# Interplay of nonlinearity, interactions and Anderson localization

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Discrete Anderson nonlinear
 Schrödinger equation (DANSE) (d = 1,2)

- Nonlinear delocalization on disordered Stark ladder
- Dynamical thermalization of nonlinear disordered lattices: anti-FPU (poster N2 K.Ahnert *et al.*)
- Two interacting particles effect
- Åberg criterion for dynamical thermalization in many-body quantum systems

I.García-Mata, DLS arXiv:0805.0539 (2008)

### Nonlinearity and Anderson localization: estimates

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi_{\mathbf{n}}}{\partial t} = E_{\mathbf{n}}\psi_{\mathbf{n}} + \beta |\psi_{\mathbf{n}}|^{2}\psi_{\mathbf{n}} + V(\psi_{\mathbf{n+1}} + \psi_{\mathbf{n-1}}); [-W/2 < E_{\mathbf{n}} < W/2]$$

localization length  $I \approx 96(V/W)^2$  (1D); ln  $I \sim (V/W)^2$  (2D) Amplitudes C in the linear eigenbasis are described by the equation

$$i\frac{\partial C_m}{\partial t} = \epsilon_m C_m + \beta \sum_{m_1 m_2 m_3} U_{mm_1 m_2 m_3} C_{m_1} C_{m_2}^* C_{m_3}$$

the transition matrix elements are  $U_{mm_1m_2m_3} = \sum_n O_{nm}^{-1} Q_{nm_2} Q_{nm_3} \sim 1/l^{3d/2}$ . There are about  $l^{3d}$  random terms in the sum with  $U \sim l^{-3d/2}$  so that we have  $idC/dt \sim \beta C^3$ . We assume that the probability is distributed over  $\Delta n > l^d$  states of the lattice basis. Then from the normalization condition we have  $c_m \sim 1/(\Delta n)^{1/2}$  and the transition rate to new non-populated states in the basis m is  $\Gamma \sim \beta^2 |C|^6 \sim \beta^2/(\Delta n)^3$ . Due to localization these transitions take place on a size *l* and hence the diffusion rate in the distance  $\Delta R \sim (\Delta n)^{1/d}$  of d – dimensional m – space is  $d(\Delta R)^2/dt \sim l^2\Gamma \sim \beta^2 l^2/(\Delta n)^3 \sim \beta^2 l^2/(\Delta R)^{3d}$ . At large time scales  $\Delta R \sim R$  and we obtain

$$\Delta n \sim R^d \sim (\beta l)^{2d/(3d+2)} t^{d/(3d+2)}; \ (\Delta n)^2 \propto t^{lpha}; \ lpha = 2/(3d+2)$$

Chaos criterion:

$$S = \delta \omega / \Delta \omega \sim \beta > \beta_c \sim 1$$

there  $\delta\omega \sim \beta |\psi_n|^2 \sim \beta / \Delta n$  is nonlinear frequency shift and  $\Delta\omega \sim 1/\Delta n$  is spacing between exites eigenmodes DLS PRL **70**, 1787 (1993) (*d* = 1); I.García-Mata, DLS arXiy:0805.0539 (2008) (*d*  $\geq$  1)

## Nonlinearity and Anderson localization (1D)



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#### A.S.Pikovsky, DLS PRL 100, 094101 (2008)

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## Nonlinearity and Anderson localization (2D)



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## Nonlinearity and Anderson localization (2D)



 $W = 10; \beta = 0$ (left), 1(right);  $t = 10^4$  (bottom), 10<sup>6</sup> (middle), projecton on *x*-axis (top); 256 × 256 lattice

[also: kicked nonlinear rotator model (1d)]

#### I.García-Mata, DLS arXiv:0805.0539 (2008)

## **Delocalization on disordered Stark ladder**



Static field f along Stark ladder (W = 4): statistical entanglement

Left:  $f = 0, 0.25, 0.5, \alpha = 0.30, 0.26, 0.24, \beta = 1; 0$  top to bottom; inset IPR at f = 0.5;Right: probabability distribution at  $f = 0.5, t = 10^2, 10^4, 10^6, 10^8, \beta = 0; 1$  (top/bottom) I.García-Mata, DLS arXiv:0903.2103 (2009)

## **Dynamical thermalization in DANSE (1D)**

#### starting from Fermi-Pasta-Ulam problem (1955):

regular lattice, delocalized linear modes  $\rightarrow$  disorder localized modes



Gibbs distribution with temperature *T* for localized linear modes,  $\rho_m = |C_m|^2$ : entropy  $S = -\sum_m \rho_m \ln \rho_m$ ,  $\rho_m = Z^{-1} \exp(-\epsilon_m/T)$ ,  $Z = \sum_m \exp(-\epsilon_m/T)$ ,  $E = T^2 \partial \ln Z / \partial T$ ,  $S = E/T + \ln Z$ .  $\langle \ln Z \rangle \approx \ln N + \ln \sinh(\Delta/T) - \ln(\Delta/T)$ ,  $\Delta \approx 3$ 

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## **Dynamical thermalization in DANSE (1D)**



N = 32, W = 4,  $\beta = 1$ ,  $t = 10^6$ , initial state: linear eigenmode m', averaged over 8 disoder realisations

Gibbs distribution: time, disorder averaged ρ<sub>m</sub> in mode m (y - axis) for initial eigenmode m' (x -axis); left: numerics, right: Gibbs theory
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### **Possible experimental tests & applications**

- BEC in disordered potential (Aspect, Inguscio)
- kicked rotator with BEC (Phillips)
- nonlinear wave propagation in disordered media (Segev, Silberberg)
- Iasing in random media (Cao)
- energy propagation in complex molecular chains (proteins, Fermi-Pasta-Ulam problem)
- NONLINEAR SPIN-GLASS ?

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 W.-M.Wang et al. arXiv:0805.4632[math.DS] (2008)
 see also the participant list of the NLSE Workshop at the Lewiner Institute, Technion, June 2008

## Quntum systems: Two Interacting Particles (TIP) effect

Anderson model in *d*-space + onsite Hubbard interaction *U*,  $V \sim E_F$  is one-particle hopping; exited states  $\psi_n \sim \exp(-|n - m|/I)/\sqrt{I}$ ;  $I \gg 1$ . Equation in the basis of noninteracting eigenstates  $\chi_{m_1m_2}$ :

$$i\partial\chi_{m_1m_2}/\partial t = \epsilon_{m_1m_2}\chi_{m_1m_2} + \sum_{m'_1m'_2} U_{m_1m_2m'_1m'_2}\chi_{m'_1m'_2}$$

Sum runs over  $M \sim I^d$  coupled states; interaction induced matrix elements  $U_s \sim U_{m_1m_2m'_1m'_2} \sim (U/(l^{2d}) \times \sqrt{M})$ , density of coupled states is  $\rho_2 \sim I^{2d}/V$ , TIP transition rate  $\Gamma_s \sim U_s^2 \rho_2 \sim U^2/(I^d V)$ . Enhancement factor

$$\kappa = \Gamma_{s}
ho_{2} \sim (U/V)^{2}I^{d} > 1$$

TIP localization:  $l_2/l \sim (U/V)^2 l$  (1d);  $\ln(l_2/l) \sim (U/V)^2 l^2$  (2d); delocalization for  $\kappa \sim (U/V)^2 l^3 > 1$  (3d)

## DLS PRL 73, 2607 (1994); Y.Imry EPL 30, 405 (1995)

## Many electrons near the Fermi level (Coulomb interaction, no spin)



FIG. 4. Dependence of  $\epsilon_y/B$  on the number of particles  $N_p$ , obtained from Fig. 2: W/V = 10 with  $\eta(E_y) = 0.4$  (full diamond) and W/V = 7 with  $\eta(E_y) = 0.2$  ( $\Theta$ ), where  $\epsilon_\eta = E_g/N_p$ . The straight line shows the slope when  $E_\eta = \text{const. The inset gives the dependence of maximal <math>\eta$  on  $r_s$  for W/V = 7 and  $N_p = 6$ : U/V = 2,  $8 < L \leq 28$  (full diamond), and L = 14,  $0.25 \leq U/V < 2$  ( $\diamond$ ).

Level-spacing statistics P(s):  $\eta = 1$  Poisson distribution,  $\eta = 0$  Wigner-Dyson distribution  $\epsilon_{\eta}$  - exitation energy per particle at a given  $\eta = const$  (B = 4V)  $r_s = U/(2V\sqrt{\pi\nu}), \nu = N_p/L^2 \approx 1/32$ usually  $U = 2V, r_s \approx 3.2$ ,  $2 \le N_p \le 20, 8 \le L \le 25$ 

Result: chaotic, ergodic states at temperature going to zero

Problems: transport properties ?

#### DLS PRB 61, 4588 (2000); P.H.Song, DLS PRB 61, 15546 (2000)

## Dyn-thermalization in many-body Q-systems

Åberg criterion  $J > J_c \approx \Delta_c$ : two-body matrix element *J* should be larger than energy spacing between directly coupled states  $\Delta_c$ 



Example: Quantum computer with  $n_q = 16$  qubits. One quantum eigenstate: Occupation numbers  $n_i$  vs. rescaled exitation energies  $\epsilon_i = \delta_i$ . Left:

 $J/J_{C}\approx0.15,\,T=0.15\delta,\,\delta E=0.97\delta,\,S=0.49.\,\text{Right:}\,J/J_{C}\approx1.5,\,T=0.20\delta,\,\delta E=1.19\delta,\,S=8.41.\,\text{Full curves: Fermi-Dirac thermal}$ 

distribution with given temperature T. G.Benenti et al. EPJD 17, 265 (2001)

QC Hamiltonian:  $H = \sum_{i} \Gamma_{i} \sigma_{i}^{z} + \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \sigma_{i}^{x} \sigma_{j}^{x};$   $\Gamma_{i} = \Delta_{0} + \delta_{i}, -\delta < 2\delta_{i} < \delta, -J < J_{ij} < J; \rightarrow J_{c} \approx 4\delta/n_{q}$ S.Åberg PRL **64**, 3119 (1990); DLS, O.Sushkov EPL **37**, 121 (1997); P.Jacquod, DLS PRL **79**, 1837 (1997); B.Georgeot, DLS PRE **62**, 3504 (2000)

## **Quantware posters from Toulouse**



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