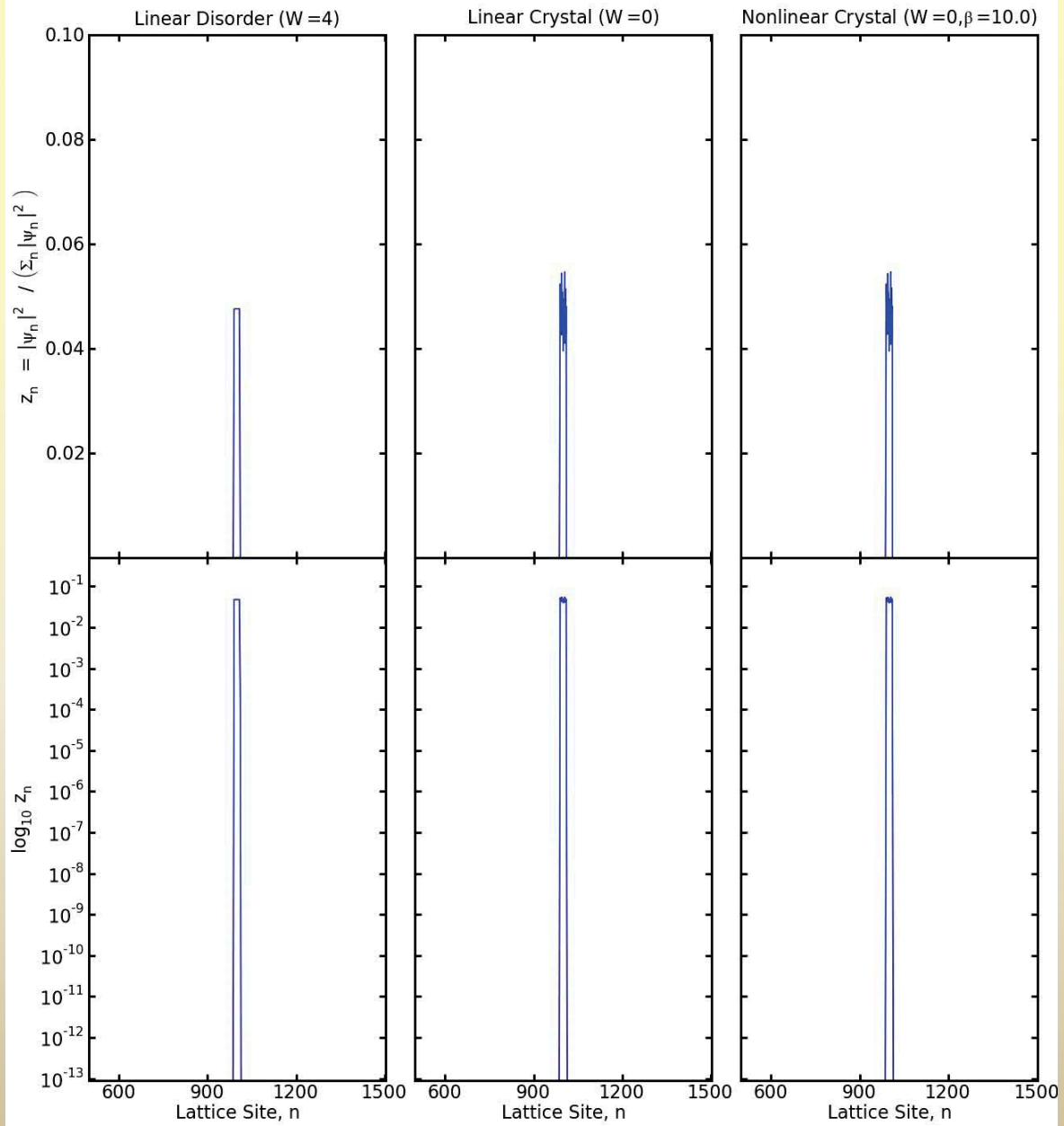
Eigenfunctions extend over entire lattice (Bloch functions)

- The disordered lattice (Anderson, 1958)

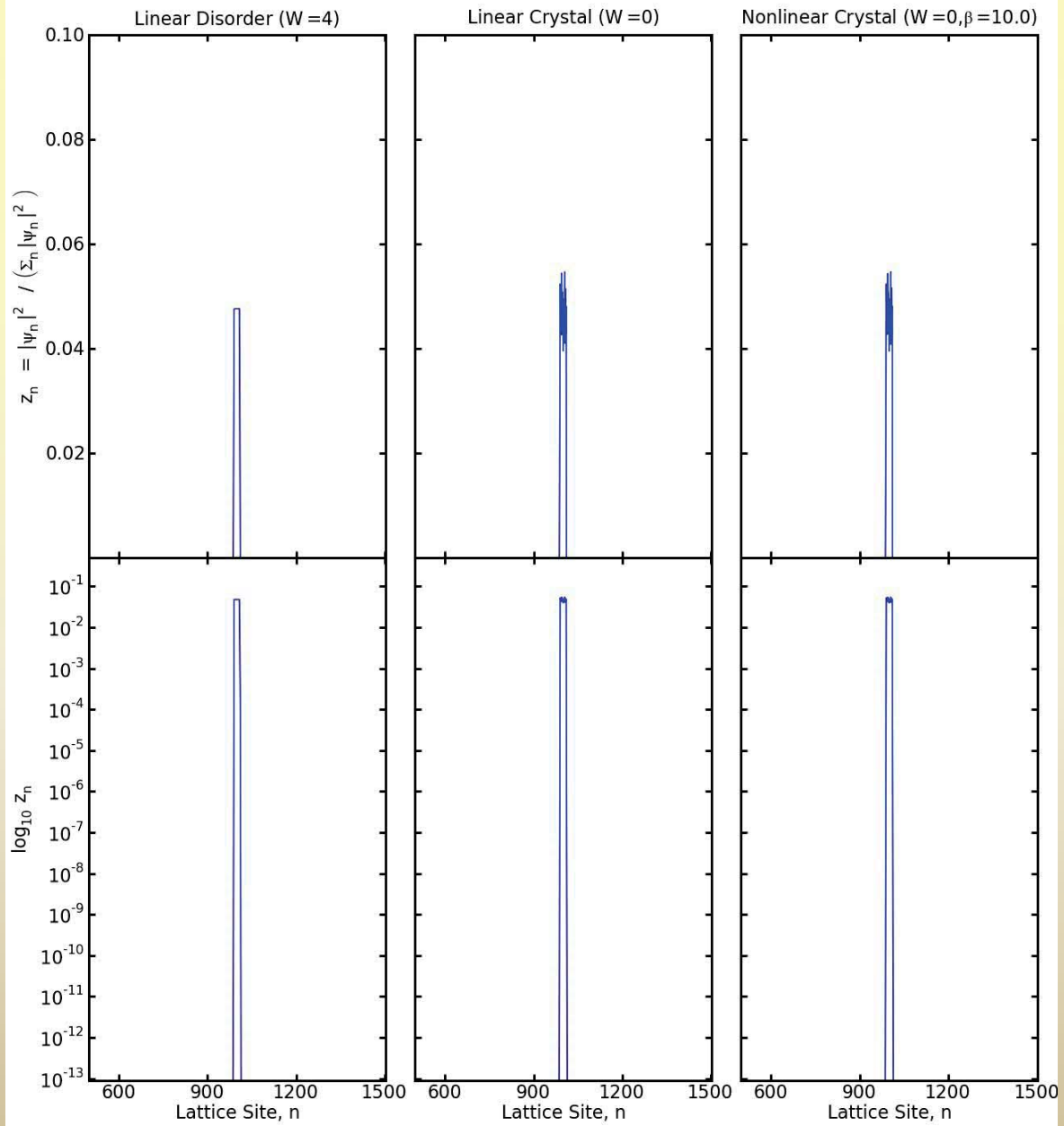
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# Anderson localization

Anderson (1958)

$$i \frac{\partial \psi_l}{\partial t} = \epsilon_l \psi_l - \psi_{l+1} - \psi_{l-1}$$

$$\{\epsilon_l\} \text{ in } [-W/2, W/2]$$

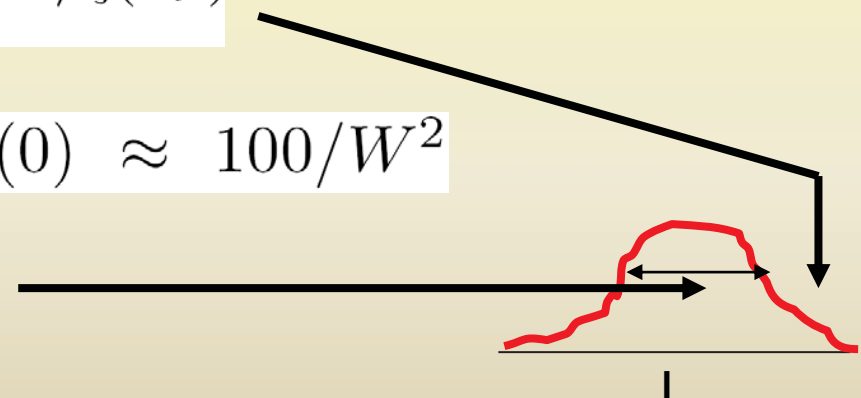
**Eigenvalues:**  $\lambda_\nu \in \left[-2 - \frac{W}{2}, 2 + \frac{W}{2}\right]$

**Width of EV spectrum:**  $\Delta = 4 + W$

**Eigenvectors:**  $A_{\nu,l} \sim e^{-l/\xi(\lambda_\nu)}$

**Localization length:**  $\xi(\lambda_\nu) \leq \xi(0) \approx 100/W^2$

**Localization volume of NM: L**



# Anderson localization

Anderson (1958)

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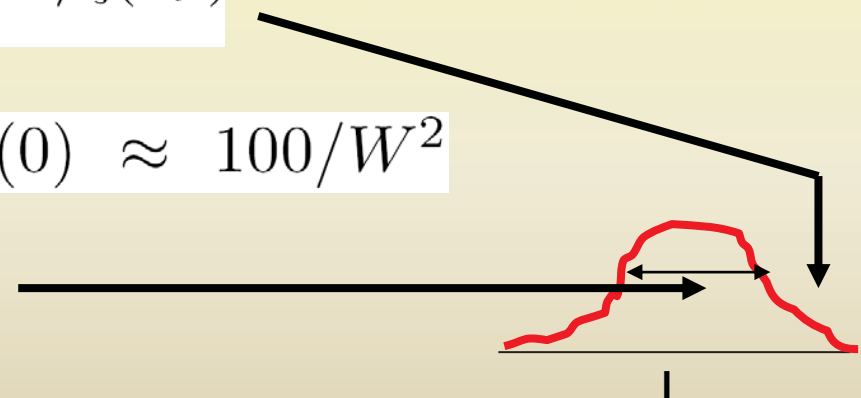
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**adding nonlinearity**

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Will it delocalize?

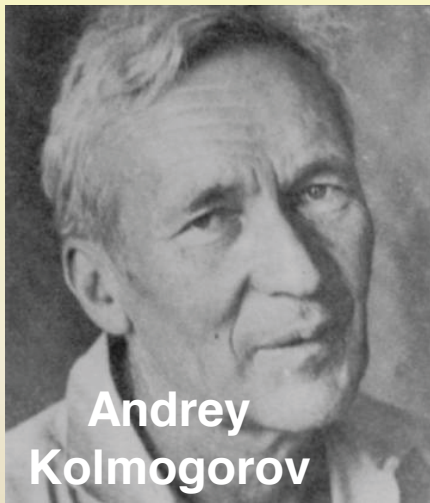
**Yes** because of nonintegrability and ergodicity

**No** because of energy conservation – spreading leads to small energy density, nonlinearity can be neglected, dynamics becomes integrable, and Anderson localization is restored

# Kolmogorov – Arnold – Moser (KAM) theory

**A.N. Kolmogorov**,  
Dokl. Akad. Nauk SSSR,  
1954.

Proc. 1954 Int. Congress  
of Mathematics, North-  
Holland, 1957

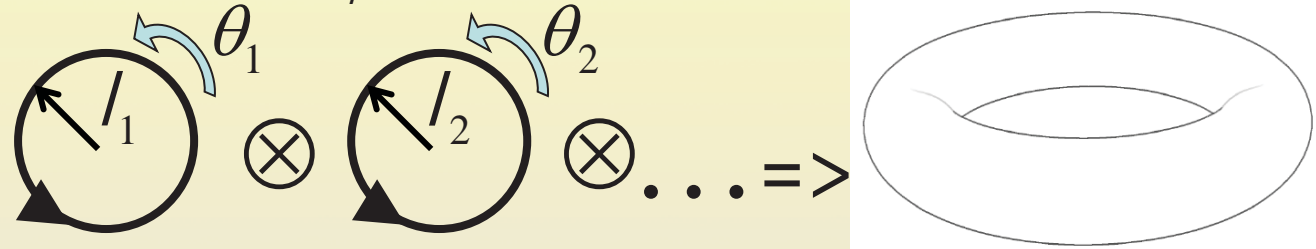


Integrable classical Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_0$ ,  $d > 1$ :

Separation of variables:  $d$  sets of action-angle  
variables  $I_1, \theta_1 = 2\pi\omega_1 t, \dots, I_2, \theta_2 = 2\pi\omega_2 t, \dots$

**Quasiperiodic** motion: set of the frequencies,  
 $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_d$  which are in general incommensurate

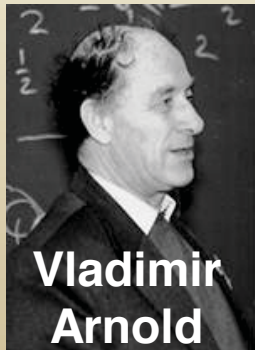
**Actions**  $I_i$  are integrals of motion  $\partial I_i / \partial t = 0$



**Q** : Will an arbitrary weak perturbation  
of the integrable Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_0$  destroy  
the tori and make the motion ergodic (when  
each point at the energy shell will be  
reached sooner or later) ?

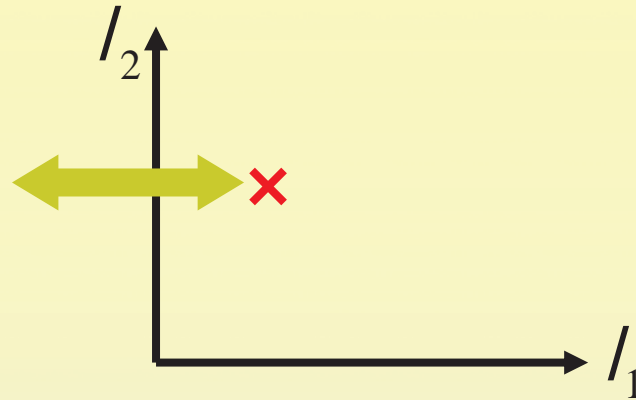
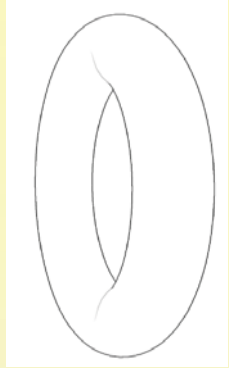
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KAM  
theorem



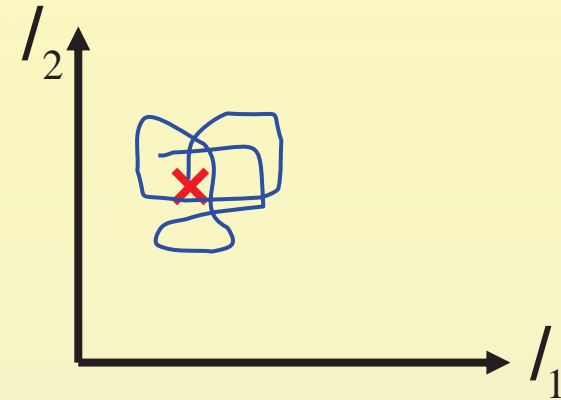
# KAM theorem:

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



## Equations in normal mode space:

$$i\dot{\phi}_\nu = \lambda_\nu \phi_\nu + \beta \sum_{\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3} I_{\nu, \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3} \phi_{\nu_1}^* \phi_{\nu_2} \phi_{\nu_3}$$

$$I_{\nu, \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3} = \sum_l A_{\nu, l} A_{\nu_1, l} A_{\nu_2, l} A_{\nu_3, l}$$

NM ordering in real space:  $X_\nu = \sum_l l A_{\nu, l}^2$

## Characterization of wavepackets in normal mode space:

$$z_\nu \equiv |\phi_\nu|^2 / \sum_\mu |\phi_\mu|^2 \quad \bar{\nu} = \sum_\nu \nu z_\nu$$

Second moment:  $m_2 = \sum_\nu (\nu - \bar{\nu})^2 z_\nu$   $\longrightarrow$  location of tails

Participation number:  $P = 1 / \sum_\nu z_\nu^2$   $\longrightarrow$  number of strongly excited modes

Compactness index:  $\zeta = \frac{P^2}{m_2}$

$\swarrow$  K adjacent sites equally excited:  $\zeta = 12$

$\searrow$  K adjacent sites, every second empty or equipartition:  $\zeta = 3$

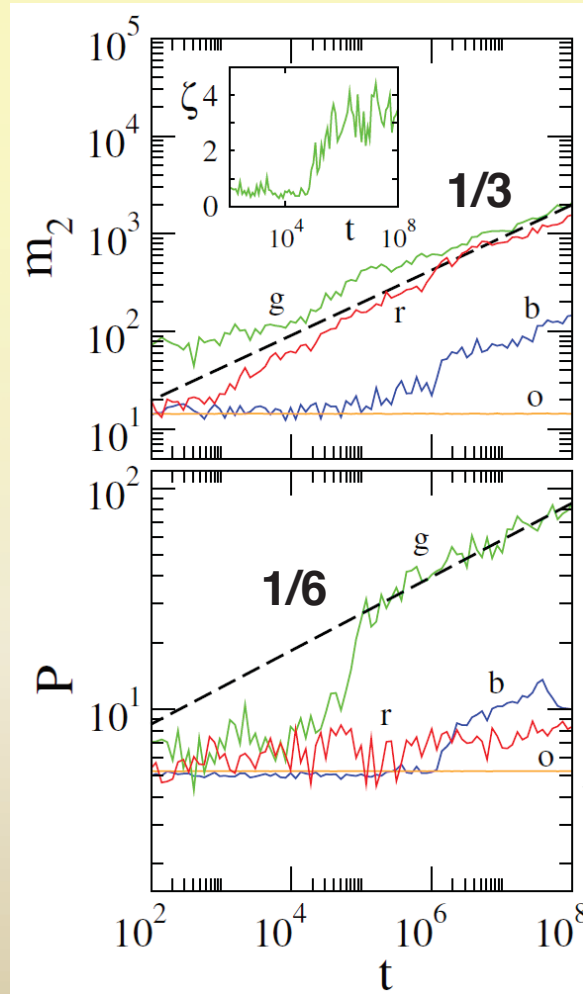
$$\zeta = 3$$

# Single site excitations: subdiffusion!

$$\psi_l = \delta_{l,l_0} \quad \epsilon_{l_0} = 0$$

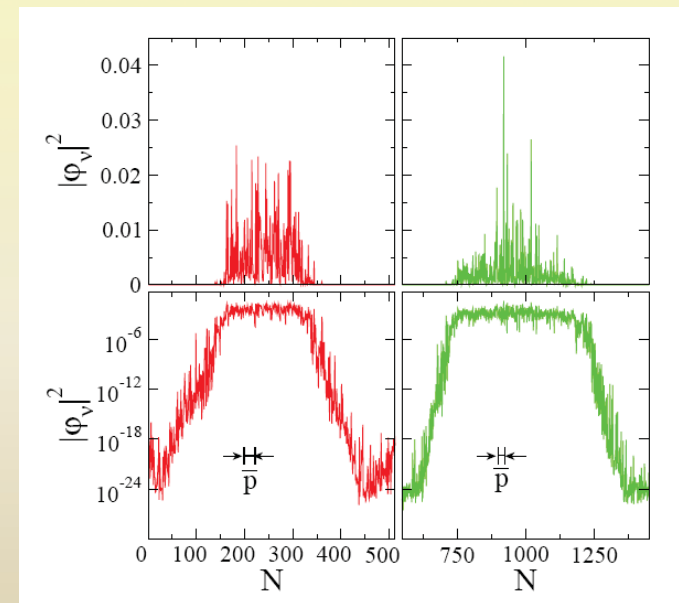
M. Molina PRB 1998, A. Pikovsky et al PRL 2008,  
G. Kopidakis et al PRL 2008, SF et al PRL 2009

$W=4, \beta= 0, 0.1, 1, 4.5$



Wavepacket spreads way beyond  
localization volume.

$t = 10^8$



## Integrable approximation keeps Anderson Localization:

$$\mathcal{H}_{int} = \sum_{\nu} \lambda_{\nu} J_{\nu} + \beta \sum_{\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3, \nu_4} I_{\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3, \nu_4} \sqrt{J_{\nu_1} J_{\nu_2} J_{\nu_3} J_{\nu_4}}$$

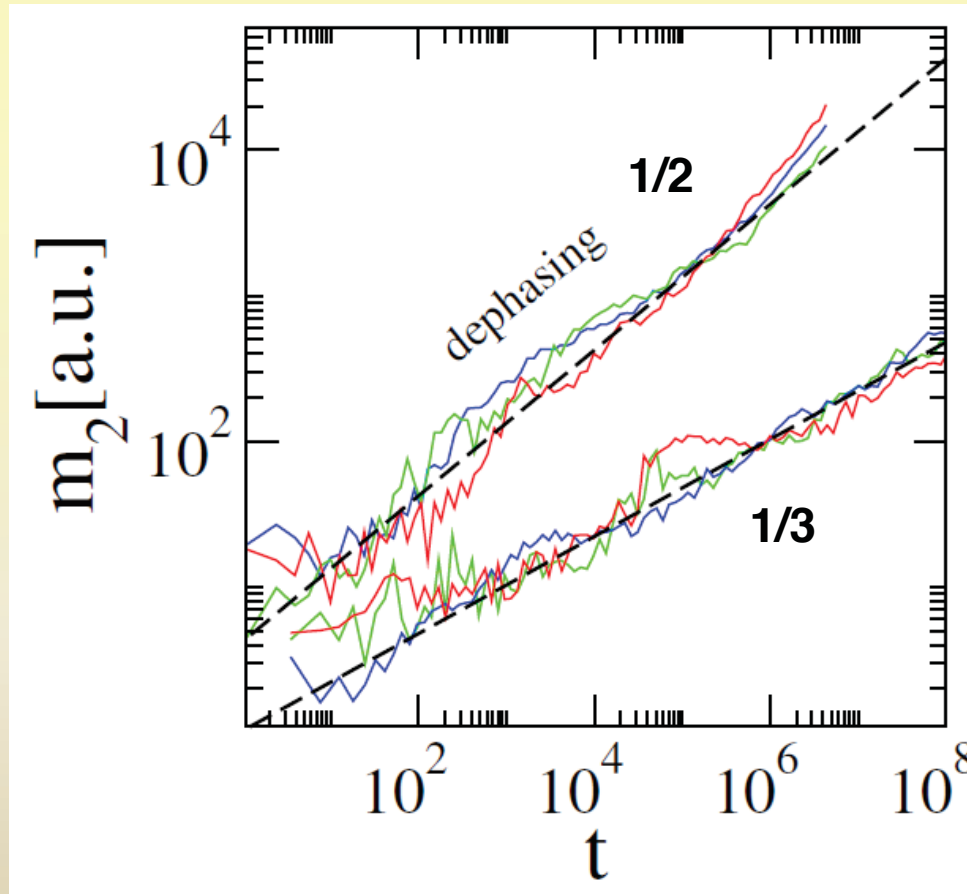
wavepackets stay localized due to overlap integral characteristics

Then observed spreading must be due to

- deterministic chaos
- decoherence of normal mode phases

## Test: additional manual dephasing in normal mode space

$W=4,7,10$   $\beta=3,4,6$



$$m_2 \sim t^\alpha$$

$\alpha = ???$

SF et al PRL 2009

## Frequency scales

**W=4 :**

• Eigenvalue (frequency) spectrum width:  $\Delta = W + 4$

**8**

• Localization volume of eigenstate:  $V \approx 360/W^2$

**~18 (sites)**

• Average frequency spacing inside  
localization volume:  $d = \Delta/V$

**0.43**

• Nonlinearity induced frequency shift:  $\delta_l = \beta|\psi_l|^2$

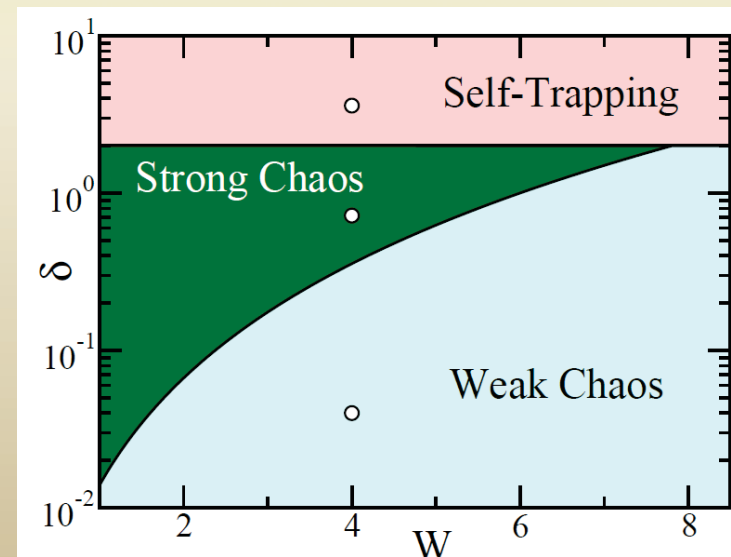
### Three expected evolution regimes:

Weak chaos :  $\delta < d$

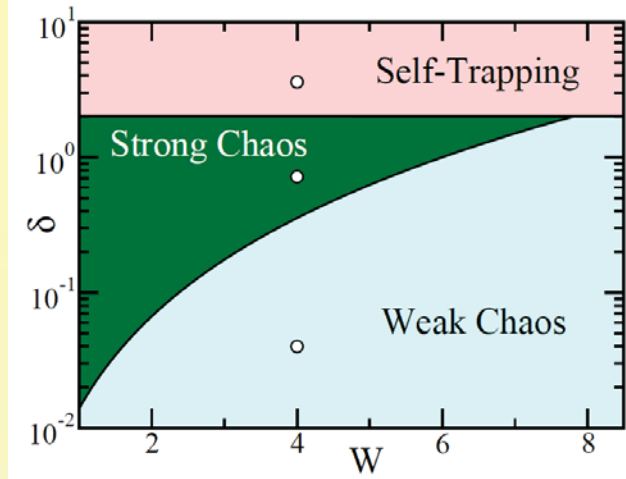
Strong chaos :  $d < \delta < 2$

(partial) self trapping :  $2 < \delta$

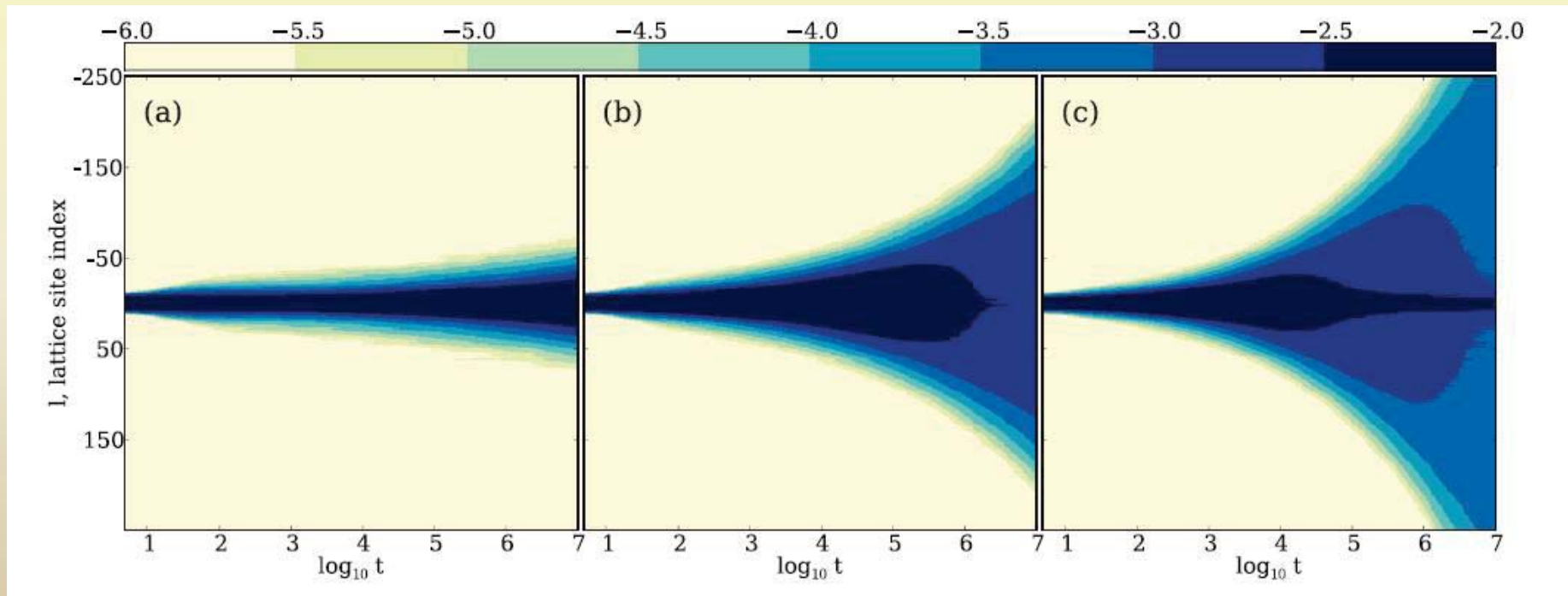
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**$W=4$**   
**Wave packet with 20 sites**  
**Norm density = 1**  
**Random initial phases**  
**Averaging over 1000 realizations**

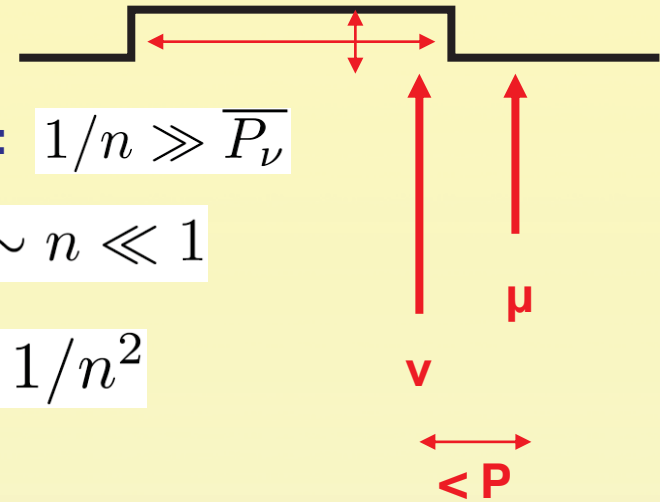


**J Bodyfelt et al PRE 2011**



## Explaining subdiffusion?

- at some time  $t$  packet contains  $1/n$  modes:  $1/n \gg \overline{P_\nu}$
- each mode on average has norm  $|\phi_\nu|^2 \sim n \ll 1$
- the second moment amounts to  $m_2 \sim 1/n^2$



- Simplest assumption:**
- some modes in packet interact resonantly and therefore evolve chaotic
  - Probability of resonance:  $\mathcal{P}(\beta n)$
  - all phases decohere on some time scale

**exterior mode:**

$$i\dot{\phi}_\mu \approx \lambda_\mu \phi_\mu + \beta n^{3/2} \mathcal{P}(\beta n) f(t)$$

$$\langle f(t) f(t') \rangle = \delta(t - t')$$

**E Michaely et al  
PRE 2012**

**momentary diffusion rate:**

$$D = 1/T \sim \beta^2 n^2 (\mathcal{P}(\beta n))^2$$

$$\mathcal{P} = 1 - e^{-C\beta n} \quad \frac{1}{C} \approx d \quad 1/n^2 \sim \beta(1 - e^{-\beta n/d})t^{1/2}$$

$$m_2 \sim \begin{cases} \beta t^{1/2}, & \beta n/d > 1 \text{ (strong chaos)} \\ d^{-2/3} \beta^{4/3} t^{1/3}, & \beta n/d < 1 \text{ (weak chaos)} \end{cases}$$

SF ChemPhys 2010

**Generalizations: higher dimensions, nonlinearity exponent  $\sigma$ :**

$$i\dot{\psi}_l = \epsilon_l \psi_l - \beta |\psi_l|^\sigma \psi_l - \sum_{m \in D(l)} \psi_m$$

$$D \sim \beta^2 n^\sigma (\mathcal{P}(\beta n^{\sigma/2}))^2$$

$$m_2 \sim (\beta^2 t)^{\frac{2}{2+\sigma D}}, \text{ strong chaos,}$$

$$m_2 \sim (\beta^4 t)^{\frac{1}{1+\sigma D}}, \text{ weak chaos.}$$



## Asymptotic regime of weak chaos

SF et al PRL 2009, Ch. Skokos et al PRE 2009

We averaged the measured exponent over 20 realizations:

$$\alpha = 0.33 \pm 0.02 \text{ (DNLS)}$$
$$\alpha = 0.33 \pm 0.05 \text{ (KG)}$$

## Strong chaos and crossover to weak chaos

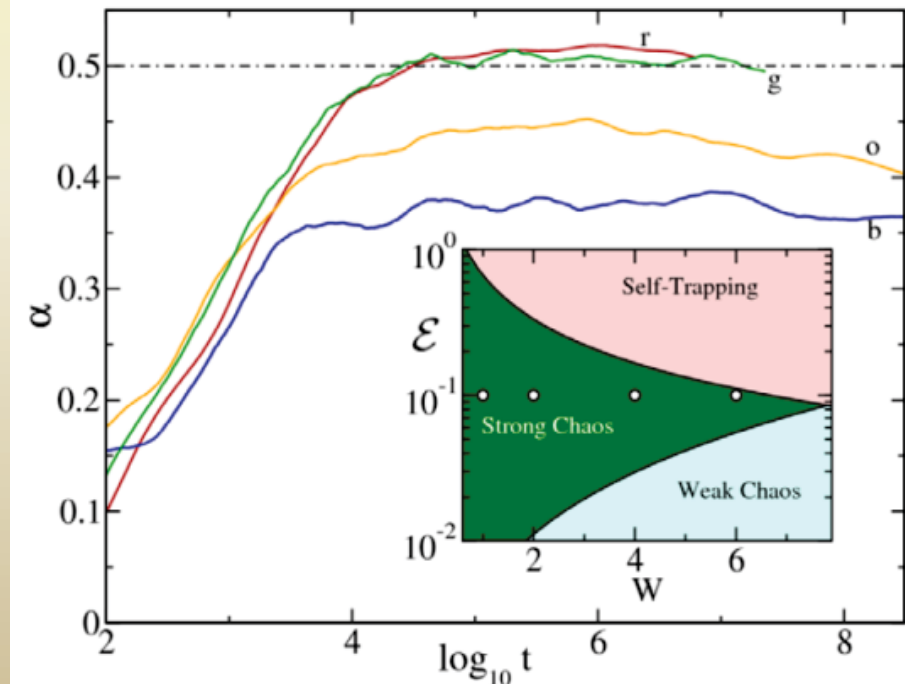
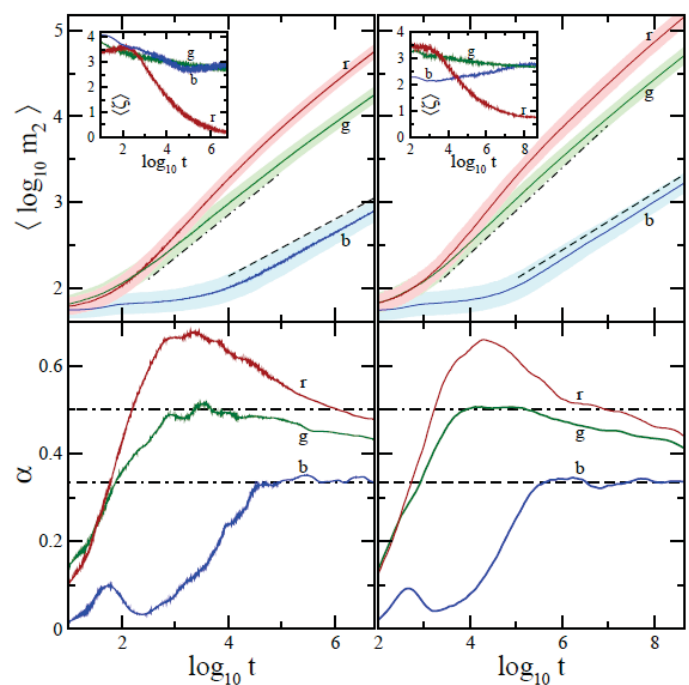
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Averaging over 1000 realizations, measuring

DNLS,  $W=4$

KG,  $W=4$

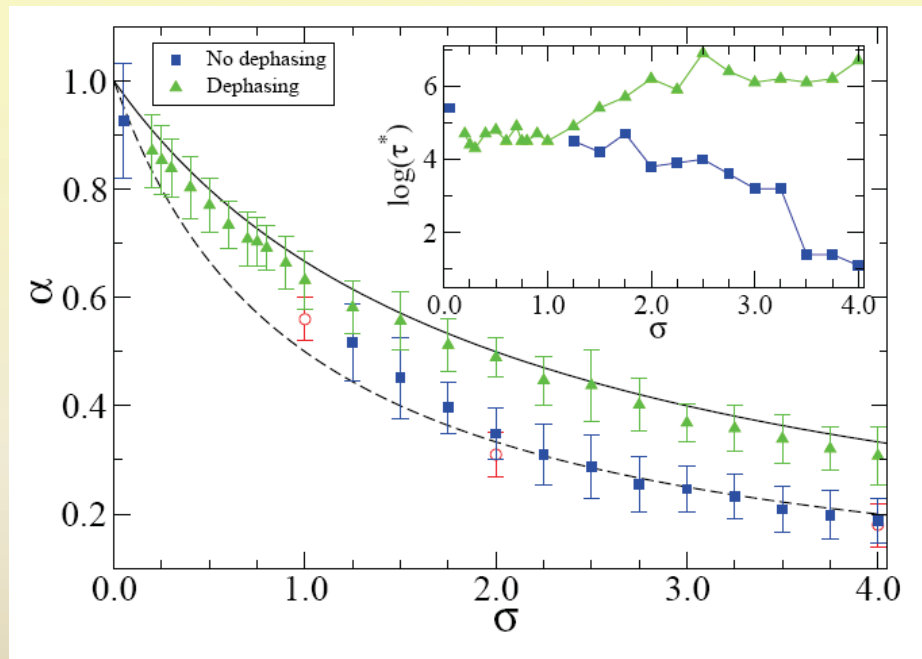
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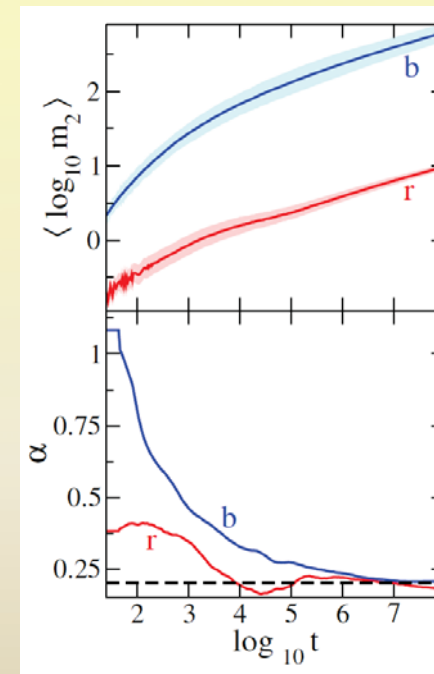
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**D=1,  $0 < \sigma < 4$  :**



Ch Skokos et al PRE 2010

**D=2,  $\sigma = 2$  :**

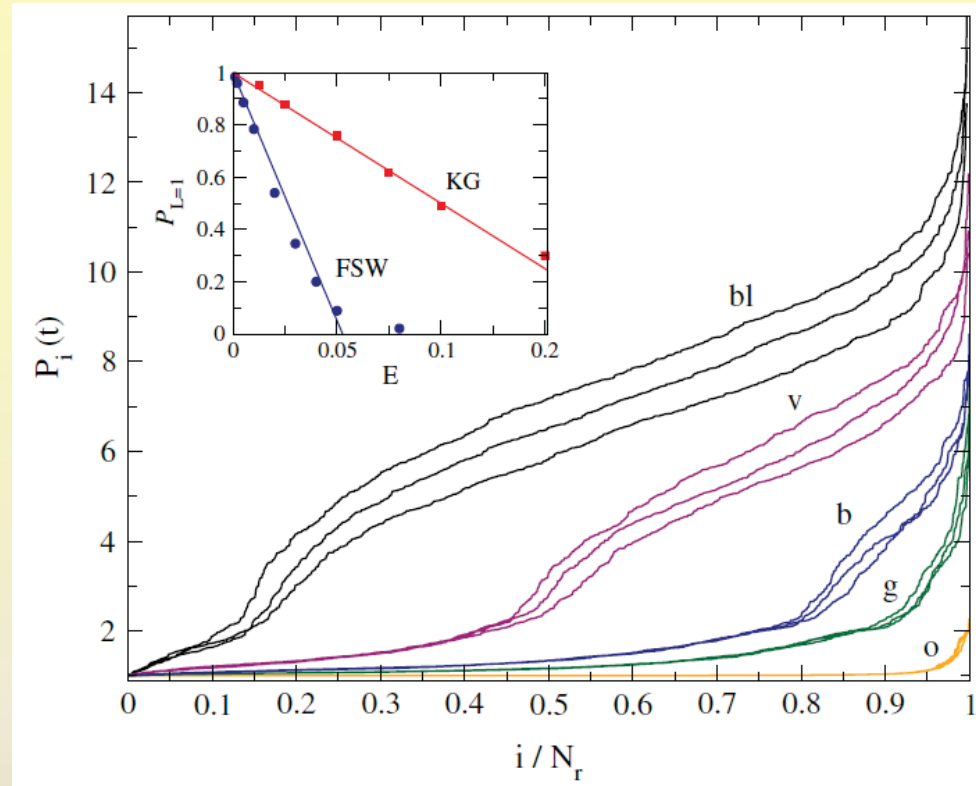


TV Lapyeva et al, EPL 2012

Related results by M Mulansky

# Restoring Anderson localization? A matter of probability and KAM!

MV Ivanchenko et al PRL 2011



$E$  : total energy

$L$  : size of initial wave packet

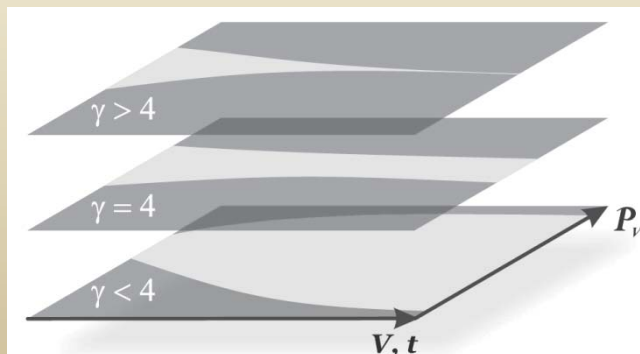
$$\mathcal{P}_L = \left(1 - \frac{3\kappa E}{L}\right)^{2L}$$

**Generalizing:**

$d$ : dimension

$V$ : volume of wave packet

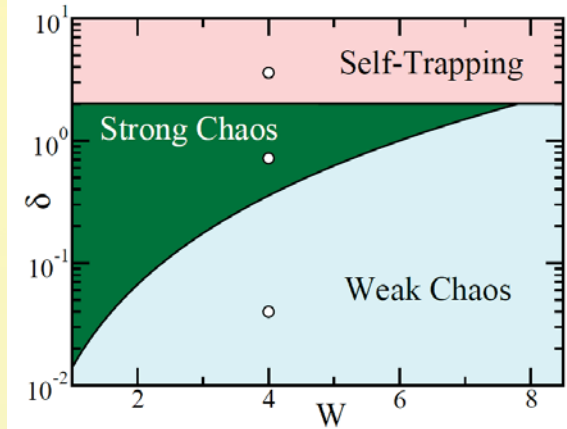
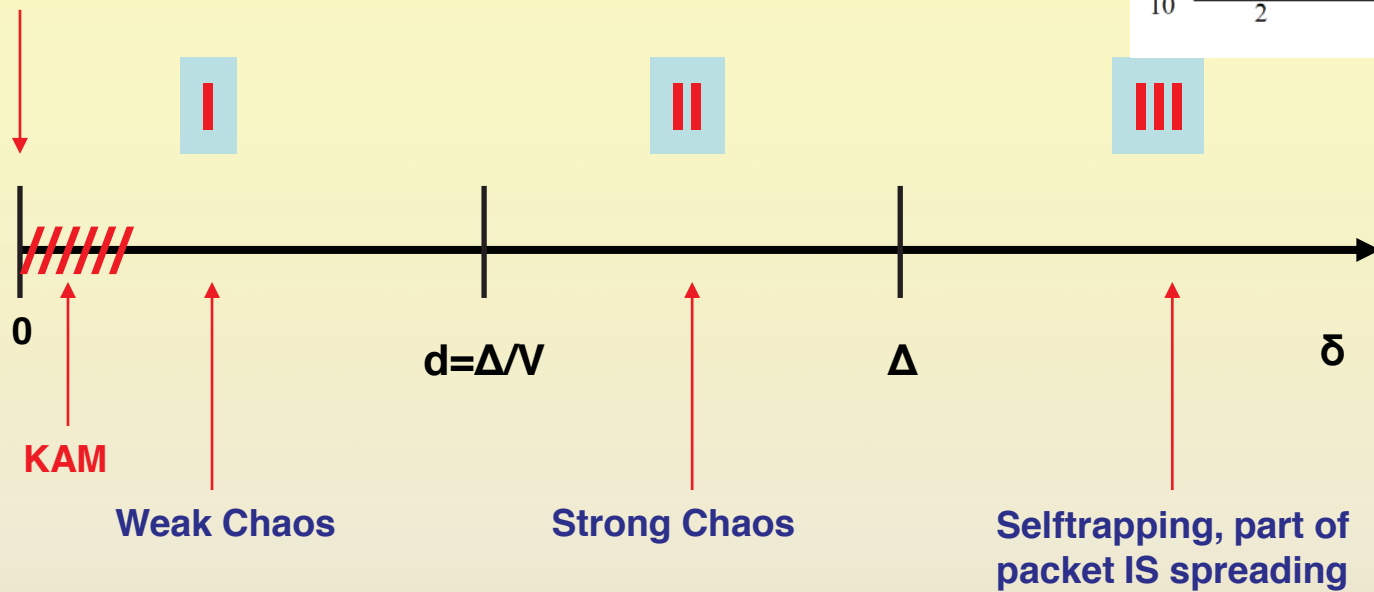
$\gamma := 2\sigma$



Related results by Aubry, Johansson

# The emerging picture

## Anderson Localization



SF, Krimer, Skokos (2009)  
 Shepelyansky and Pikovsky (2008)  
 Molina (1998)

SF (2010)  
 Bodyfelt, Lapteva, Krimer,  
 Skokos, SF (2010)

Kopidakis, Komineas,  
 SF, Aubry (2008)

In all cases subdiffusive spreading

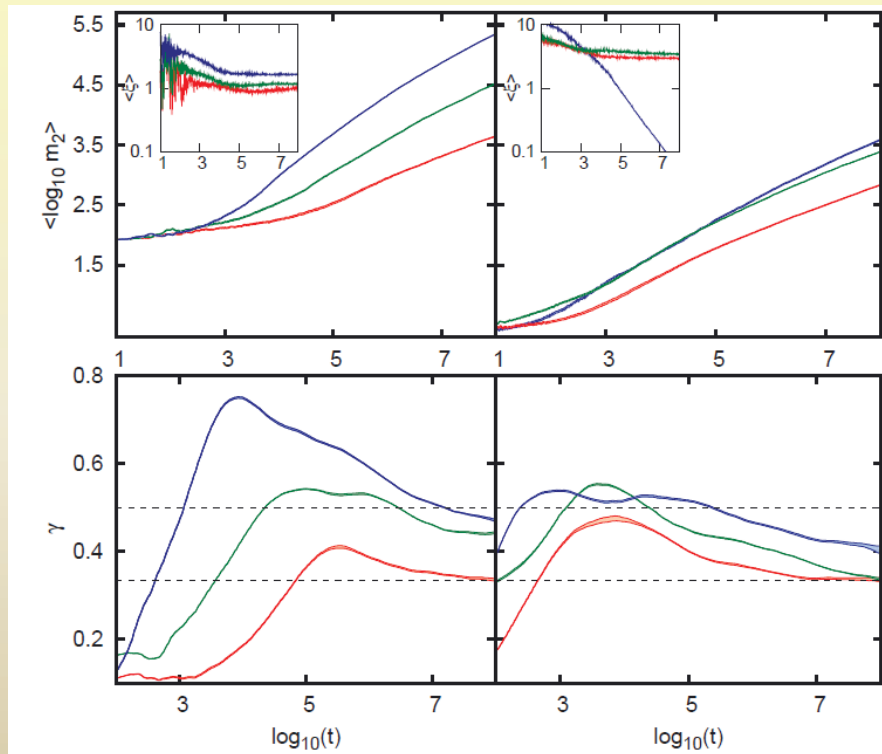
**other localizing media**

## Quasiperiodic potentials (Aubry-Andre):

M Larcher et al, arXiv1206.0833  
New J Phys, in print

$$i \frac{\partial \psi_j}{\partial t} = -(\psi_{j+1} + \psi_{j-1}) + V_j \psi_j + \beta |\psi_j|^2 \psi_j$$

$$V_j = \lambda \cos(2\pi\alpha j + \varphi)$$



### Peculiarities:

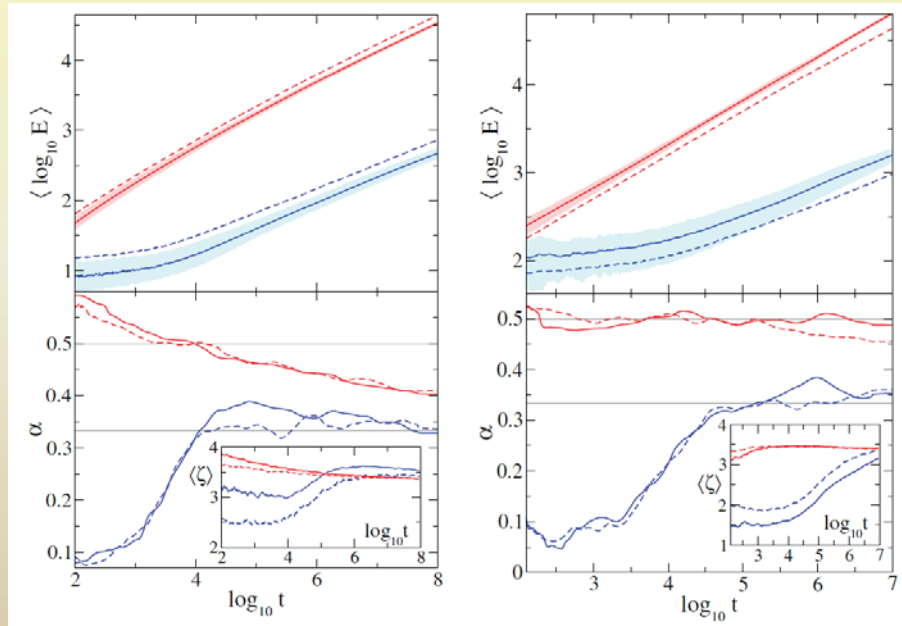
- spectrum with gaps
- subgaps etc
- fractal properties
- gap selftrapping
- hierarchy of level spacings
- $\alpha = 1/3$

# Nonlinear Quantum Kicked Rotor

G Gligoric et al EPL 2011

$$A_n(t+1) = \sum_m (-i)^{n-m} J_{n-m}(k) A_m(t) e^{-i\frac{\tau}{2}m^2 + i\beta|A_m(t)|^2}$$

Spreading first observed by D Shepelyansky PRL 1993



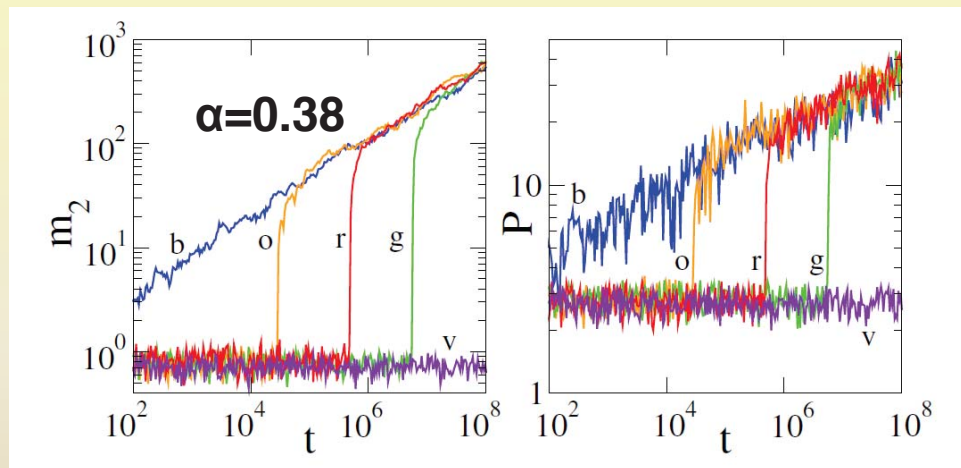
## Peculiarities:

- spectrum in compact space
- no selftrapping
- $\alpha = 1/3$

# Nonlinear Wannier-Stark ladder

D Krimer et al PRE 2009

$$i\dot{\Psi}_n = -(\Psi_{n+1} + \Psi_{n-1}) + nE\Psi_n + \beta|\Psi_n|^2\Psi_n$$



## Peculiarities:

- spectrum is equidistant
- exact resonances
- absence of universality
- exponents depend on  $E$

$E=2, \beta=8, \dots, 9$



# 1st experimental confirmation from Firenze

PRL **106**, 230403 (2011)

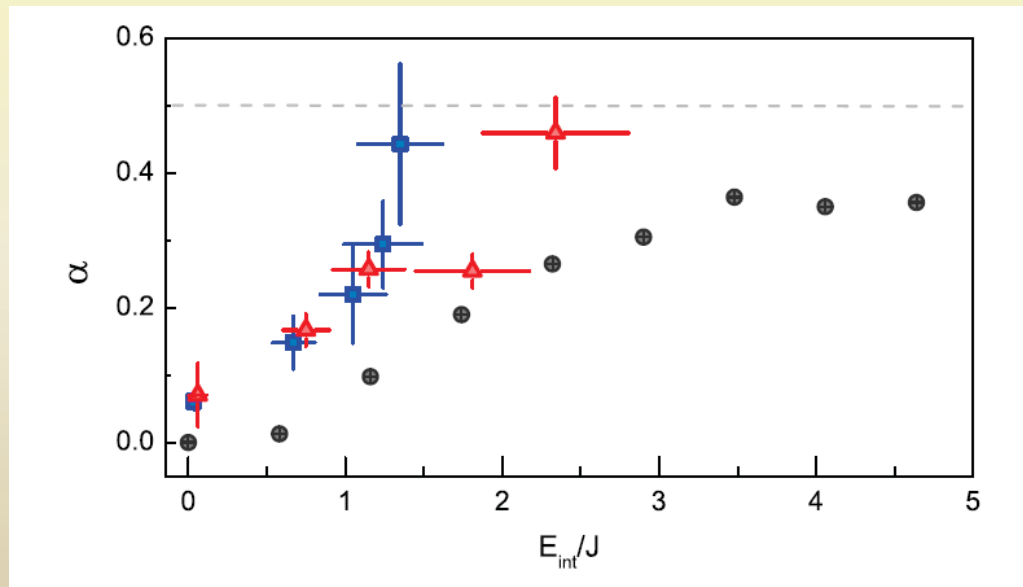
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## Observation of Subdiffusion in a Disordered Interacting System

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Bose-Einstein condensate of <sup>39</sup>K atoms



# heat conductivity

## Consequencies for thermal conductivity

Norm density  $n \sim$  energy density  $\varepsilon \sim$  temperature  $T$

Diffusion rate inside wave packet:  $D \sim \varepsilon^2 \mathcal{P}^2(\varepsilon)$

$$\mathcal{P}(\varepsilon) \approx 1 - e^{-a\varepsilon/d}$$

Thermal conductivity:

$$\kappa \sim T^2 \left(1 - e^{-bT/d}\right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa &\sim T^4, \quad T \ll d \text{ (weak chaos)} \\ \kappa &\sim T^2, \quad T \gg d \text{ (strong chaos)} \end{aligned}$$

## Model 1: The Klein-Gordon chain

$$\mathcal{H}_K = \sum_l \frac{p_l^2}{2} + \frac{\tilde{\epsilon}_l}{2} u_l^2 + \frac{1}{4} u_l^4 + \frac{1}{2W} (u_{l+1} - u_l)^2$$

$$\ddot{u}_l = -\partial \mathcal{H}_K / \partial u_l \quad \tilde{\epsilon}_l \text{ uniformly from } \left[ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} \right]$$

$$\ddot{u}_l = -\tilde{\epsilon}_l u_l - u_l^3 + \frac{1}{W} (u_{l+1} + u_{l-1} - 2u_l)$$

Inducing a heat flow and measuring conductivity:

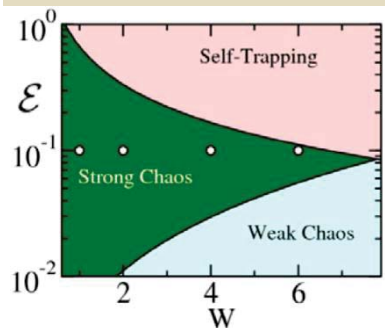
$$\ddot{u}_{1,N} = -\partial H / \partial u_{1,N} + \xi_{1,N} - \lambda \dot{u}_{1,N}$$

$$\langle \xi_{1,N}(t) \xi_{1,N}(0) \rangle = 2\lambda T_{1,N} \delta(t)$$

$$j_{KG} = -\frac{1}{2W} \sum_l (\dot{u}_{l+1} + \dot{u}_l) (u_{l+1} - u_l)$$

$$\kappa = jN / (T_N - T_1)$$

$$T = (T_N + T_1) / 2 \\ (T_N - T_1) / T = 0.5$$



## Model 2: The Fröhlich-Spencer-Wayne chain

$$\mathcal{H}_{FSW} = \sum_l \frac{p_l^2}{2} + \frac{\tilde{\epsilon}_l}{2} u_l^2 + \frac{1}{4} (u_{l+1} - u_l)^4$$

J. Fröhlich, T. Spencer and C. E. Wayne, J. Stat. Phys. **42**, 247 (1986)

- limit of KG model for strong disorder
- renormalized frequencies
- artificial total mechanical momentum conservation in anharmonic FPU part
- only doublet interactions, but completely uncorrelated frequencies
  
- only weak chaos and crossover to pseudo-FPU regime since  $d \sim 1$

## KG: size effects

Linear chain:

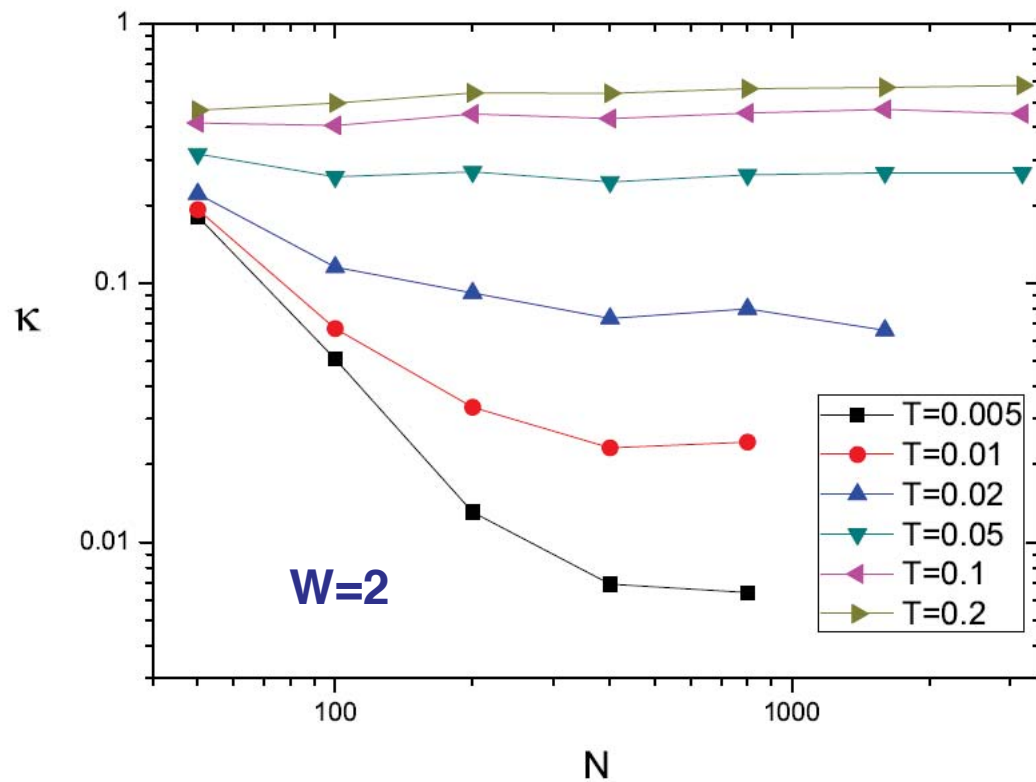
$$\kappa_{linear} \sim e^{-N/\xi}$$

Assume for nonlinear chain:

$$\kappa \sim T^\alpha$$

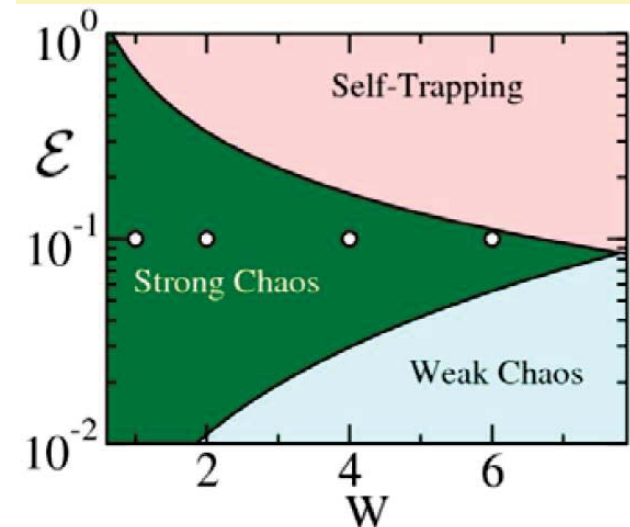
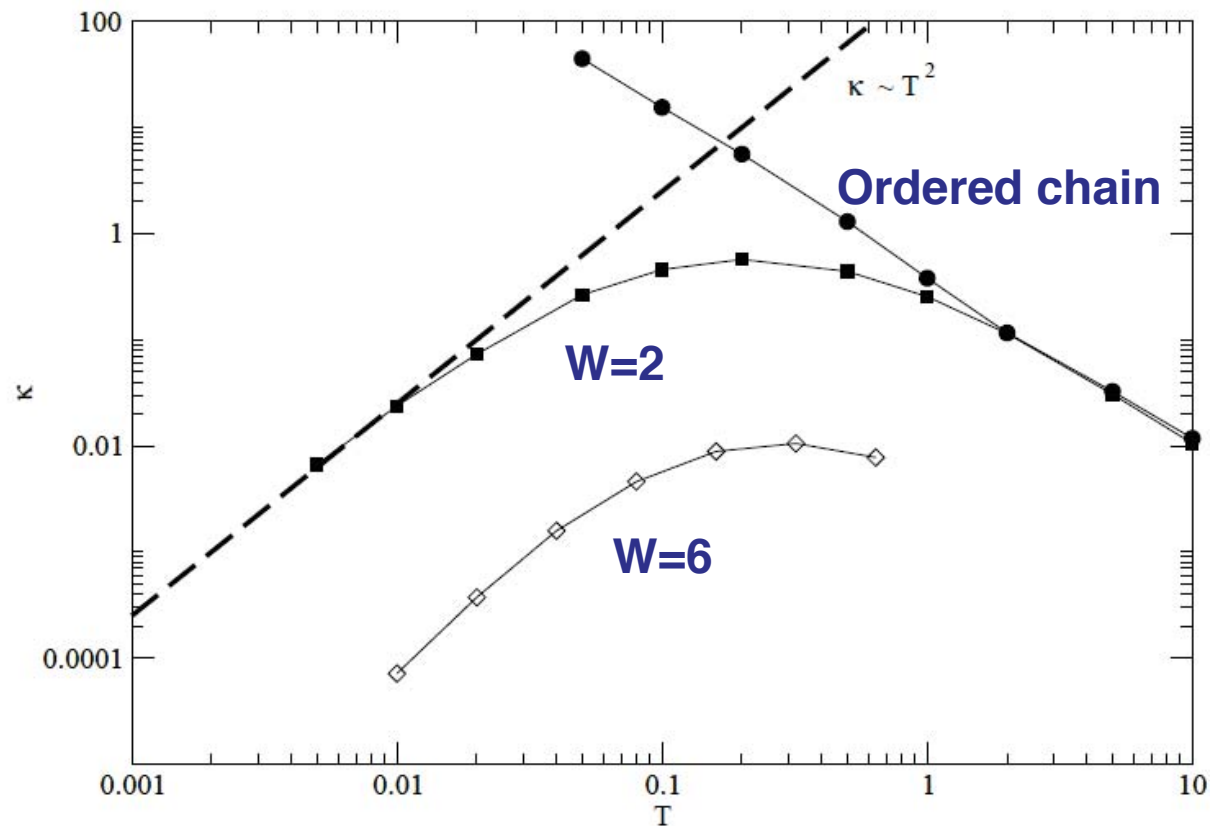
Needed system size:

$$N \sim -\alpha\xi \ln T$$



## KG: results

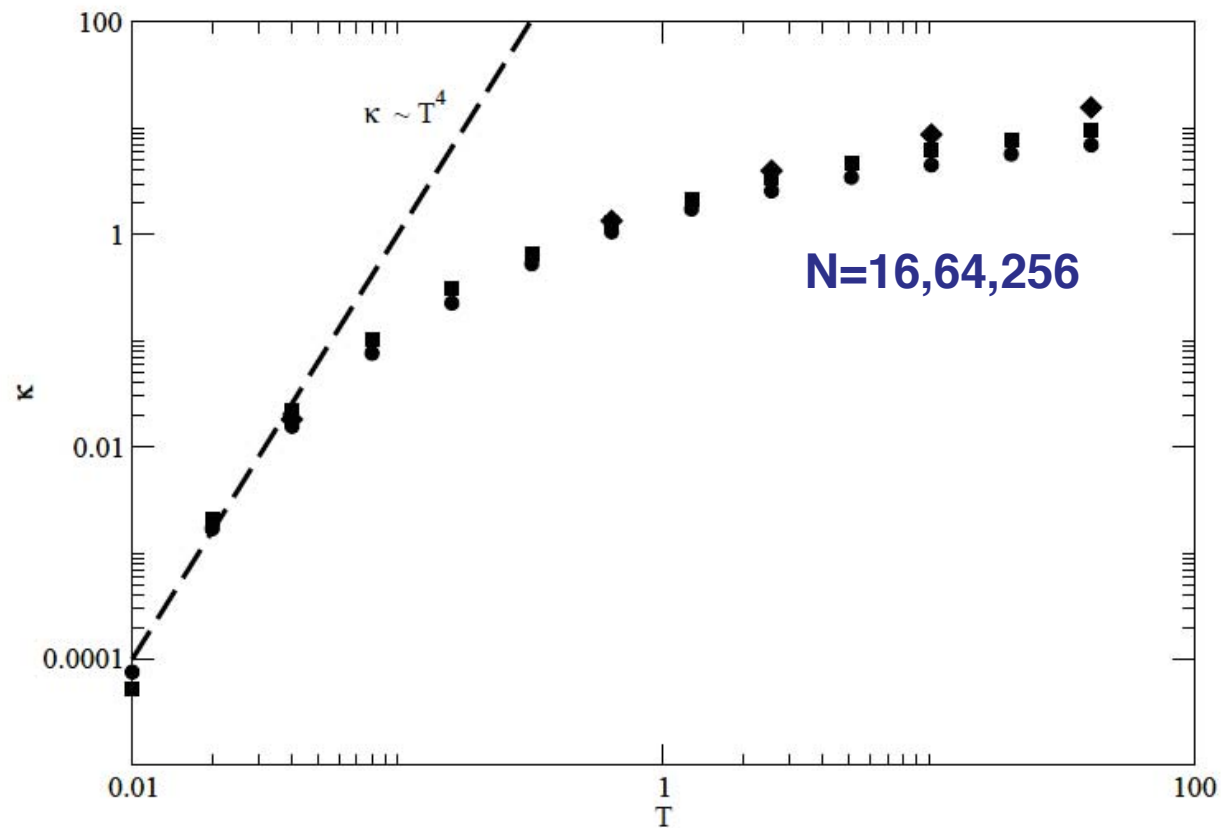
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**going quantum**

## Two interacting particles in a quasiperiodic potential

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \sum_j \left[ \hat{b}_{j+1}^+ \hat{b}_j + \hat{b}_j^+ \hat{b}_{j+1} + \epsilon_j \hat{b}_j^+ \hat{b}_j + \frac{U}{2} \hat{b}_j^+ \hat{b}_j^+ \hat{b}_j \hat{b}_j \right]$$

**basis:**

$$|q\rangle = \sum_{m,l \leq m}^N \mathcal{L}_{l,m}^{(q)} |l, m\rangle, \quad |l, m\rangle \equiv \frac{b_l^+ b_m^+ |0\rangle}{\sqrt{1 + \delta_{lm}}}$$

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*R. Khomeriki*

*S. Flach*

**EPL 98 66002 (2012)**

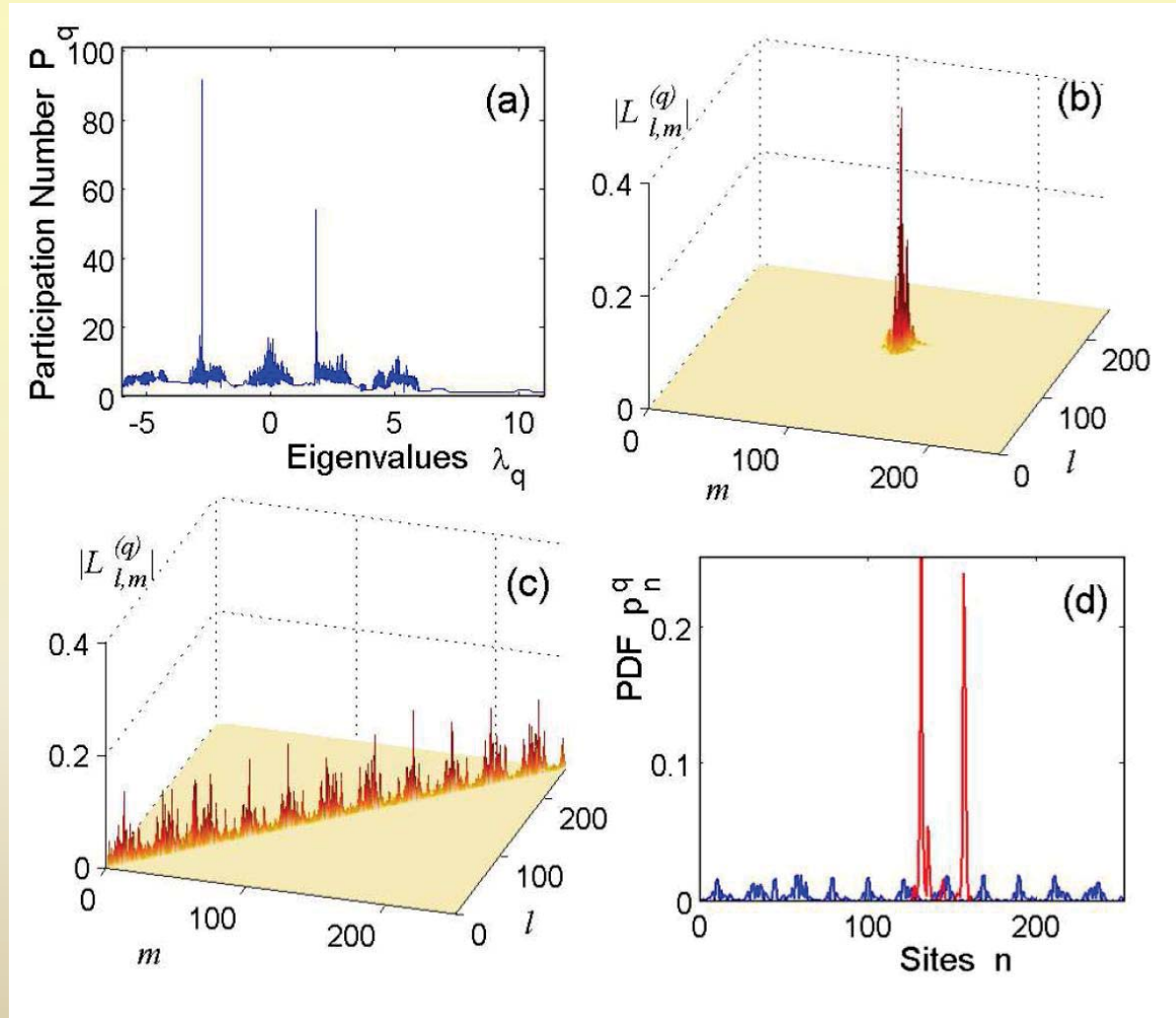
**pdf of particle density:**

$$p_l^{(q)} = \frac{\langle q | \hat{b}_l^+ \hat{b}_l | q \rangle}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{k,l \leq k}^N \mathcal{L}_{l,k}^{(q)2} + \sum_{m,l \geq m}^N \mathcal{L}_{m,l}^{(q)2} \right)$$

**Participation number of density pdf:**

$$P_q = 1 / \sum_l^N (p_l^{(q)})^2$$

## Results: eigenfunctions



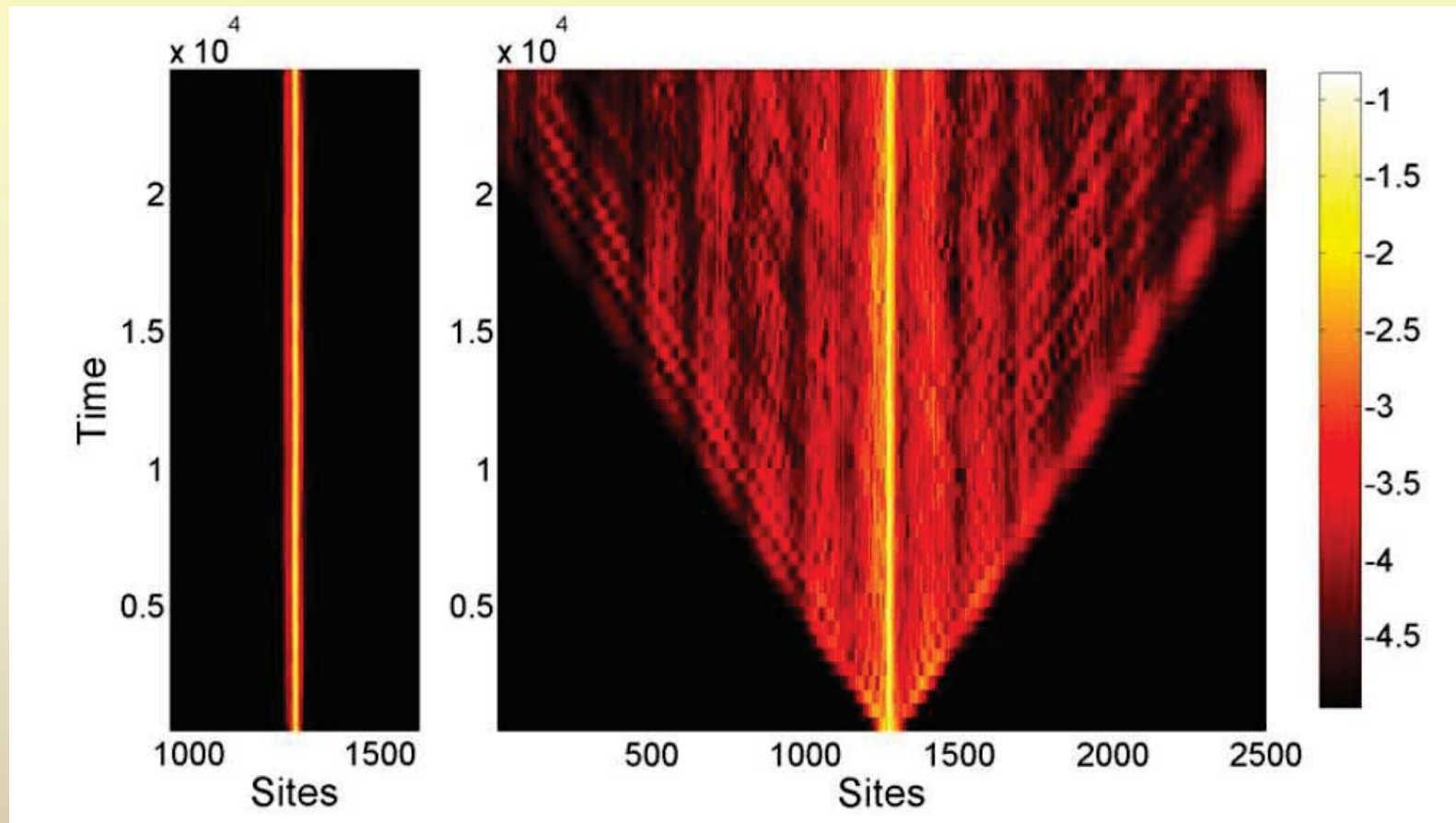
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$$U = 7.9 \text{ and } \lambda = 2.5$$

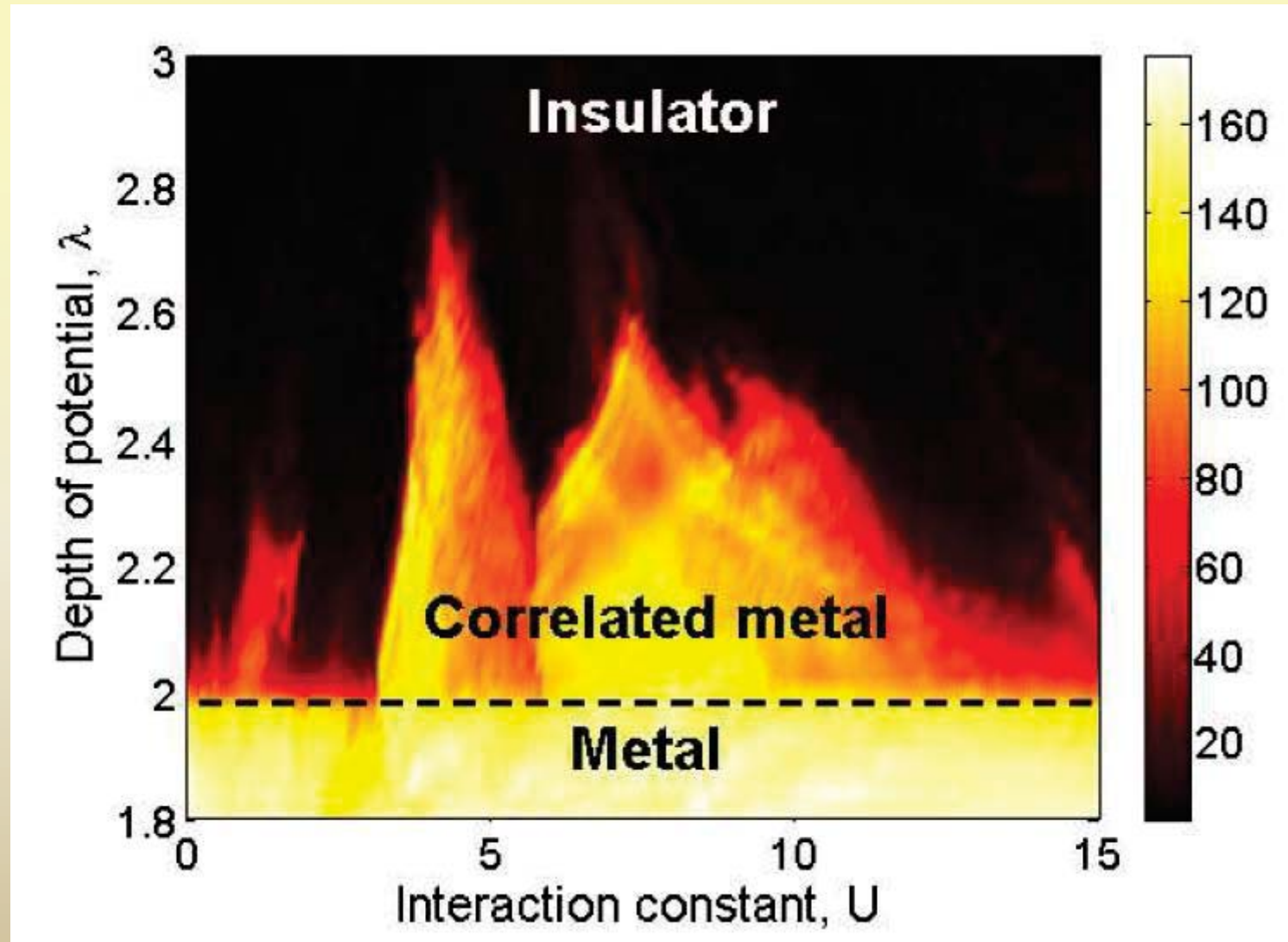
**Results: PDF of spreading of wave packet with  $\lambda=2.5$  and  $N=2500$   
and two particles initially at adjacent sites**

**U=2**

**U=4.5**



**Results: the complete picture from spreading wave packets:  
square rooted 2<sup>nd</sup> moment for 60 different realizations**



## Summary of Lecture III

**Fishman, Pikovsky, Basko, Aubry: slowing down of spreading?**  
**we searched and did not find ANY signature of slowing down**

**Shepelyansky: different predictions for exponents?**  
**our numerics exclude them. Some arguments appear to be incorrect**

**Heat conductivity measurements (SF et al Pramana J Phys 2011):**  
**energy density dependence follows predictions**

**Two interacting quantum particles:**  
**disorder: weak enhancement of localization length**  
D. Krimer et al JETP Letters 2011  
**quasiperiodic potentials: complete delocalization**  
MV Ivanchenko et al EPL 2012

**Nonlinear diffusion equations and scaling (arXiv:1206.6085):**  
**very good agreement with spreading of wave packets**

**Speeding up subdiffusion for easier experimental studies (arXiv:1210.3148):**  
**is possible and agrees with main underlying assumptions**

## **Take Home Messages**

- **nonlinear dynamical systems – nonintegrability, chaos**
- **quasiperiodic motion destroyed, BUT:**
- **periodic orbits are generic low-d invariant manifolds**
- **breathers are essential periodic orbits which describe the evolution of relevant mode-mode interactions, correlations in and relaxations of complex systems**
- **in the long run chaos destroys coherence and therefore wave localization is lost in any of its forms**